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LOCAL MATTERS.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE.

Wm. S. Walker, Jr., and Wm. W. Beck, administrators—Valuable Personal Property—Thursday, March 29th.

Mrs. Mary R. Walker, and William W. Beck, Attorney——Valuable Household Goods and Furniture—Thursday, March 29th.

Hope H. Barroll, trustee——Two valuable farms—Tuesday, April 17th.

In Hands of a Reciever.—The Baltimore Building and Loan Association, which has a branch in Chestertown with many stockholders, went into the hands of a receiver on Thursday.

Change of Schedule.—On Monday, April 2nd, the steamer Gratitude will begin round trips, leaving Centreville daily, except Sunday, at 7 o'clock, A. M.; Rock Hall, 9.30 A. M., arriving in Baltimore by 12 o'clock M. Leave Baltimore at 2.30 P. M.

Saw it in the Transcript.—A prominent advertiser in the TRANSCRIPT handed the editors a letter several days ago, from a party in Florida, the first sentence of which was,—"Having seen your advertisement in the TRANSCRIPT, I write to ask quotations, etc." This is one of many similar letters which TRANSCRIPT advertisers receive.

A Fire Scare.—Smoke was discovered forcing its way in volume through the roof and eaves of the building occupied by Mr. C. A. Estes an Mr. J. R. Rollison, on Sunday, causing considerable alarm, as the building is on High street in the business centre of the town. It was soon discovered that the only trouble was a chimney obstructed by soot.

A Mysterious Shock.—Chestertown was visited by two mysterious shocks on Monday afternoon. Windows rattled, doors shook, and the vibrations, lasting several seconds, were very perceptible' particularly in brick buildings. The first shock was at 3.30 o'clock P.M., and the second came just thirty-four minutes later. The disturbance is supposed to have been the result of practice with the heavy guns at Hawkin's Point.

Introduced the Sparrow.—A writer from Centreville declares in the Baltimore *Sun*, that the much despised English Sparrow was introduced into Queen Anne by the late Col. James T. Earle, in 1870. The birds were gotten to rid Col. Earle's extensive peach orchards of peach insects, but the birds soon became a great nuisance and did little damage to the insects which infested the trees.

An Unusual Steal.—In addition to a fine young peach orchard of 4000 trees, Mr. Joseph W. Harper has, on his farm near Still Pond, a handsome young orchard of Keiffer pear trees. To his surprise, Mr. Harper recently discovered that some thief or thieves have stolen from the centre of his pear orchard fifty trees. He is now deeply interested in a certain young pear orchard which somebody, not a thousand miles from his farm, has lately planted out.

Fine Milk Records.—The patrons of the Massey Separator Station, were paid off on last Friday for ther February milk, receiving 29c. per pound for the butter fat it contained. Mr. S. J. Johnson hauled over six thousand pounds of milk during the month, and Harry Holt almost as much. Mr. C. S. Hurlock's milk had an average test of 4.4 per cent, butter fat, which made his milk worth $1.28 per 100 lbs. Mr. Massey averaged $1.09 per 100 lbs.—*Era.*

Schooner Cecelia Sold.—The schooner Cecelia, which is one of the best-known grain carriers from the Eastern Shore to Baltimore, was sold at public sale in Baltimore, on Tuesday, to settle the business of her owners, Messrs. R. T. Turner, Howard Turner and Capt. George W. Moore, of Betterton. Capt. Moore purchased the Cecelia for $1,700. He will continue her in the grain carrying trade. The Cecelia registers 3,500 tons and was built at Chestertown, in 1890 by Mr. Joseph Turner.

To Advance Theatricals.—For some time past Messrs. Mace and Nathan, managers of the Cambridge opera house, have been in correspondence with Mr. John S. Vandegrift and other managers of places of entertainment on the Eastern shore, urging the formation of a theatrical circuit. A meeting was held in Cambridge last week and a combination for the advancement of the theatrical interests of the circuit is now pretty well assured. Mr. Vandegrift is in hearty sympathy with the move.

An Honored Old Age.—Mr. A. M. Gudgeon, one of the oldest citizens of Kent, celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday on Thursday. He is perfectly erect, all of his faculties are in a splendid state of preservation, and he said on his birth-day anniversary, that he could, without trouble, spin off a walk of eight miles if necessary. He has not yet found out who the friend was who sent him a valentine of four crisp five dollar bills. Many friends extended congratulations to Mr. Gudgeon in Chestertown.

Transfers of Real Estate.—James T. Dixon, clerk, has recorded the following deeds for the transfer of real estate since the list published last week in the TRANSCRIPT: James A. Nowland and wife to Citizens' National Bank of Middletown, Del., all those farms, lots or parcels of land in the second election district; consideration $1,500. Robert A. Shallcross and wife to Thomas VanDyke, all that farm in the second election district, "Castle Carey;" consideration $10,500. Thomas P. Maslin and wife to Harry L. Boyd, all that lot of land in Broad Neck, in the seventh election district; consideration $75.

Addressed the Teachers.—Dr. C. W. Reid, attended the Somerset County Teacher's Association, held at Crisfield on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, of this week. He delivered an address on Tuesday morning, his subject being "Some Experiences as a Teacher." On Tuesday afternoon his subject was "The Choice of Words." The Institute was well attended, about one hundred Somerset county teachers being present. Three high school positions in Somerset county are held by graduates of Washington College. The position of county examiner, is also held by a graduate of Washington College, Mr. Robt. F. Duer.

Appeal Case Decided.—Chief Judge McSherry, on Thursday filed the opinion in the appeal case of Wm. B. Wilmer vs. Jas. Brice, affirming the lower court. The question is whether an order passed by the circuit court for Kent county striking out an entry declaring a judgment of record in that court is correct. A judgment was obtained by confession against Wilmer and Brice in favor of H. L. Boyd. Brice was the indorser of Wilmer. He paid the judgment and became its owner. He then signed an order to enter the judgment satisfied, and this is the order which the court, upon his application, struck out. Brice claimed he made a mistake in having the judgment entered satisfied, and that he does not ask the judgment reinstated to the prejudice of parties who have obtained liens on Wilmer's property between the time of the entry "satisfied" to the time of the court's order striking out the erroneous order. The Court of Appeals affirms the order below.

For Valor in Battle.—Colonel Chas C. Hood, commanding the Sixteenth Infantry, reports upon the campaign conducted by him near San Il de Fonso and the Maasim River, in the Island of Luzon. The campaign was a complete success, and Colonel Hood mentions among others, Lieutenant Morris K. Barroll for brevet "for conspicuous valor in battle," recommending that the commission be one grade in advance of that now held. Lieut. Barroll has been in some of the most severe fighting in the Philippines and has been once wounded. That he should have been one of the comparatively few officers and men suggested for promotion because of conspicuous valor on the field of battle, is highly gratifying to his many friends in Kent.

Tomato Growers.—An exchange in summing up the conditions in Maryland says that the tomato growers of the State, have appealed to the Legislature for the passage of a law of which the following is the marked feature: "An act to protect the interest of growers, to the effect that canners shall pay the growers in advance one-half the estimated value of the crop when the crop is ready for canning and balance by actual count in the time stipulated in the agreement between the canner and grower in a written contract." In addition, growers have organized an association, which is asking $8 per ton for all fresh fruit, and canners must furnish their own boxes and baskets at that. Many canners threaten to close their factories this season, and some perhaps will move to other states.

Plenty of Peaches.—Kent county peach growers are hopeful for a big crop this year. After the cold spell of last week the announcement was made that local orchardists would be somewhat relieved of the competition of southern peaches as great damage had been done to the crop in Georgia. Positive announcement now comes from Georgia and Florida that the fruit crop escaped serious damage from the severe weather of last week. The Macon Telegraph, which is published in the great peach center of Georgia, concedes that it was a narrow shave for this fruit, and that a few degrees more of cold would have killed nearly all the peaches in the state. As it is, there is practically no damage, and fruit growers are beginning preparations to handle what may be expected to be the biggest fruit crop in the history of the state.

Chestertown Shirt Factory.—The indications now are that Chestertown is to have a shirt factory. The outlook is that a sufficient number of operatives will be easily secured at the opening of operations, and the work once under way there is every reason to believe that the apparent difficulties of securing help will entirely disappear. The gentleman backing the enterprise is a man of experience, push and means, and this combination is difficult to beat. It is stated that the "Plan includes the erection of a brick building 30x60 feet, two stories, thoroughly heated by hot water, and arranged with all the conveniences required by female labor. He will start with fifty machines and increase the capacity of the plant as may be demanded by growth of the business. The pay roll would put in circulation from $200 to $400 per week, the effects of which would greatly stimulate and benefit the mercantile and every branch of trade in the community."

Improvments at Buck Neck.—President W. C. Eliason, of the Tolchester Company, was before the board of county commissioners on Tuesday, relative to an exchange of wharf property at Buck Neck. The business in hand was carried through to the entire satisfaction of all parties. Capt. Eliason, as was known that he would, met every requirement of the case in a spirit of liberality and fairness, and there was no hitch in the transaction. Under the terms of the agreement the Tolchester Company deeds to the county the entire wharf property formerly owned by the Sassafras River Company, comprising a water frontage of 206 ft. The county deeds to the Tolchester Company a plot of 84 ft. water front, and executes a 99 year lease on 20 ft. additional. The Company will commence extensive improvements at once. A roomy and substantial wharf, a large freight warehouse, shedding and stock pens will be placed at conveniet points on the wharf and every possible arrangement will be made for the convenience of the public.

Held for Court.—Thomas Booker and William Goodman, two of the men charged with the brutal treatment of the 10-year-old Winchester boy, referred to in last week's TRANSCRIPT, have been held for the Queen Anne court. Young Renshaw, who sustained the injuries as a result of the assault, among them being a broken leg, was the chief witness for the State. He testified that Goodman and Booker had forced him to drink whisky until he became helpless and then placed him in a canoe adrift. The boat drifted out into Eastern Bay, where a squall of wind struck and upset her, throwing him into the water. He managed to climb on the upturned vessel, from which he was taken by a passing oysterman and carried ashore. Then he claims Goodman and Booker, who were angered because of the upsetting of the boat, brutally assaulted him, kicking and beating him, throwing him violently on the ground and breaking his leg. The boy showed the effects of ill-treatment, and some of his injuries may prove permanent.

In the Courts.

The county commissioners were in session on Tuesday, pursuant to adjournment, with full board present. The following business was transacted and bills passed:

John E. Beck, shells	$24 00
R. H. Coleman, road work	14 00
Geo. W. Dill, constable fees	1 50
J. P. Sutton, road work	10 00
G. F. Clark, taxes in error	8 58
W. T. Wood, constable fees	4.85
W. T. Wood, mdse	72
E. Henry, road work	18 00
Chas. H. Rollison, road work	10 73
Albert P. Salloway, road work	5 15
Capt. B. Lewis, shells	65 58
G. T. Cosden, road work	15 00
Paul & Falconer Co	1 27
Chas. L. Gill, constable fees	6 40
H. D. McClary, road work	42 05
Miss Sarah C. Wright, pension	25 00

ORPHANS' COURT.

Court met pursuant to adjourment; present, Judges Jacobs, Harper and Hudson. Charles H. Davis, administrator of Charles H. Davis, Jr., deceased, returned report of sales of the personal estate of said deceased, which was filed, approved and ordered to be recorded. R. Stockton Startt, administrator of Solomon Startt, deceased, returned report of sales of the personal estate of said deceased, which was filed, approved and ordered to be recorded. Charles H. Davis, administrator of Charles H. Davis, Jr., deceased, returned first administration account, which was filed, approved and ordered to be recorded. Letters of administration upon the estate of Mrs. Charlotte A. Wickes were granted to Hope H. Barroll, who presented his bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, with Thos. G. Wroth and Geo. W. Smith as sureties, which was filed, approved and ordered to be recored, and Richard Bennett Willson, Jr., and Thomas D. Glenn were appointed to appraise said estate, and ordered that notice to creditors be published. Several claims were examined by the court and passed. Court adjourned to meet next Tuesday.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† The sleet of Friday failed to get to the embrio peach in the Kent county buds.

† Wednesday, April 11, has been designated as Arbor Day, by Governor Smith.

† The festive herring has settled to the common-sense price of ten cents per dozen.

† Washington College girls enjoyed the finest sleding of the season on Saturday night.

† The first soft crabs of the year reached Baltimore on Monday, from North Carolina.

† A new roof is being placed over the Free School Spring which is the source of Chestertown's water supply.

† Fairlee wants a canning establishment and is ready to act upon the injunction, ask and you shall receive.

† The endless-chain method for raising funds for the suffering Boers of South Africa, has struck Cnestertown.

† Betterton hotel proprietors are considering the practicability of putting in an electric motor for illuminating purpose.

† Kennedyville tomato growers have contracted with the Messrs. Baldwin for $6 per ton, the packers to furnish 30 baskets to the acre.

† A Worton gentleman brought a peach tree limb to the TRANSCRIPT office several days ago in full blossom. There was not a dead bud on the twig.

† John Banks, of Elkton, has been awarded the contract for building the wharf at Fredericktown, for the Tolchester Steamboat Company.

† The second case on the Court of Appeals April term docket is the case of Hynson and Hynson, executors vs. H. H. Barroll, administrator of John P. Smith.

† The gasolene steamer, Bertie E. Tull, landed a cargo of baled straw at Chestertown, for the American Strawboard mill, on Thursday.

† Winter may be trying to linger in the lap of spring, but the prospects are that spring is about to get the upper hand, and will discountenance the lingering tendency.

† Messrs. Crane & Trenchard Bros. are running their Scott's Point basket factory on full time, and extend an invitation to all persons who may desire to visit their factory, to do so.

† Mr. R. A. Shallcross has moved to Galena. Mr. Thomas Van Dyke, of Middletown, who recently purchased Mr. Shallcross' fine farm, near Locust Grove, will carry it on.

† Messrs. Stavely & Bowers have contracted with the Tolchester Company for the erection of a spacious baggage and waiting room on the new wharf at Fredericktown.

† A handsome canvass-back drake, a king rail and an ordinary snipe, finely mounted by Dr. A. S. Hall, of Washington College, are greatly admired in the window of Messrs. Moody & Lusby.

† A tiny obstruction in a pipe of the water company's plant, gave patrons of Chestertown's water supply some trouble on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Mr. Thomas soon overcame the difficulty.

† Mrs. R. Bergen has just completed improvements to her millinery parlors. She has now one of the daintiest and most attractive millinery nooks ever seen in Chestertown.

TOOK MEDICINE AND DIED.

A Three-Year-Old Child Killed by Taking Pills.

Little Fay Sparks, the three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Sparks, at Pondtown, in Queen Anne, died under most distressing circumstances on Monday. Dr. F. N. Shepperd, of Crumpton, was attending some member of the family and had left some pellets for his patient. The medicine was supposed to be out of reach of the child, but in some way it secured the vial, took the pill, and then ran to its father, and in its childish innocence said, "Papa, I eat all the little balls." In a short time thereafter the little form was rigid in convulsions, and in about an hour breathed out its life in the arms of a grief-stricken father. There were five small pills in the bottle.

The remains were interred on Wednesday afternoon.

REED RIFLES REUNION.

Mr. James W. Chapman Arranging for a Coming Together of the Survivors.

In another column will be found an interesting article referring to one of Kent's crack military companies, the Reed Rifles. Away back in the early fifties the military spirit was strong in Kent, and as stated in the article Capt. Eben F. Perkins experienced little trouble in organizing a military company of about sixty men. The name selected was Reed Rifles, in honor of Gen'l. Philip Reed, the hero of Caulk's field, whose grave remains unmarked and comparatively uncared for in old Shrewsbury grave yard.

With a most laudable ambition to meet the "boys" of the old company, Mr. Jas. W. Chapman is now working industriously to get the survivors all together and enjoy a reunion and effect a permanent organization. From every point of the compass he has searched out members of the old company. However remarkable it may appear, after over forty years, over thirty out of the about sixty members are known to survive.

Those which are known are: Eben F. Perkins, John Bordley, Joseph Edwards, J. W. Lambert, James W. Chapman, John Duyer, J. F. Howard, Alfred Benjamin, S. F. Smith, R. S. Usilton, B. H. Gardner, Henry Robinson, R. K. Pippin, J. B. Sappington, George Hurst, Daniel Cox, W. R. Wilmer, George C. Atkinson, Milton Baker, G. E. Lambert, William Copper, J. K. Aldridge, W. B. Usilton, J. T. Lassall, T. Waters Russell.

New Advertisements.

GEORGE W. SMITH.

Mr. George W. Smith has in stock an extensive and varied line of high-grade farm implements and prices to suit the times. A life-long agriculturist, this gentleman comes as near knowing just what the farmer and horticulturest need as any man in the trade, and no dealer in the State is more thoroughly reliable. His stock this season is full and varied and it is money saved to the farmer to keep an eye on Mr. Smith's advertisement in the TRANSCRIPT from week to week. He always has something to say and says it direct and to the point.

The Misses Reed announce that their spring goods will be open and ready for customers after Monday next, March 26. A beautiful assortment to select from. See change of advertisement next week.

Church Notes.

In the absence of Rev. E. C. Sunfield at Conference, services will be conducted at the M. E. church on Sunday; in the morning, by Dr. J. T. Twilley, at night, Rev. Wm. B. Coleman.

During the absence of Dr. Martin this week, Lenten services at Emmanuel P. E. Church have been conducted by Mr. Wilson Sutton, of Washington College. Dr. Martin will occupy his pulpit on Sunday next.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Walker are on from St. Louis.

Father McSweeny spent last week on a visit at his home in Massachusetts.

Father Miles J. McManus preached his last sermon at Galena on Sunday and has assumed charge of the church at Scranton, Pennsylvania, from which he came to Galena.

Mr. John Hines, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Dodd.

Miss Nina Roberts has been the guest of Miss Sallye Beck for several days of this week.

Among those who are visiting Wilmington during the session of Conference this week, are: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clements, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Toulson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Copper, Mrs. Dr. Simmons, Mr. M. Wilbur Thomas and sheriff and Mrs. John C. Davis.

Miss Anna Graf arrived this week to take charge of Mrs Bergen's millinery department. She is the most artistic milliner Mrs. Bergen has ever had and will be pleased to see Mrs. Bergen's many patrons.

Miss Bessie Blaine, of Washington, D. C., a second cousin of Hon. James G. Blaine, and Miss Van Buskirk, of New York, a matron of W.C.T.U., in Baltimore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Meeteer Wallis for several days last week.

Mr. E. T. Willis has returned from a pleasant visit to his family, in Baltimore.

Miss Josephine Wickes, after having spent the winter in Baltimore, has returned to Chestertown.

M. deKalb Smith, Jr., is enjoying a short holiday from college studies, at his home on Washington avenue.

Mrs. T. W. Eliason has returned from a delightful visit to her sister, Mrs. Glasscock, in Baltimore, and has as her guest, Miss Jennie Glasscock.

Mrs. DeCorse remains desperately ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas D. France.

Miss Avis Donaldson, of Baltimore, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Massey.

Mrs. W. E. Trenchard has been visiting her parents in Talbot county.

Mr. Ambrose Frazier, of Sparrow's Point, spent Sunday with his family in town.

Miss Louise Murphy, of Freehold, N. J., is the guest of Miss Idel Baker.

Mr. Mill Davis, of Wilmington, spent several days last week with his mother, in town.

Mrs. Mollie Guy, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. F. Parks, High street.

Mrs. Melvin, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Culp, on Washington avenue.

The friends of Mr. John Brice will be glad to learn that that gentleman was well enough to go driving yesterday.

Miss Eva Waters, of Howard county, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hurlock on Queen street.

The Misses Baker, daughters of Senator James H. Baker, are guests of the Misses Price, Centreville.

Miss Ada Skirven has returned to her home in Kent after an extended visit to friends in Baltimore and elsewhere.

Mrs. Thos. A. Hudson, wife of Judge Hudson, of the Orphans' Court, is visiting relatives in Philadelphia and elsewhere.

Miss Ada M. Russell, of Aberdeen, and Mr. Arthur C. Jewens, of Carsins' Run, were married on the 14th inst. at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary V. Russell. Rev. R. W. H. Weech performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Paul Merritt Russell. She was gowned in steel broadcloth, trimmed with satin and lace and carried bride roses. After a wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Jewens left for a trip South.—*Belair Times.*—

The bride is a daughter of the late Alfred Russell, formerly of this town.

OBITUARY.

MRS. MARTHA E. DORITY.

Mrs. Martha E., wife of John E. Dority, and daughter of Enoch and Martha Moffett, died of consumption at her residence, near Coleman's, on Sunday evening, March 18th, aged 48 years. She leaves a husband, one daughter, Cora E., and two brothers, Enoch and Simon Moffett, to mourn her loss. She was a member of the M. E. Church of Still Pond, a true Christian and loving mother. The funeral was held at the residence Wednesday at 2 o'clock, and was largely attended, the house not holding the people. Interment in Still Pond cemetery, Rev. J. B. Merritt, D. D., officiating minister. The bearers were: R. E. Taylor, M. E. Tayler, William Kernan, J. F. Moffett, W. H. Crew, J. Z. Clark; John N. Dodd, undertaker.

MISS RACHEL TURNER.

Miss Rachel Turner, after months of ill-health, died at the home of her brother, Mr. R. T. Turner, Jr., near Betterton, on Monday night, aged about fifty-five years. Miss Turner had for several years made her home in Baltimore, but came to the home of her brother's several weeks ago.

MRS. JULIA KREBS.

Mrs. Julia A. Krebs, a former resident of Kent county, died last Saturday at the home of her son, Mr. Geo. L. Krebs, in Baltimore city.

A Pretty Home Wedding.

A home wedding of unusual beauty was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. VanDyke, at 5.30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. The happy couple were Mr. Walter Rees, a successful young farmer in Quaker Neck and Miss Clara Bell VanDyke.

The large parlors in the VanDyke home were beautifully trimmed for the marriage and every surrounding was in harmony with the happy occasion. Rev. Louis Randall, pastor of Kennedyville M. P. Church officiated. The bridal couple were preceded into the room by the best man, Mr. Thomas Anderson, of Baltimore, and four dainty little ribbon girls, little Misses VanDyke, Davies, Jump and Othoson. The bride was prettily gowned in white organdie with white ribbons, while two of her little maids were beautifully dressed in white with blue ribbons, and two of them in white with pink ribbons.

After the wedding an elegant supper was partaken of. The presents were numerous, beautiful and costly. Mr. and Mrs. Rees will make their future home on the Thomas D. France farm, in Quaker Neck.

With the Horsemen.

The fine stallion of Capt. Cecil R. Atkinson, which has been leased to a Massachusetts lover of fine horses, will be taken to his northern home on April the first. Capt. Atkinson will go along to guard against any accident to the animal.

Maryland Russell, the handsome stallion of Mr. W. H. McKee, will make the season in Kent. This is one of the finest animals in the county, and possesses qualities which should recommend him to all persons looking for an A No. one horse.

Happy George, belonging to Mr. Wm. E. DeFord, is another of the fine young horses of the county. He has in his veins some of the finest blood in the world of fast goers. He is in fine condition, and is one of the best horses in the county.

THE SASSAFRAS DAMAGED.

Narrow Escape of the Fine Steamer at Havre de Grace.

The steamer Sassafras, of the Tolchester Steamboat Co., which plies between Baltimore, Tolchester, Betterton and Havre de Grace, met with an accident Wednesday evening, which, it was thought for a time, would founder her. The Sassafras, which is taking the place of the Susquehanna during some repairs to the latter, arrived at the head of the bay at 7.30 o'clock, and, after giving the usual whistle for the drawbridge of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad bridge to open, started up the river. Before the draw could be fully thrown off she ran into it, tearing away the pilot-house, smokestack, steampipe and walking-beam. Captain Kirwan, of the Susquehanna, and Captain Tarbutton, of the Sassafras, were both in the pilot-house at the time of the accident and narrowly escaped by jumping. The steamer was beached on the Island Bar, and afterwards towed to the Havre de Grace landing, by the tug Thomas Champlin. The amount of damage is estimated by Capt. W. C. Eliason at two thousand dollars. She will be towed to Baltimore for repairs at once. The accident caused an hour's delay to some of the passenger trains, and a careful examination of the draw was ordered before they were permitted to cross.

M. E. CONFERENCE.

Thirty-Second Annual Session Began at Wilmington on Tuesday.

The thirty-second annual session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, opened at Wilmington on Tuesday.

Rev. Rolph T. Coursey preached the missionary sermon. He created a sensation by declaring that the missionary fund of this conference would contain dollars which had been obtained through ungodly rivalry of Sunday school classes. These dollars smelled of Japanese teas and other odors, and he believed before God they would not be acceptable to Him who threw the money changers out of the Temple.

The session was formally opened on Wednesday morning, Bishop Andrews presiding. One hundred and thirty-four members answered to the roll-call.

The following officers were elected:

Secretary—A. S. Mowbray; assistants, W. A. Wise, Z. H. Webster and R. K. Stephenson.

Journalist—John D. Rigg.

Biographical Secretary—E. H. Nelson.

Statistical Secretary—W. R. Mowbray; assistants, H. A. G. Westerfield, G. P. Jones, V. P. Northrup, J. H. Geoghegan, L. E. Poole, G. R. Ellis, J. L. Johnson and W. E. Greenfield.

Treasurer—C. A. Grise; assistants, R. I. Watkins, H. G. Budd, Edwin Gardner, W. B. Copper, F. C. MacSorley, J. M. Lindale, T. F. Beauchamp, Aloycius Green, H. S. Goldey and E. C. Atkins.

Postmaster—Edith A. Curlett.

Solicitor for the Methodist Review—H. G. Budd.

Stewards—P. H. Rawlins, J. A. Arters, C. W. Prettyman and John France.

Conference Treasurer of the American University Fund—F. J. Cochran.

Collector for the Western Book Concern—F. X. Moore.

In collections for missions and conference claimants Rev. A. P. Prettyman, Galena, reported, $135, $45; Rev. D. F. Waddell, Millington, $80, $31; Rev. E. P. Roberts, Still Pond, $150, $60;

Twelve members of the conference who were absent on the first day responded to roll call of the second day.

Rev. J. B. Merritt was continued as a supernumerary.

Presiding Elder Watt and the Rev. F. Burgette Short asked the members of the conference to financially assist the Rev. B. F. Price, the patriarch of the conference, by purchasing copies of the book of which Mr. Price is author. Dr. Watt promised to buy 50 copies, and Mr. Short $6.25 worth. The Rev. Harry Mitchell was appointed to secure subscribers.

The report of the trustees of the Conference Academy was not reassuring and a strong appeal was made in behalf of the institution. The trustees have adopted a resolution thanking Dr. Hanna for his hard work in behalf of the ecademy, but requested that his efforts be discontinued the coming conference year, because the trustees have no money for salary, and they desire the principal to take the field to raise the academy debt.

LANKFORD NOTES.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—With the past few days of good weather the farmers are beginning to get a spring move on them.

Messrs. Robt. Hatcherson, Samuel G. Lee and Purnell Jump, are the early birds, having done considerable plowing.

Mr. Walter Strong is preparing to set out another large asparagus patch. Mr. Strong is one of the most extensive and successful growers in this section.

Mr. Berty Warns has obtained a position as clerk with our hustling merchant, Mr. J. V. Kilbourne.

Mr. Welch Crew and wife, have returned home after a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Queen Anne.

Mr. Merritt Brice, is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

One of the finest pair of horses for hauling and general heavy work, is that owned by Mr. Elmer E. Leary. They have been engaged for several days hauling lumber from Leary's Mills to Chestertown, to be used in the buildings now being erected for Mr. Isaac Robinson.

One of the most pleasant Mite Socials held this winter, was that at Mr. Samuel G. Lee's, on Tuesday night. There were about seventy-five present. A grand supper was served between the hours of 6.30 and 10 o'clock. Some of those present were: Mrs. L. J. Legg, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hatcherson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. M. Bramble, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Crow, Mrs. J. A. Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lee, Misses Sadie Nickerson, Maud Hassen, Ida Hudson, Millie Porter, Eva Downey, Hattie Lewis, Lula Hatcherson, Annie Copper, Mrs. Ada Duyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jere Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Statts, Mrs. A. M. Kendall, Miss Arsula Moffett, Lura Lee, Ella French, Messrs. John Jones, Murray Smyth, Wm. E. Keyser, W. T. J. Keyser, James Willis, Will Plummer, Mahlon Lee, Bob Lewis, Harry Rash, Archie Ramage, Wright Calder, and many others.

Mrs. Wm. Conley and son, are with Mrs. Conley's daughter in Wilmington, who is very ill. LANK FORD.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

Mr. W. T. Jones has been elected delegate to the Maryland Annual Conference, and Mr. W. E. Sanders, alternate. By a unanimous vote the delegate has been instructed to ask the return of the present pastor, Rev. Louis Randall. There is no doubt but what the request will be granted, as the pastor has never comtemplated a change, and desires to remain with this people. The church has been wonderfully built up during the present conference year, and the membership has a most hopeful outlook for even a greater uplift and improvement during the coming year.

The plan adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Jos. H. Weer, to reseat the church, is resulting very satisfactorily. A good sum has already been received, and there is little or no doubt but what the work will be successfully accomplished. We wish to remind those who have not responded to the appeal, that there is yet quite a deficiency in the sum needed, and that an early response will be greatly appreciated by those interested.

Mrs. J. L. Crouch returned last week from a two weeks visit in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haggerty returned Monday from a trip north.

Notwithstanding the scarcity of wild geese in this community, Mr. John M. Archibald killed a fine goose one day last week. Mr. A. has killed several during the winter.

Messrs. T. Shafer & Co. paid 90c. for milk for the month of February.

The Ladies' Parsonage Aid Society of the M. P. Church, met at the home of Mr. W. A. Pote on Friday evening of last week.

Mr. Wm. Seney returned home yesterday (Friday) from a visit to Philadelphia. SCRIPT.

MILLINGTON NEWS.

A pleasant party was given Master Alan Jeter, son of Dr. Jeter, of Sassafras, by his grand-mother, Mrs. Martha McWhorter, at her home on Saturday afternoon, March 17th, in honor of his 6th birthday. Many of his little friends were present. The afternoon was spent in playing games, dancing the cake-walk and other amusements, after which all were invited out to the dining room where refreshments were served, Miss Mary Cemegys acting as chaperone.

Those present were Misses Blanche Power, Gladys Jacobs and Florence Comegys, Master Alan Jeter, Solomon Pippin, Paul Jacobs and Julian Jeter. Alan was the recipient of some very pretty presents from his little friends, who expressed themselves as having had a very nice time. We wish Alan many more happy and pleasant birthdays.

Mr. Frank Sinex, of Blackistons, Del., spent Sunday with his uncle, Mr. F. L. Smith.

Miss Margaret Vansant went to Wilming Tuesday to attend conference.

Rev. T. C. Smoot spent Tuesday in town, leaving on the afternoon train for Wilmington to attend conference.

Rev. Dr. D. F. Waddell started for conference Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. L. M. Smith went to Wilmington Wednesday, to visit relatives and attend conference. She will also visit her sister, Mrs. R. P. Thompson, of near Newark, before she returns.

Mr. W. C. Rolph spent a few days last week in Baltimore.

Mr. Isaac Sinex, of Blackiston, Del., spent Wednesday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Smith spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. Elmer Gordon spent a few days in Wilmington this week.

Mrs. M. E. B. Mallalieu has not been able to attend school this week on account of the illness of her mother, who has been confined to her bed for some time.

Mrs. Mary Hubbard, of West Chester, Pa., spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother, Mr. J. P. Ahern.

Mrs. James Whorton, is visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Alice Emory, of Centreville, spent several day this week with friends in town.

Mr. Gus Vansant, who has been sick at the home of his parents, near Galena, is again able to be at his post in his uncle's (Mr. H. S. Cook) store.

Miss Minnie Waddell, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Waddell.

Mr. W. S. Armstrong, of Aberdeen, was in town last Thursday making arrangements to contract for tomatoes for this season's canning.

Miss Sallie Finley, of Church Hill, is the guest of Miss Nannie Comegys, on Cypress street.

A small dog belonging to Mr. John E. Woodall, was seen acting in a very suspicious manner last Wednesday, and supposing the animal to be mad, Mr. Woodall had it killed immediately. Y.

STILL POND NOTES.

The missionary anniversary of the M. E. Church was held on Sunday morning last at 10.30 o'clock. The elaborate programme, which had been arranged, was well carried out in every particular, and the officers, teachers and scholars deserve much credit for the preparation and rendition of same. The pastor, Rev. E. P. Roberts, gave a splendid talk, taking for his theme "The Life and Work of Richard Coke," that apostle of the missionary cause. The collection for the day amounted to $99.72; for the year, $83.39. Total, $183 11. The infant class, taught by Mrs. E. P. Roberts, having contributed the largest amount, nearly $32, received the banner, which was presented by J. W. Harper in a few well-chosen and pleasant remarks. Following is the programme as rendered:

Voluntary, Mrs. John Schofield.
Singing, "We March to Victory," the school.
Prayer, by the pastor.
Recitation, "Open Doors in China," Mrs. Penninurton.
Solo, "Rescue Song," by Mrs. J. W. Harper.
Recitation, "God's Helpers," by five boys.
Singing, "Bearing the Banner for Jesus," by the school.
Recitation, "Self-Denial Week," by Mabel Norris.
Recitation and Song, "Your Mission," 5 girls.
Recitation, "Singing Song of Juniors."
Solo, "Come and Help Us," Mrs. Dodd.
Recitation, "What Will You Do?" 5 girls.
Singing, "Here is Joy," by the school.
Dialogue, "What Children Worship in China."
Address, by the pastor.
Collection.
Singing, "Gospel Bells," by the choir.
Report of classes.
Presentation of the banner, by J. W. Harper.
Singing, "Shout for Gladness," by the school.

The work on Isaac Robinson's warehouse is being pushed forth with vigor by a force of workmen under the supervision of Contractor J. C. Bowers.

Rev. E. P. Roberts left on Wednesday morning, and J. W. Harper, as delegate, on Thursday morning for the annual M. E. conference, which meets in Wilmington, Del. In the absence of the pastor, services at the M. E. Church will be conducted both morning and evening tomorrow (Sunday) by a lady from Baltimore representing the Salvation Army.

Mr. A. Toulson moved on Thursday from the hotel property to a farm near Mt. Pleasant, Del. OCCASIONAL.

FROM WORTON.

Our little village has been very quiet for sometime.

Mrs. Sue Matthews Ellis, of Kenton, is visiting her mother, Mrs. H. E. Matthews, near here.

Miss Ellen Bacon has been the guest of Miss Ada Barnett, of Chestertown.

The Ladies Aid Society met at the home of Mrs. S. A. Carter, on Tuesday evening.

The millinery contest, held at the home of Mrs. H. E. Matthews, on last Friday night proved to be a great success.

Our M. E. minister is at conference. We have not heard whether he will be returned or not. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rash and Mrs. Matthews were delegates from this charge.

Miss Essie Gears is visiting her sister, near Worton Manor Beach.

Mr. Isaac Duyer has returned after being in Wilmington for three months.

The pound party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newcomb, on Tuesday evening, was a decided success, both financially and socially. A very large crowd was present and did honor to the occassion. Parlor games of all kinds were enjoyed and music both vocal and instrumental entertained the company for sometime. The entertainers were: Misses Ada Barnett, Agnes Newcomb, Blanche Duyer, Messrs. Harry Barnett, Isaac Duyer and Walter Hickman. Among the great many others present were noticed: Misses Margie and Mary Cooper, Katie and Ida Fowler, Ellen Bacon, Jennie and Mamie Davis, Nellie Silcox, Effie Lynch, Bessie Ivens, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Matthews, Mrs. John Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. D. Jones, Rebecca Tucker; Messrs. Robt. Nicholson, Frisby Newcomb, Sam'l Newcomb, Harry, Walter and Ellwood Fowler, Chas. Ivens, Lester Carter, Norris Rollison, Thos. Silcox, Carl