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LOCAL MATTERS.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE.

Hope H. Barroll, trustee—Locust Grove Creamery—Monday, Feb. 26.

Hope H. Barroll, trustee—House and lot of land of Geo. J. Elias, in Quaker Neck—Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Richard D. Hynson, attorney, and Theo. E. Hayes—The large and fine personalty of Bedford Roe—Feb. 28.

William J. Vannort, Mortgagee—Personal property of Elva S. and Robert J. Benton near Worton Station—Monday, March 5th.

John H. Clendaniel—Fine lot personalty—Wednesday, Feb. 28.

R. A. Shallcross, Agent—Valuable personalty—Tuesday, Feb. 27th.

Lewin W. Wickes, Attorney—Fine farm—Tuesday, March 13th.

John C. Davis, sheriff—House and lot of land—Tuesday, March 13th.

John C. Davis, Sheriff—House and lot of land of J. E. and Catharine S. Newton, in Chestertown—Tuesday, March 6th.

Saw Secretary Root.—President George Warfield, of the Chester River Steamboat Company, and Capt. W. C. Eliason, of the Tolchester Company, were members of a strong delegation of steamboat men who visited Washington on Tuesday, and appeared before Secretary Root in an effort to secure an interpretation of a law relative to the emptying of ashes from steamers into the waters of the bay and rivers.

Splendid Lamb Records.—Mr. J. Walter Skiryen so far leads the list of successful raisers of lambs this season. He has 79 ewes which have given birth to 120 lambs, and of this number but one has died. Mr. Skiryen has fifty ewes yet to lamb. Mr. J. Thomas Blackiston is also a subject for congratulation upon his fine success. He has 22 ewes and 32 fine lambs. Mr. T. G. Wroth has 6 ewes and 11 lambs. These are all difficult records to beat.

The Usual Result.—Mr. Robert W. Lusby, a successful raiser of fine poultry, writes us that as a result of advertising in the TRANSCRIPT he has so nearly disposed of his entire stock, that after March the fifth, he will have no stock for sale. Of course provision will be made for his customers. Mr. Lusby is one of the pioneers in Kent in raising the standard of poultry in the county. He has persistently held that the very best strains of poultry are the cheapest, and has succeeded in selling many hundreds of fine birds to the poultry raisers of Kent and adjoining counties. He has implicit faith in printers ink as disseminated by the TRANSCRIPT, and writes that his stock will soon be exhausted. The same old story.

An Interesting Old Paper.—Mr. Merritt Wilkins several days ago found a small piece of newspaper, which was interesting as recalling names prominent in Chestertown business circles in 1857. The "store house, blacksmith shop and cartright shop, which constitute the village of Harmony," were advertised to be sold at "the hotel of John McDaniel, in Chestertown." "New and seasonable goods, Wickes & Bro.," were advertised; "The patent mammoth premium corn stalk, hay and straw cutter and grinder" was advertised at "T. W. Eliason's store," The formation of the commission firm of George T. Kenley and William B. Tilghman, was advertised, with Hon. James A. Pearce, of Kent, and Solomon Betts, of Church Hill, as references. The name of Rev. Dr. Francis Waters, for some years president of Washington College also appears.

The Electric Light Question.

The board of town commissioners and the Chestertown Electric Light Company have not yet reached a definite conclusion relative to the lighting of Chestertown after the expiration of the present lighting contract. As already stated in the TRANSCRIPT, the Electric Light Company some time ago served notice upon the town authorities that the present contract of $1,000 on a moonlight schedule, would not be renewed. They, at the same time set a price of $1,440. This the town refused, but made an offer of $1,110. This proposition was met by an offer by the Electric Light Company to light the town for $1,120. The commissioners, made what they claim to be their last concession yesterday, and "split the difference" with an offer of $1,105. And here is where the matter now stands. The town authorities, however, yesterday commenced the work of putting in place the old street lamps, ready for any emergency. They have secured one of the "Best Lamps," sold by Mr. J. H. Ruth, and will give it a thorough test.

The present contract will expire on Thursday next.

LITTLE LOCALS.

| James A. Jones has had the barber shop under the Voshell House prettily fitted up, and has opened business.

| Duyer Brothers are remodeling and making great improvements in the law office of R. D. Hynson, Esq.

| Mr. Andrew Toulson has captured a coon weighing 23 pounds. This coon, in fur and flesh, brought big money to its captor.

| The only marriage license issued this week was for the marriage of Mr. Wattie McKnett and Miss Lillie M. Redmile.

| Mr. T. E. W. Crew, has sold one of his fine pair of dark gray horses to Col. Bians, of Baltimore city. Big price, but not given.

| Washington's Birthday was duly celebrated in Chestertown by the closing of the banks, public offices and stores, on Thursday.

| Capt Cecil R. Atkinson, has leased his finely-bred stallion, Advertisemont, to a gentlemen in New Hampshire for stud purposes for the season of 1900.

| Mr. S. T. Earle, the pioneer in fruit culture in Queen Anne, declares that the apple is the natural and most profitable successor of the peach, on the Eastern Shore.

| It is told of a gentleman in one of the lower districts that he last week shipped a calf to market with a jug tied to its tail. The explanation is that it was feared that the calf might be forgotten.

| Monday and Tuesday's newspaper famine was so seriously felt in Chestertown that when the B. S. Ford arrived, she was literally beseiged by paper-seekers. A Baltimore *Sun* was away above par.

| One of the very darkest members of the Chestertown jug brigade, applied for his jug at the steamboat several days ago, and however astonishing it may appear, his whiskey name was "Mr. Strawberry."

| Miss Price, the teacher at Lankford, had an exciting ride on Monday. She was at the home of Mr. R. Sterling Jones, and wishing to reach her school, she made the long trip on horseback, overcoming snowbanks and many obstacles.

| By the new schedule of the Tolchester Company, which goes into effect March 5th over the Port Deposit and Sassafras River Lines, there will be a daily boat from Betterton and Tolchester, which will be a great convenience to the public.

| Mr. W. S. Hurlock, whose residence and outbuildings were destroyed by fire several weeks ago, has contracted with Messrs. Stavely & Bowers, for the erection of a stable, barn and other outbuildings. These gentlemen already have a long list of orders booked for 1900.

| The festive herring, that shining harbinger of spring, has arrived and a few are being caught each day. Mr. James Dunbracco expects the patriotic screams of the fish-hawk to spread throughout this section on the fifteenth, when winter will be ended indeed.

SERIOUS ACCIDENTS.

Conductor John D. Welch Painfully Injured.

Mr. John D. Welch, for — years the efficient conductor on the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad, met with a painful accident on Saturday. Mr. Welch had made his usual run on Saturday morning, and reached Chestertown about on schedule time, 12.15 o'clock. He had mounted the engine and was engaged in shifting several cars, whenin getting off the engine, the step of which was covered with snow, his foot slipped. He fell and the massive driving wheel of the engine passed over the left foot. The large toe was crushed and the other toes were completely mashed off; the flesh was torn from the foot up to-ward the ankle. Drs. C. W. Whaland and W. F. Hines were called in and attended the injured man. It was found necessary to take the large toe off at the ball of the foot, the bone of the second toe was taken out up to the ankle, and the wound sewed up as best could be done. Mr. Welch has suffered great pain, but so far has gotten along as well as could be expected.

Mr. W. F. Blyman, one of the oldest and most trusted employees of the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad, has been temporarily promoted to Mr. Welch's position as conductor since the accident.

While examining a self-cocking pistol, in an oysterman's shanty at Huntingfield creek, Charles Gears, last week accidentally shot Wallis Marchowitz, a German youth of Rock Hall. The boy's stomach was penetrated by the ball. He was taken to the Hopkins Hospital, where it was found that the intestines had been severed, and that the wound was of a most serious character. The ball was extracted, and the boy is reported as doing remarkably well. The shooting was purely accidental.

The 5-year-old son of Percy Lindsey, colored, in Quaker Neck, had two fingers cut off on Thursday. The boy and another child were playing with an axe when the accident happened.

CHURCH NOTES.

There have been over forty conversions in Galena M. E. Church. The pastor of this church recently rode from Galena to Centreville, twenty-eight miles, preached there and returned in time to preach in his own chich at night. Two sermons and a fifty-six mile drive in one day is a record difficult to beat.

James W. Chapman, Esq., formerly of Chestertown, but at present a prominent young member of the Baltimore bar, was one of the speakers during a series of meetings arranged for young men at the West Baltimore Church. Mr. Chapman startled his hearers by boldly declaring that "young men are in a certain sense imperiled by the church." Editor Tagg, of the *Methodist Protestant*, explains,—"What he meant was that young men so often see wrangles, clans and petty ambitions in the church, and are forced to witness such inconsistences in those who profess to be christians, that the danger of driving them into unbelief and outspoken skepticism is real and emminent." The speaker has evidently discovered one of the most potent barriers to the great work of christianizing the world. Mr. Chapman delivered an address at the Christian Endeavor meeting in Baltimore, taking as his subject,—"To every Man His Work."

A number of the young men of the M. E. Church met on Sunday afternoon and organized the Ushers' Union. The idea of the organization is to provide for ushers at all church services. The officers selected were: President, Dr. Chas. R. Twilley; vice-president, Mr. Charles S. York, and secretary, David B. Ford. The idea is a most excellent one.

Dr. Henry B. Martin, the new rector of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, preached his first sermon on Sunday morning and administered the sacrament. His sermon was a strong one, and Dr. Martin made a most favorable impression.

Rev. T. O. Crouse preached two fine sermons at Christ M. P. Church on Sunday.

Memorial services in memory of Mrs. James W. Roe were held on Monday by the Monday night class, Mr. W. B. Coleman, leader.

Because of the storm Revs. E. C. Sunfield, of Chestertown, and J. M. Arters, of Fairlee, were unable to exchange pulpits on Sunday.

The fourth quarterly conference of St. James Church elected Samuel Vannort, delegate, and Samuel Mann, alternate, to the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, which meets in Westminster on April 4th, 1900 The delegate was instructed to ask for the return of Rev. E. C. Makosky.

First Presbyterian church of Worton, Rev. K. M. Bull pastor. Song service and preaching 7.30 P. M.

Grace Presbyterian church, Kennedyville, Rev. K. M. Bull pastor. Sunday school at 1.30 P. M., preaching at 2.30 P. M.

A GREAT STORM.

Kent in the Grasp of a Small-Sized Blizzard.

On Friday morning snow began to fall which continued almost uninterruptedly throughout Saturday, developing on Saturday night into a veritable blizzard. A heavy gale soon massed the snow into great banks, and the thermometer settled to 10° above zero. The fall of snow was variously estimated at from fifteen to eighteen inches. Roads were in many places impassable. Chestertown was comparatively deserted by visitors from the rural districts. Mr. R. Sterling Jones, who lives near Rock Hall, succeeded in making his way to Chestertown, as did a few others from the outlying sections. Mr. William Vansant, in a sleigh, was reported as being the only person to pass through Worton Station on Sunday.

Two engines on the Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad started out on Sunday morning to clear the cuts and keep the track open. The high winds continued to bank the snow, and not until about one o'clock on Tuesday were the tracks fully clear. During all of this time Kent suffered a newspaper famine. The first newspaper mail was brought in over the railroad, reaching Chestertown at 7 o'clock on Tuesday night. The star route mail from Prices Station did not arrive until during the day Sunday. Mr. Scoone, the mail carrier between Chestertown and Rock Hall, succeeded in getting through in a sleigh on Monday. His sleigh was overturned and he was thrown out and badly bruised about the arms and face. He had a desperate battle throughout the greater portion of the trip. Father McSweeny came over the same route in a carriage and had an equally thrilling experience. His carriage was upset and he was thrown out.

The most thrilling experience of the storm was that of Mr. and Mrs. Alwyn M. Culp, who were returning via Prices Station from their bridal trip. The train reached Prices Station about 6.15 o'clock P.M. in a blinding snow storm. They left for Chestertown and got through without serious trouble until within about two miles of their destination. While the horses were battling through a monster snow drift the single tree broke and the serious trouble began. The horses were taken from the carriage and Mrs. Culp was placed on one of them and succeeded in reaching the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gledhill. Here they waited until the colored men could battle through the snow to Chestertown and return with a team. After this thrilling experience they reached home shortly after one o'clock.

Mr. Walter Morris started with his big milk sleigh for Chestertown on Sunday morning. Though accompanied by a small sleigh and a number of horseback-ers, he could not get through to Chestertown.

The steamer Sassafras, of the Tolchester Line, which got stuck in the mouth of the Sassafras river during the storm of Saturday, arrived at Baltimore about 3.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon in convoy of the ice boat Aanapolis, Capt. Dunn. The Endeavor, of the Queen Anne's Railroad Company, which ran aground in Queenstown creek Saturday night, on Monday afternoon arrived in Baltimore.

Massed in the snow and ice were more than two thousand logs in the Susquehanna river between Perryville and Port Deposit, belonging to the Williamsport (Pa.) Lumber Exchange. Some of the logs floated through the canal and many of them passed Betterton down the bay.

OBITUARY.

Remains of William S. Walker Interred in Chester Cemetery—Sudden Death of Mr. George Hurlock.

The funeral services of William S. Walker were held in Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal church at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large concourse of friends. Rev. Edwin C. Goodwin, once rector of Emmanuel Church, and for many years a warm personal friend of the deceased, conducted the services, assisted by Dr. H. B. Martin, the rector. The casket was hidden by bride, La France and American beauty roses. The active bears were: Judge Pere L. Wickes, Jude James A. Pearce, Lewin W. Wickes, Dr. W. Frank Hines, Hiram M. Brown, George B. Westcott and W. W. Beck.

The honorary bearers were:

Dr. Wm. H. Gale, Rev. E. C. Goodwin, Wm. R. Constable, Herbert Stimson, E. F. Perkins, Charles Estes, T. S. Wickes, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Richard W. Jones, J. Leeds Barroll, Hope H. Barroll, Allen A. Harris, Thomas G. Wroth, R. H. Collins.

Owing to the snow-blocked condition of the roads the interment was made in Chester Cemetery instead of in the family lot in St. Paul's church yard.

The death of Mr. Walker was of peculiarly sadness. At 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening he was apparently in excellent health and spirits, and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Beck to the Depot to take the train for Covington, Kentucky, where they were to be married. Returning home he was unusually bright in conversation, and even after retiring for the night he conversed pleasantly with his wife, but without a moment's warning he became silent; this attracted the attention of Mrs. Walker, and a few moments later, her husband passed quietly away of cerebral hemorrhage.

GEORGE A. HURLOCK.

Millington and the entire community were shocked to learn of the sudden illness and death of Mr. George A. Hurlock, one of Millington's oldest and most highly respected citizens, last Monday afternoon. For several months he had been taking Miss Helen Power to and from her school, two and a half miles from town, and took her on Monday morning as usual. After waiting at the school for some time and there being no scholars, he brought Miss Power home, reaching town about 10.30 A. M. On their return home he complained of not feeling warm, and pulled the carriage robes closer around him. Leaving Miss Power at her home, he then drove to his home, only a few hundred yards distance. Going into his yard he stopped his horse at the back door as was his custom. It is supposed that when getting out of his carriage he fell, as he was found by his wife and Mrs. H. S. Cook only a few minutes later, lying unconscious between the wheels. He was taken into his home and Dr. W. H. Jacobs was called in at once, when it was found that he had suffered a stroke of paralysis. He regained consciousness soon, but at one o'clock suffered another and final stroke which terminated in his death at 4.30 P. M. Mr. Hurlock was a good citizen and a christian gentleman of the highest standard, and one could well set his life and character up as an example to follow. There is not a person in the community who had not the utmost confidence in him and his christian life, which has run through many years, for when but seventeen years of age he was converted, joined the M. E. Church and since that time had been a faithful follower and earnest worker for the Master, and has gone to reap his reward, a crown at the right hand of our Father in Heaven. Nearly twenty years ago Mr. Hurlock received exhorter's license, which honored position he held at the time of his death. He was also class-leader of the Sunday morning class of the M. E. Church of Millington, and his class now feels that a leader has been taken from them whom they will greatly miss, and whose place will be hard to fill.

Mr. Hurlock was born June 27th, 1833, on a farm three miles from Millington, and except one year, spent his life within that radius of the town. He lived a bachelor until Nov. 1885, when he married Mrs. M. E. Turbit, widow of the late Wm. B. Turbit, of Millington, who survives him. Thirteen years ago he moved into Millington, where he spent the remainder of his life. His funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon from his late residence; interment in Millington cemetery, Rev. Dr. D. F. Waddell officiating. Mr. J. L. Smith, undertaker, had the funeral in charge.—TRANSCRIPT'S MILLINGTON CORRESPONDENT.

CHARLES NELSON.

Mr. Charles Nelson, for several years the efficient engineer at the Scott's Point Basket Factory of Messrs. Crane & Trenchard Bros., died at his home, High street, at nine o'clock yesterday morning, in his forty-fifth year. Mr. Nelson was taken sick while at the mill nearly two weeks ago. The cause of death was a complication of troubles. A wife and three boys survive him. He was a member of Washington Camp No. 34, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and his was the first death which has taken place in the Chestertown camp. His family will receive $250 from the order. Funeral services will take place at his home at two o'clock to-morrow afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. M. Gill. The bearers will be selected by the order of which he was a member.

MRS. CHARLOTTE A. WICKES.

Our community was cast into deep gloom by the sad death of a much-loved and highly-respected lady, Mrs. Charlotte A. Wickes. Her loss will be deeply felt for she was a friend to all, and it can be well said of her "none knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise." Who can estimate the loss her children have sustained, the depth of her unbounded love and devotion to one who was the stay and comfort of that home she was all the world to them. No want was unheeded or ungratified, so eager were they to make sunshine in her ease and stay the enemy which wasted her dear form and made wan her countenance, but all that a kind physician and loved ones could do, proved unavailing, and death released her from all bodily suffering, from all the cares and trials of this life, and God took her to dwell with Him.

We who knew her long before disease had made its baneful effects felt in her body, saw her in pain and after disease had engrafted itself upon her dear form, and even to the last, when her sufferings were distressing to see, where can be found one more pure and lovely in christian grace; more patient and submissive, when even those around her were distressed at seeing her suffer, and wondered why she murmured not. It was because the spirit of Christ was in her. She had long since professed Him in confirmation and was a regular attendant upon this "Lord's Table." She ate His body and drank His blood worthily, and henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

ONE WHO KNEW AND LOVED HER.

New Advertisements.

A GOOD FINANCIAL SHOWING.

In this issue will be found the report of the Second National Bank of Chestertown. By reference thereto it will be seen that there are $197,530.44 on individual deposit subject to check, an unusually large sum for this season of the year. An increase of $615.13 as compared with February statement last year. The total assets and liabilities of this thriving institution show the gratifying sum of $278,828.43.

A HANDSOME OUTFIT.

Mr. John N. Dodd has just gotten his hearse from the shop of W. H. Blakney & Son, and it may be safely said that he has one of the handsomest funeral outfits on the Eastern Shore. Repainted, renickled, and with one of the finest pairs of black horses in the county, Mr. Dodd has an attractive and up-to-date outfit, and one which no rural town of the State can surpass.

Joseph Guest offers good timothy and clover hay, just received, for sale cheap—see advertisement.

Fine Personalty.

One of the finest lots of personalty ever offered in one week in Kent, will be placed on the market during next week, as will be found by consulting the advertising columns of this issue. On Monday the fine personalty of Bedford Roe will be offered on the farm near Locust Grove, by T. E. Hayes, assignee of mortgage, and R. D. Hynson, attorney named in mortgage. On the same day the Sassafras creamery property will be offered by H. H. Barroll, trustee. On Tuesday, Mr. R. A. Shallcross will sell a finelot of personalty. On Wednesday, the post-poned sale of valuable personalty of Mr. John H. Clendaniel, near Kennedyville, will take place. These sales will offer rare opportunities to secure valuable stock and other personalty.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Judge James A. Pearce left Chestertown on Wednesday for the Court of Appeals.

Miss Mary Rogers sung a solo at an entertainment on Monday, given by the Maryland Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Miss Nettie Crane is leader of the Cecelia Guild, which gave a musical on the occasion.

Miss Edna Stewart, of Portmouth, Va., is the guest of her uncle, Mr. R. H. Collins, Queen street.

Prof. J. R. Micou, after an illness of two weeks, is again able to resume his duties at the college.

Miss Grace Wilkins is the guest of Wilmington friends.

Miss Anna May Downey has been appointed assistant teacher at Rock Hall, vice Miss Brown, resigned.

Mrs. Thomas W. Eliason is visiting her sister, Mrs. Glasscock, in Baltimore.

Mr. J. Leeds Barroll and family, of Philadelphia, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Barroll.

Mr. Fred G. Usilton and sister, Miss Clara, on Monday left for a trip to New Orleans and other points south. They are members of the Editorial Association.

Mrs. George E. Lambert has returned from a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. Harry Vickers, in Baltimore.

Mr. G. Hines Thomas, left on Monday to accept a position as assistant to Prof. W. G. Johnson, State Entomologist, at the Maryland Agricultural College.

Miss Mayme Thompson has been the guest of friends in Middletown the past two weeks.

Mr. Trainer, son of Col. Trainer, late of Chestertown, spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of Mr. J. King Wright, at the Watts House.

Mr. Walter McIntyre, of Galena, has been spending the past few days with his uncle, Sheriff John C. Davis.

Mr. Elwood Baker attended the annual ball of the Hahnemann Institute, Philadelphia, in Horticultural Hall, last week.

Miss Grace Greenwood is in Baltimore attending the re-opening of spring millinery at the wholesale houses. She will return next week to Charlottsville, Va., for the spring season.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Whitaker and children, of Millville, N. J., are guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Sunfield. Mrs. Whitaker is the sister of Mrs. Sunfield.

Miss Jessie Brady, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. A. S. Hall on Washington Ave.

The Pieria Literary Society of Washington College, has elected the following officers: President, Miss Eva Wright; vice-president, Miss Adelle France; rec. secretary, Miss Munnikhuysen; corresponding secretary, Miss Caddie Jones; treasurer, Miss Pearson.

Miss Annie Browning, of Baltimore, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Wm. R. Pippin, at the Armstrong House. Miss Browning gave a delightful impromptu musical yesterday afternoon.

A letter was received in Chestertown a few days ago from Louis K. Stam, bearing date of January 1, 1900, and postmarked Manilla, Philippine Islands, U.S. Mr. Stam is a volunteer in the army, and is in Company L. 44, U. S. V. Inf.

Miss Bessie R. Ballinger, daughter of Mr. Joseph Ballinger, Fairport, New York, was married yesterday to Mr. William P. Ireland, of Philadelphia. The ceremony was performed at the Church of the Advent by the rector, J. Poyntz Tyler. The wedding was very quiet, those present being limited to relatives of the two families. The bride and groom took the four o'clock train for a short trip. Mr. Ireland is one of the prominent and successful commission merchants, of Philadelphia. He is a Kent county man, and his many friends here will be more than pleased to learn that he has become one of the highly-favored members of the great family of benedicts.

THEY CELEBRATED.

A Pleasant Series of Entertainments by the Mt. Vernon Literary Society.

The members of Mt. Vernon Literary Society of Washington College, celebrated the fifty-third anniversary of the society with a delightful elaborateness heretofore unknown within the history of this widely-honored and flourishing college literary organization. The first of the series of appropriate features of the progrom took place at Stam's Hall on Thursday afternoon. After prayer by Rev. E. C. Sunfield, Prof. E. J. Clarke, of Washington College, read Washington's Farewell Address. This was followed by several musical selections by Messrs. L. R. Herrick, trombone; Frank Simpers, accompanist; David B. Ford, autoharp, and Warren Hurlock, violin.

The president of the society, Mr. C. C. Gum, then introduced the orator of the occasion, Ex-Judge George M. Russum, who delivered a fine address on "Washington—Statesman and Soldier." The speaker made a comprehensive review of the military life of that greatest American, comparing his feats on the field with the brilliant records of Cæsar, Hannibal and Napoleon, and declared him the superior of them all. The climax of the address was reached in a masterful summing up of the magnificent achievements of Washington as statesman when the trying days of peace had come. The address was finely conceived and clothed in vigorous, and in places, beautiful language. The speaker was laboring under the disadvantages of a really serious cold.

A RECEPTION AT NIGHT.

A not less brilliant success than the afternoon's exercises was achieved by the young men of the Mt. Vernon, at their annual reception at night, in Normal Hall. In spite of the inclemency of the evening, a vast number of friends honored the occasion. The brightly lighted halls and the reception room were gracefully festooned with purple and brown, were they to make sunshine, while dainty bows of the popular colors added to the youthful charms and beauty of the college girls who turned out en force to make merry with their friends. Upon entering Normal Hall the guests were received by a reception committee consisting of President C. C. Gum, Miss Eva Wright, Mr. J. Wilson Sutton, Miss Emma Mills, Miss Nannie Munnikhuysen and Mr. Dudley G. Roe.

Vocal and instrumental music was a pleasant and conspicuous feature of the evening. Miss Helen Wilkins, and several other ladies sang while Misses Estella Crew, Maud Newnam and others performed on the piano. Messrs. W. W Chapman, Thomas W. Perkins, David B. Ford, L. R. Herrick and Warren Hurlock were also participants in the musical program. Social intercourse and games were also fully enjoyed. About 8 o'clock refreshments were served in the large and beautifully decorated dining hall. Ices, creams, fruits, confectionery, nuts and cake were served in abundance.

Mrs. J. C. Loud had charge of the serving of the refreshments.

A BANQUET.

Not satisfied with the splendid achievments of Thursday, the young men of the Mt. Vernon crowned the festivities of their annual celebration with an elegant banquet last night, at the dining parlors of Mrs. J. C. Loud. Shortly after ten o'clock the handsomely spread tables were ready for the feast, as also were the feasters. President Gum, in a neat and highly appropriate speech, reviewed the splendid record of the old society and painted an inspiring picture for the future.

Mrs. Loud, in the service of the banquet, if possible, surpassed the very satisfactory service at the feast of Thursday evening. The following was the menu:

Fried and Scalloped Oysters,
Turkey, Ham, Tongue,
Chicken and Potato Salads, Chicken Croquetts,
Cold Slaw, Celery, Mixed Pickles,
Horse Radish, Jellies.

DESSERTS:

Vanila Cream, Frozen Custard,
Cake in Variety,
Oranges, Bananas,
Coffee, Chocolate, Lemonade.

SOCIAL PLEASURES.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Klinefelter, near Chester bridge, in Queen Anne, entertained a number of friends at their pretty home near Catlin, last week.

The St. James Sewing Circle enjoyed its pleasant program at the home of Mr. William Vansant last week. Messrs. Marcus Ascher with his harmonica, and C. H. Hurlock, as accompanist on the organ, delighted those present. The supper was a triumph of the housekeeper's art. About eighty-five persons were present. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. R. G. Nicholson.

WITH THE GUNNERS.

To Shoot at Crows Over the Traps.

The sportsmen of Lynch's station are preparing for a great crow shooting match on Thursday. Thirty-seven fine birds were caught on Thursday night, and last night about twenty men took to the branch in quest of the black game. It is expected that an ample quantity of birds will be on hand for Thursday's match, which will commence at 2 o'clock P. M. The crack shots of the county are invited to be present.

Sportsmen from different sections of the county are deeply interested in the movement having in view the securing of stock birds for the county. A meeting of gunners is called, in another column of this issue, to take place in Chestertown at 2.30 o'clock on Tuesday next.

A number of gunners have made inquiry of the TRANSCRIPT relative to Mongolian pheasants. It will be remembered that a bill has been introduced in the Legislature asking an appropriation of $500 to stock the State with these birds. In reply to the questions in regard to the birds, through the kindness of Mr. C. H. B. Massey, we are enabled to give the following information, which he got from Mr. J. Arthur Ford, of Cecil county, who has a number of the birds:

"Writing from Macomb, in the State of Illinois, Mr. W. O. Blaisdell remarks that Judge Denny, while American Minister to China, during the presidency of General Grant, shipped eleven Mongolian pheasants to the State of Oregon, where they were turned loose. The Secretary of State in Oregon, writes me word that from these eleven Mongolian pheasants introduced by Judge Denny, of Portland, Oregon, only nine years since, there are now in existence at least a million descendants. They are spreading into the State of Washington on the north of Oregon, and to California on the south; whilst simultaneously some live specimens have been imported into New England, and others into the States on the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Blaisdell claims that four years ago he imported into the State of Illinois the first pair of Mongolian or ring neck pheasants that ever crossed the Rocky mountains. "I turned them loose here" he says and they have been seen many times since. They are the most beautiful of game birds, and will live in any clime. In Vermont last winter they stood the very coldest weather ever experienced in that State when it was way below zero. The Mongolian pheasant has an interrupted white ring with a great deal of green on its rump and upper tail coverts."

The Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association desires to give notice to all persons who desire to purchase partridges or quail, that orders must be filed either with the secretary, Mr. F. C. Kirkwood, No. 1500 Bolton St., or Mr. George Dobbin Penniman, the president, Law Department, B & O Railroad Co., Baltimore, Md., on or before March 15th. The birds will be obtained as late as possible, as experience has proved that the later the birds are turned out the less apt they are to move from the localities where they have been liberated. Western birds will be purchased, because they have been found to be hardier and to breed more freely than birds obtained from the South. The birds will cost $5.00 a dozen delivered in Baltimore. Orders must be in lots of three dozen each, as the birds are crated in lots of this size. Each order must be accompanied by the money. Birds will be delivered in the order in which the orders are received.

F. C. KIRKWOOD, Secretary.

FROM BETTERTON.

A Charming Tribute From the Pen of Rosalie Mitchell.

As the snow angel passed over Betterton with its troop of attendants, it lightly touched the hills and dales with the soft fleecy covering, alike on lofty roofs or lowly fishing shanty, hiding all defects and leaving for the Sunday sunshine, only the enchantment of a mid-winter landscape. But, whew! how the storm raged! The spirits of mist and wind, led by the snow-angel, danced all the wild measures of a blizzard dance; whirring, whizzing, whirling the white flakes, now east, now west, around, above, drifting, floating, 'till the long streaming fleecy robes of the wild storm spirits were caught and tangled on trees and fence rails, and hung in wreaths of loveliness from vine and bramble bush, making a veritable fairy land. The pine trees, draped like brides, drooped their proud heads under white mantles, the oaks and their brother trees caught the flying mazes of the wild fantastic snow dance, as the angel spirits passed from roof to roof, and tree to tree, with a magic wand. Betterton was decorated, but the oldest buildings received the most delicate modeling. On the east old Bayside farm house, with its old-style dormer windows and slanting roofs, that have watched the winters come and go for more than a hundred years, is more picturesque under its snow-mantle, than all the new-styled roofs, and freshly painted houses in the village.

While the old "Fish Hall" on the westward, the first house ever built in Betterton, stands alone and high, like a light-house on a cliff, undaunted by storms and unrivaled in strength and endurance, its outbuildings which housed the stock in other years all gone, its trees and flowering shrubbery all dead. Ah! the snow spirits left the impress of their flying feet upon them in by-gone days. Now, the old "Hall" alone is left for the blizzard to sweep over, the jumping, skipping, dancing flakes whirl around the chimney tops, whose bricks were brought from old England more than a century ago.

When the first of the Crew family, Edward Crew, sailed from the old country and settled upon the farm where Betterton now is growing, tradition tells us that he found a "forest primeval," but that a friendly tribe of Indians who lived in the ravine below, helped him to cut and hew the trees, and assisted in laying the foundation of his house, the old "Fish Hall," noted for its hospitality and good cheer. Here Edward Crew and his wife, Elizabeth Hanson, reared a family of sons, who early loved to sail and fish upon the beautiful waters of the bay and rivers stretching beyond their home. They knew the haunts of the wild ducks, and the hidden recesses where the silvery perch had their hiding and feeding places. For generations the Crews of Fish Hall have watched the incomings and out going of the finny tribe, until now these silvery, shining inhabitants of old Chesapeake, have attracted crowds of gay worldings to the high bluffs and sloping vales of the modern village, where, on a summer's morning the light skiffs are steered to the fishing banks or wrecks, with the light and airy motions of sea-gulls.

Enterprise, and an idea that an Eldorado will be found in the place, have started houses, stores, hotels, wherever a spot is for sale, for building "an up-to-date" dwelling. But the old "Hall" stands proudly above them, like an eagle in its eyrie, watching the new changes and innovations, holding within its sheltering walls one of the oldest of Edward Crew's descendants, upon whose head time has laid its white caress, and who still looks out, as in childhood, upon the broad sweep of splendid scenery—the distant Susquehanna, the fair and lovely Sassafras, the high point, the Grove, dividing it by a thin line from the flowing Elk, the Island of Spesutiae and the bold front of Turkey Point, with its friendly signal-light that never fails; she recalls the days when not a house was seen for miles, but the "Hall," with its wainscoting, its bricks from old England, its logs, hewn by Indians, its old sword of Revolutionary days, its traditions of hunting times, when wild game was killed by hundreds, its fox hunts and proverbial good cheer. It has no mansard roof nor wide piazas, but it has a history, and it is where the snow-angel lingers most lovingly, where the wild geese, in passing, sing a requiem, and is by far the most interesting spot in all Betterton to-day.

ROSALIE MITCHELL.

PENINSULA PRICES.

What Tomato Growers are Doing.

The Kent county, Delaware, tomato growers have formally organized an ironbound association and intend to make it a real trust, with a capitalization of $10,000, and the land owners have entered into the movement. They will fine members $10 for each violation of its rules, with the danger of expulsion.

The meeting Thursday afternoon took up the matter of organization in the berry business, to demand twelve cents a basket for tomatoes instead of $7 a ton.

Farmers in the vicinity of Cambridge have decided to charge $6.50 per ton for tomatoes this year.

Easton canners are contracting for tomatoes at $6 per ton and corn at $7.50 per ton.

Denton fruit-packers are contracting for tomatoes at $6 per ton.

EASTON DISTRICT.

Encouraging Words for Kent's Methodism.

Galena is having one of the most successful years that she has experienced for a long time. It looks like a bright day for Locust Grove, and Galena has had a most gracious revival. I am sorry to have to say the stewarts are not as diligent as they ought to be, hence their finances are behind. A new and fine heater has been put into the Galena Church and paid for. The quarterly conference heartily requested the return of Bro. Prettyman.

Golts charge is having a good year at every church and every department of the work. Bro. Wilson is diligent, enthusiastic and tactful, and his labors are highly appreciated. They want him next year.

Bro. Guthrie has had a happy and successful year at Rock Hall. The congregations crowd the church and the Sunday school is large. The revival effort had not met response expected at the time of my visit, but later reports say that the walls of Jericho have fallen and the people are possessing the land. The new church sentiment grows and there is great need of larger and better church accommodations. Bro. Guthrie's people think they have the greatest preacher ever in those regions.

Piney Neck is doing much better than usual in supporting her pastor, but she is neither up to her possibilities nor the needs of the case as yet. Bro. Morris is much appreciated by all the people.

Bro. J. M. Arters at Fairlee, is almost as highly favored by his people as is his father, in the matter of the receipt of salary, for on the day after the quarterly conference, Feb. 3rd, the last dollar was paid. The second charge on the district to pay up for the year. Fairlee has had a good year and they are very much encouraged. Bro. Arters has given splendid service and is held in very high esteem by all the people. This church has the possibilities of a very delightful single man's charge. The country is beautiful, the church property good, and the people are cultured, religious and liberal.

Bro. Cannon has given to Pomona a year of successful service and he has won the hearts of the people. Everything goes well and pastor and people are happy.

Young and old at Chestertown testify that their church is in the best spiritual condition that it has been for many years and there is a hely enthusiasm in every part of the church that is most inspiring. It reminds me of a hive of busy bees on a summer day. Bro. Sunfield is one of the most courageous, hopeful, enthusiastic, persistent, resourceful, systematic workers I ever saw. He never gives up anything until success is won. If a few conservatives who have long held the reigns would give him the right of way with a "God bless you," that church would take a mighty leap to the front, such as would shake the devils kingdom in all that region. The forces that make for righteousness pent up there are throbbing like the steam in a mighty engine. I never was much more inspired than on a Sunday evening in that lecture room crowded with consecrated young people singing, "Take my life and let it be, consecrated Lord to Thee," and praying "Lord what wilt thou have me to do," knowing as I did that many of them lived as they sang and prayed. The quarterly conference gave Bro. Sunfield a unanimous invitation to return, and it looks like a calamity to the church if he should not return.

The new church sentiment at Worton is well nigh universal now and all say, "we must have a new church at the station next year." The women are leaders in the movement. Bro. Jones has done a good year's work and the Union people have shown their appreciation by paying their part of the salary in full at the fourth quarterly conference.

The Still Pond people recently overwhelmed Bro. Roberts and family with the greatest donation they ever witnessed. Among the great mass of stuff they took were a set of harness, a valuable carriage robe, a purse of $23, a large number of hams, etc. The revival was a great success in that the church was thoroughly warmed and unified and several valuable accessions. Betterton paid $100 this year on salary and brought the last dollar of it to the fourth quarterly conference. Ex-pastors know that this is an advance of great significance, and she expects next year to do more. Bro. Roberts was invited to return on a larger salary next year. Those sensible people know a good thing when they see it and they propose to keep it.

W. F. C