Kent News.

SATURDAY.....JAN. 24, 1891.

LIFE'S SUNSHINE.

Nuptial Events—Society Notes—Dance, etc.

SMITH — COUMBS.

We are not at all surprised that our old and genial friend, THOMAS J. F. SMITH, Esq., should take unto himself a wife, but we are somewhat surprised that he should pass by all the fair widows of his acquaintance nearer home and go all the way to Philadelphia in search of a "better half." Such, nevertheless, has been the case, for he was married in that city on the 15th instant to MRS. LYDIA M. COUMBS. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. L. Price, of Harrington, Del., a nephew of the groom, assisted by Rev. Enoch Stubbs, of Central M. E. Church, Vine street. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and costly presents. On arriving at their home in Millington they were given an immense reception and serenade. The NEWS tenders its warmest congratulations.

BERGER—GARDNER.

Mr. R. E. LEE BERGER and Miss EVVA GARDNER were married Wednesday night at Grace M. E. Church, Baltimore, by the pastor, Rev. Elbert S. Todd. The bride, who is a beautiful blonde, wore a light-brown taffeta traveling dress, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a large bouquet of la France roses. Prof. Oppenheimer played a wedding march from "Lohengrin." There were a very large crowd present, among whom were Mr. and Mrs Benj. H. Gardner, Misses Irene and Sadie Gardner, Mrs. W. B. Roland. The couple left on the 11.35 train for a tour to New York and points north. They will be at home after February 1, at their residence, 638 West Franklin street. Mr. Berger is bookkeeper and cashier for Lawrence, Gould & Co., and is well-known in northwest Baltimore. He is sergeant in the Fourth Battalion field music.

TWILLEY—BOYER.

MRS. EDWINA S. BOYER, and DR. WILLIAM S. TWILLEY, both of Baltimore, were married Tuesday, at 5.15 P. M., at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, corner St. Paul and Third streets. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Twilley, of the Virginia Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, cousin of the groom, assisted by Rev. Dr. W. Rudisill, associate pastor of First M. E. Church. The ushers were: Harry Fells, Charles B. Reilly, John McIntyre and Samuel W. Hoopes. The bride wore a straw-colored traveling costume, with gloves and hat to match, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. After the wedding the couple were driven to Union Station, where they took the 5.57 P. M. train for New York. They will make a Northern wedding tour. Their residence will be on North Eutaw street. Mrs. Dr. J. T. Twilley, mother of the groom and Mr. Charles Twilley, brother, of Chestertown, attended the wedding.

WADDLE—NEEDLES.

A quiet wedding took place on Cannon street, Chestertown, at 5.30 A. M., Wednesday. The contracting parties were Miss GRACE M. NEEDLES, of Chestertown, and Mr. WILLIAM H. WADDLE, formerly of Easton, but now engaged on the Kent railroad. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. C. Roberts. The bride wore a suit of purple Henrietta trimmed with velvet and carried a bouquet of pretty flowers. They left on the morning train for a wedding trip, and will return today and take up their residence in one of Mr. Shaw's houses on Cannon street. Among those present at the marriage were Mrs. Geo. Pennington and daughter, Miss Maude Joiner, Mrs. D. F. Henley, Chestertown; Misses Emma Simpson, Emma Elliott, Mrs. Levi Fiddis, Mrs. Annie Harvey, of Baltimore; Messrs. Marion Webb and Geo. B. Twilley. A reception was held the night before.

The wedding of Miss Nancy Lee Dryer, of Indiana, to Mr. LaBruce Lentz, of Kentucky, is announced to take place Jan. 29, 1891. Miss Nancy is one of the handsome young ladies who visted Mr. J. W. Chapman in Chestertown last winter, and made quite a number of friends.

Lent begins February 11th, and the time that intervenes will be filled up with festive occasions. Fairlee Hall was the scene of a brilliant ball Thursday evening. The floor managers were Messrs. Wm. B. Stephens and John B. Parrott; reception committee, Messrs. Murray Smith, Jesse Usilton and Jas. E. Beck. Among those present were Mrs. Wm. B. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Skirven, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. DeCorse, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Beck, Mr. Thos. Blackiston and wife, Misses E. S. Middleton, N. Y.; A. T. Bruere, Trenton; Sue, Fannie and Jennie Wilkins, Nannie and Daisy Brice, Anna and Mamie Strong, Emma Beck, May Parrott, Ida and May Camp, Anna Price, Laura Jessop, May Francis, Hallie Usilton, Nellie and Nennie Willis, Blanche Constable, Clara Keyser, E. H. Bromell, Philadelphia; May Wilkins, Gulie Parrott, Harvey, Gresham, Sappington, Shaw, Bryon, Smith, Crew, Knight, Clothier, Cosden; Messrs. R. D. Hynson, Sam'l Beck, John Brice, A. L. Corey, J. P. Nicholson, Robt. Emory, John Aldridge, George Brice, Page Strong, Carroll Perkins, Robt. M. Francis, George Howard, Harry Willis, Romie Skirven, Ford Caulk, Howard Turner, Clifton Alrich, Horace and Albert Constable, Wm. Brown, Thos. Trew and others. A lunch was served at midnight. The music was good and a good time was had by the participants.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Apsley, living near Edesville, gave a pleasant party on Monday evening, to Mr. A.'s brother, Walter, of Pomona. The house was well filled with happy young people, who spent a delightful evening. Dancing, games, etc., were indulged in until the hour of twelve, when a bountiful repast was served; after which dancing was again begun and kept up until the wee hours of the morning. Among those present were Misses Malinda, Ella and Ruth Apsley, Emma and Annie Crouch, Milchia and Carrie Apsley, Lillie Frazier, Mamie Benton, Ruth Brynden, Maggie Vansant, Lillie Edwards, Georgie Coleman, Ellie Elburn, Addie Willson, Ella Vansant, Fannie Hodges, Ellie Brown, Fannie Crouch, Clara Beck, Mrs. Agnes Crouch, Messrs. Harry, Walter and Allie Hudson, Walter Apsley, Richard Crouch, B. Goodman, Wm. Hodges, M. Adley, of Baltimore, and many others.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bramble, at their residence near Chestertown, gave a birth-day party in honor of their brother George on Tuesday evening, Jan. 20. There were about thirty relatives and friends present. The house was made alive with music and merriment, and about twelve o'clock the company was invited to a table which groaned under its weight of delightful refreshments. The delicacies were tastefully arranged and showed evidence of dexterous hands. The amiable host and hostess did everything possible for the enjoyment of their guests and the company finally separated highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Toulson gave a highly enjoyable entertainment to a number of friends at their residence near Quaker Neck wharf. There were music and refreshments, and it was midnight when the delighted guests separated for their homes.

Miss Maggie Hill, daughter of Mr. S. J. Hill, near Locust Grove, was given a pleasant party last evening.

A social meeting of the "Y" met at Miss Morgan Beaston's, Chestertown, Wednesday evening.

Miss May Matthews, living about three miles from town, was surprised by a party of young people last night. Games of various kinds were enjoyed and the refreshments partaken of with avidity.

MEETING OF FARMERS.

ABOLITION OF THE COUNTY LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Farmers' League of Kent county was held in Chestertown on Tuesday and was called to order by the president, Wm. J. Vannort, and S. Constable was appointed secretary. The president stated the object of the meeting to be to take into consideration the advisability of discontinuing the organization, since it was thought by many of the members best that the League adjourn *sine die*, in view of the fact that the Farmers' Alliance, another organization of farmers in the county, has in view the same object as the League.

On motion of J. H. Baker the treasurer was directed to divide all money in his possession belonging to the League "pro rata" among the members after paying all necessary expenses incurred.

On motion of L. C. Justis it was ordered that the League adjourn *sine die*.

The membership of the League was about ninety-five. A number of the members either joined or expect to join the Alliance.

The County Farmers' Aliance also held their meeting in Chestertown on Tuesday with a full attendance. The interest in the Alliance meetings is increasing, and it is expected that the organization in Kent will soon be one of the most effective on the Eastern Shore. The next regular meeting will be held in Chestertown, on Tuesday, February 3d.

FAIRLEE ITEMS.

The League Meetings—Parties and Pleasant Reminiscence of an Old Citizen.

The Epworth League meets regularly here in the church on Thursday evenings. The meetings are attended by many, and about fifty or more members are enrolled. Those who are not members are always welcome, and those who have not yet been out are cordially invited to come. These meetings are of merit, and the organization is exerting an influence for good in our midst.

Interesting weekly meetings of Fairlee Grange are held in the Grange Hall, and a special meeting was held Thursday, Jan. 22.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Greenwood will be tendered a surprise party Friday; and Tuesday evening Miss ——, I will not mention the name as the party comes off next week, and if I should divulge the secret I might not receive any more invitations.

Surprise parties are popular about this time and particularly among the children in the village. On Wednesday evening Master Oliver Payne was tendered a surprise, and a number of little folk, not any we think over 12 years of age and running down to six, with little bundles of candies, lemons, &c., took possession of Oliver's home. It seems as if the little merry makers knew just where to go, for the supplies they carried along with them were hardly sufficient for their number, and Oliver surprised them more than they did him, for into the store he went, and made the supplies fully adequate for the occasion, and ward, more heavily laden with the good the little stragglers made their way homethings of life then when they went.

Capt Isaac S. Rogers celebrated his 84th birthday and 59th anniversary of married life on Saturday, Jan. 17th. The Capt. is becoming feeble, and Mrs. Rogers is in critical health. It pleases the old people very much for any one to call to see them, as they think because they are old they are a little neglected. We remember in our boyhood days that Mrs. Rogers upon occasions of severe illness was always on hand and willing to do what she could to alleviate the sufferings of humanity, and now it is our duty to remember her in her old days. The Capt. is still a good conversationalist. Speaking of the wintry weather the other day, the conversation drifted back to the winter of 1832 when navigation, he says, closed the last of November and remained so until March. He remembers all about the beginning of the culture of peaches. He says the first he knew of peach raising was on the Anne Arundel shores of the Patapsco river. Then no one person grew many, and in the spring, the nights that frosts would be feared, fires would be built around the orchards, out of the drift-wood, stumps, &c., which would float upon the shores, and he argues that a fire built now in an orchard would shield a hundred tree, as a little heat would moderate the air and prevent the falling of frost. He gives as an example, a crop of peaches last year on a tree which stands on the northwest side of his kitchen, which he thinks was protected by the smoke from the chimney.

One dark night lately one of our elderly gentlemen called to see a neighbor and in going home he lost his way, and after wandering around for sometime, by some means he got turned around, and seeing a light ahead, made for it; and found it to be in the home of the neighbor he had been visiting. We learn the neighbor and friend had to lead him to his home. If it had not been Sunday evening one might suppose——, well, a good many things.

Mr. Walter F. Sparks is crushing a quantity of corn this winter and Wednesday is his special day for this purpose. He is sawing a great deal of lumber also.

WEST END.

A COMPROMISE VERDICT.—The jury in the Archer bond case at Towson rendered a verdict against the sureties upon the bond of the late State treasurer for the sum of $600,000, an amount which does not correspond with that claimed by the State, or that conceded by the defence, and which it is impossible to reconcile in figures with any theory of the evidence. It is patent upon its face that it was, as is actually understood and admitted to be the fact, a compromise verdict, arrived at in order to avoid a failure to agree on the part of the jury, and the consequent necessity for a new trial. A motion was immediately made on the part of the State to set aside the verdict as contrary to the instructions of the court and contrary to the evidence. There is no doubt that the failure of the State's officers to require Archer to renew his bond at the proper time, earnestly dwelt upon by counsel, had its effect upon the jury. Had this law been complied with the liability of Archer's sureties upon his first bond would have been limited to transactions occurring before the end of February, 1888, instead of being extended to November, 1889.

KENNEDYVILLE NOTES.

A Flourishing Organization—A New Merchant—Personals, etc.

The "Glee Club" met at the club house Monday night and elected officers. The following officers were elected: Pres., D. A. Medders; vice-pres., George Glenn; secretary, Walter Melvin; treasurer, Elias Otison. The president and vice-president were unanimously elected janitors to serve alternately. The club has a membership of thirteen members. The financial condition of the club is in perfect order with fifty three dollars in the treasury and not any liabilities. They have been invited by the "Young People's Association" to give the music at their Thursday night meetings. They have accepted the invitation and will begin work at the first meeting of the society.

Mr. John Barwick, one of our most prominent and esteemed citizens, who has been sick for so long a time, is still dangerously ill.

Norman Faulkner while wrestling with two of his companions Monday night sprained his ankle very badly, and has been confined to the house ever since.

Misses Minnie Hessner and Racie Archibald have returned home from Philadelphia where they have been visiting for about a month.

Mr. Joseph Weer has finished selling his goods at auction and is scrubbing and painting up. Mr. James Martin, son of Rev. John Martin, has rented the storeroom and will be ready for business as soon as he can get his goods conveniently stored. We wish him every success.

Mrs. Marguerite Cavender, of Kenton, Del., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Bennett since June, has returned home again.

Mr. Henry L. Davies and wife, who have been boarding with Mr. E. E. Hudson, have gone to house-keeping in Mr. Charles B. Warren's house.

Some ladies of "The Ladies' Aid Society" met at the M. P. Church Wednesday evening, Jan. 21, to consider the advisability of having a supper shortly.

Some of the sportsmen of the vicinity met at Kennedyville Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of shooting pigeons, glass balls, etc. Several prizes were offered two of which were won by Wattie McKnett and John Archibald respectively. D.

EDESVILLE NEWS.

A Good Reason Assigned—Baptism—Pleasant Social Events—A Ruffian's Act.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—We stated in our last that the steamboat travel by way of Rock-Hall would be suspended. The information was derived in the following manner: When the boat came to our wharf on Wednesday, Jan. 7 inst., an officer of the boat stated in reply to a question that it was doubtful about the boat making another trip after the 8th to Baltimore. The intelligence quickly spread and a young lady who was spending the evening at my house received a special message, and instead of returning to Baltimore on the 10th as contemplated took advantage as every one supposed of the last opportunity, the 8th. So the idea of suspension did not originate with us.

Personal Notes.

Mr. Thos. W. Edes and family have removed to Baltimore. We wish them success in their new departure.

Rev. Geo. C. Sutton was requested a few days since to baptize two small children in the village and the little boy being told of it, said with a good deal of earnestness, that he did not want Mr. Walter Sutton, but would let Mr. Burgess or Mr. W—— baptize him. Walter should get another parish.

Miss May Francis, of Baltimore, is visiting her brother Harry, near Rees' Corner.

Pleasant Social Events.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Wood gave them a pleasant surprise Friday evening, of last week. A prearrangement of the affair soon became apparent, and the host and hostess met the company more than half way with their genuine hospitality.

The young men gave another characteristic ball Wednesday evening, at the Hall. We said characteristic because of the pleasantry similar to those held heretofore. With a limitless field to draw from in the securement of young ladies, it is no small wonder that the vein of enjoyment ran high. When all were about to repair to their respective homes, however, some ruffians, villianous scamps had done considerable mischief by way of mutilating harness, taking off of wheels, upsetting of dog carts &c. Isn't it a pity that every community must (seemingly) be infected with a degraded element.

An Acceptable Present.

Mr. Eugene Willson, the popular violinist, is to be the recipient of a handsome set of carriage harness as a token of their esteem by the above referred to young men. A very pleasant way to compensate Mr. W. for his continued kindness. OBSERVER.

THE main building of the carpet mills of John and James Dodson of the falls of Schuylkill, Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire on Friday of last week, resulting in a loss of $1,000,000 and the throwing out of work of 4,500 hands. The insurance is $600,000. Including in the loss is the finest lot of machinery procurable in this or other countries. It is thought that spontaneous combustion started the fire. The main building was a modern structure, six stories high, with basement. It was 300 feet in length, topped by a mansard roof, and 100 feet wide. It was built in 1872. The weaving shed was erected in 1875, and contained a large number of Jacquard and and other looms. It will take a year to rebuild the mills. Work has already been commenced on them.

A GREAT SUGAR CROP.—The New Orleans *Picayune* states that at least 326,000 hogsheads of last season's sugar crop has already passed into consumption, and it estimates the entire crop at from 350,000 to 400,000 hogsheads. This shows that the crop has been phenomenally large and in excess of all expectations. It is fortunate for the planters that the crop has turned out so large, as with the low prices ruling this season it would have been difficult to make ends meet with an average yield. As things have turned out, however, planters have not only met all expenses, but have in addition made fair profits. Encouraged by the large yield of the present season the planters are preparing to greatly increase their acreage for the coming season.

SUCCESSFUL COTTON RAISING.—There was raised last season on the plantation of United States Senator M. W. Ransom, in Northampton county, N. C., 956 bales of cotton. Of this 551 bales were sold at Winston one day last week for $22,000 cash. The Senator's sons do the farming whilst he serves his people with ability in the national councils.

KING DAVID KALAKAUA, of the Hawaiian Islands, who went to California a few weeks ago for the benefit of his health, died last Tuesday in San Francisco.

ROCK HALL NEWS.

A Reasonable Explanation—The New Tongs—The Gratitude Running—Our N. C. Oystermen Arrive Home.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—We are certainly sorry that such an erroneous report was circulated relative to the withdrawal of the steamer from here by the Chester River Steamboat Co., and we herewith make a statement how we came to give the report credit. Mr. Wm. Stevens, of Swan creek, who is spending the winter in the city, was here on business for a few days week before last, and did not intend to return to the city until Saturday, the 10th inst., but on Wednesday, the 7th, he was at the post-office complaining very much, because he was compelled to go home on the day following, Thursday. Some one present asked him why he was compelled to return so so soon, and he replied that the boat was going to discontinue her trips after tomorrow, Thursday, saying at the same time he could not understand why such should be the case, as there was no ice to prevent the boats running, and that other lines on bay were still running, and always kept on until ice compelled them to stop, and those lines which were run at much greater expense found it profitable to continue all the winter. He could not see why the Chester river line, which had a short run, could not do the same and find it profitable. We being interested in the continuation of the boat from here, inquired of Mr. Stevens how he knew the boat was going to stop? He replied that he was told so that day by the captain or other official of the steamboat. Mr. Stevens being a gentleman who is careful of his word, we could not do otherwise than believe him. Now whether Mr. Stevens was misinformed, or he misunderstood the Captain, we leave it for him to explain, if he so desires.

Oystering in Deep Water.

Our oystermen are not to be discouraged by the scarcity of the delicious bivalves in the waters reached by 25 or 30 foot tongs. A number of them are going to procure the patent tongs used in the lower bay, which will enable them to work in very deep water, and with much more ease than the present mode. Capt. J. B. Downey, who has been buying his oysters in the Patuxent river, expects to take with him on his next trip a number of orders for tongues; they cost about $16, which is cheaper than those used now, as a pair is sufficient for a boat, whereas it takes 3 or 4 pair of such as are used here now, costing from $5 to $6 per pair. It is thought this new mode will knock out the North Carolina project with those who have been prospecting there the past month.

A Fine Circus Steed.

Messrs. Editors, if you have an amateur circus company in your beautiful town, who are desirous of purchasing a very fine steed for circus purposes, we would invite them to apply to our friend Benjamin, who will put them on the track of one that he thinks will give perfect satisfaction, and at the same time will show his own expertness in handling the gun. If by any means there can be a bargain made to engage him to travel with some rifle team throughout the country, it will give much pleasure and relief to our next friend, J. W. J., whose dog has been made to suffer through Ben's unerring aim.

The Gratitude Resumes Her Trips.

The fast little Steamer Gratitude has again made her appearance in our waters, much to the pleasure of her many patrons.

The N. C. Boys Home.

The oystermen who went to North Carolina some time ago, returned on Wednesday with the realization that, "Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home." They report plenty of oysters, but terrible measure, it taking two of our bushels to make one of theirs.

Church Work Progressing.

The revival services in the M. E. Church still continue. Under the efficient management of Pastor Roe great good has been accomplished. Rev. Mr. Benson, of the M. P. Church, assisted Mr. Roe on Tuesday night, delivering one the grandest sermons it has been our good fortune to hear for a long time; 25 or more persons have professed to have found the pearl of great price, and the church has been greatly revived. It is hoped that the church will continue throughout the year in this spiritual condition. David Livingstone, who did so much toward opening up the dark continent of Africa, told the following story when he was a boy; A faithful Christian man called him to his death bed and said: "My son, make religion the every day business of your life, and not a thing of fits and starts." Livingstone's life shows that he followed the advice of the man to the day of his death, even to his last hour, which was spent on his knees in prayer to Him to whom he had so often gone for comfort. There is no class of professors that God has so little respect for as those who serve Him periodically. And there is no class that do so little in the cause as those that wait for the annual revival to fit the harness to them. God loves and honors him who strives to show, by his daily and homely walk, that he bears branded on his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians are to take up their cross daily and follow him. R.

HE IS NOW COMMODORE.

Capt. P.S. McConnor, until very recently the well-known, affable and polite commander of the steamer Emma A. Ford, of the Chester River Line, has temporarily retired from the command of that steamer and has been assigned the position of General Superintendent of the line, and, being the senior commissioned officer, is now the commodore of the fleet by brevet. Capt. McConnor will be stationed in Baltimore and the arrival and departure of the boats will be reported to him. He began his career as a steamboat man in 1862 or 3 on the steamer Chester, of the Slaughter Line, as deck hand. Within a year he was second officer and within two years was first officer with the late Capt. E. S. L. Young in command. He remained with Captain Young until the death of H. B. Slaughter in 1866 or 7, when the boats of the line were sold and purchased by the late Hon. B. S. Ford and a few others. Capt. McConnor was then placed in command of the George Law. He remained in command of this vessel until 1877, when he was assigned to the command of the new steamer, B. S. Ford, built in that year. This steamer made her first trip July 4th, 1877, and subsequently burned at Chestertown. The steamer Emma A. Ford was built shortly after and Capt. McConnor placed in command, which position he has honorably and acceptably filled until within the past few weeks. He has not severed his connection with the Chester River Line, as has been stated, but has temporarily retired from command to superintend the fleet.—*Centreville Record.*

THE number of new postoffices established in the United States in the year ended June 30, 1890, was 5,560, of which 2,628, or nearly half, were in the South. That argues development. There were 17 "presidential" postoffices dissontinued during the year on account of decreased bnsiness, only two of which were in the South. That argues superior staying power in Southern development. Kansas lost 8 of these offices, Connecticut 4, Nebraska 1, Dakota 1, Minnesota 1. As the South contains much less than half the population of the country these figures are significant.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEETING.

Kent Well Represented—Mr. Bell's Interesting Pear Report, etc.

The fourth annual meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society opened in Easton on Tuesday. Kent, Cecil, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester and the three counties of Delaware were represented at the meeting. Judge Ormond Hammond, who was appointed to make the address of welcome, was absent through sickness, and that duty fell unexpectedly upon Major W. E. Stewart, who gave the association a hearty welcome. He spoke of the antiquity of horticulture, originating as it did in the Garden of Eden, and referred to the fact that educated pepole are taking hold of all the departments of horticulture, giving it an impetus and influence it never had before. Sixteen new members from Talbot county were added.

George Biddle, of Cecil, read the report of the committee on apples. It was discussed by Messrs. Barnard, Griffith and Harris, of Kent, and Kerr and Kelley, of Caroline. It was agreed that Smith's cider was decidely the most profitable apple for peninsula cultivation. The Russian apples, although of fine appearance, were lacking in quality.

R. H. Alvey, Sr., of the Agricultural College, spoke on Chaucer and his times. Major Alvord, director of the experiment station at the Agricultural College, spoke on the subject of milk and with reference to the interests of consumers rather than producers. The componants of milk were described and illustrated by jars, showing the different parts and their relative proportions. Milk should be judged and valued according to the solid matter it contains. It is a food, not a drink, and as a food should be more highly valued and more liberally used. Three pints of milk contain as much nutriment as a pound of good beef and costs much less.

Upon consultation with the other members of the committee, James A. Pearce, E. R. Cochran, of Middletown, Del., and J. W. Myre, of Bridgeville, Del., it was agreed that the chairman should write the report, which is herewith presented.

The season of 1890, so disastrous to the Peninsula fruit crop generally, made no exception of the pear, although not a total failure in some orchards, it was a very short crop, indeed, only those which had been well pruned and cultivated previous to 1890 had a fair crop of Bartlett, Howell and some Lawrence, the Duchess a total failure, Manning not much better.

The number of pear trees planted in 1890 was not so large as in the season of 1889, although there were plenty planted. The committee beg leave to warn those contemplating pear culture, to go slow. The first thing, he must like the business. The best fertilizer for pears is brains and elbow-grease equally distributed, and spray them with the sweat of his brow. Next is to know whether your soil and location are adapted to the pear; most all red clay soil will grow good pears, avoiding all wet and springy places. The distance for dwarf trees should not be less than 12 feet each way, for standard not less than 20 feet. The holes should be dug 3 feet square and from 12 to 18 inches deep. Fill in with old bones and rich soil to within from 8 to 12 inches of surface.

In selecting, get good healthy trees, not over two years from bud or graft, and buy from none other than reliable men. When your trees come into bearing, you will then have what you expected. Cultivate the orchards with hoed crops until from 3 to 4 years old. In pruning, when planting dwarf trees, take off half of year before's growth, and repeat the same trimming for three years. There is no operation connected with pear culture in which there exists so much misapprehension and diversity of opinions as about pruning, many persons prune too much, others too little, and very few just right.

Every owner of a pear orchard should understand the object and principal of pruning, so that if he does not do the work himself, he may direct and superintend those who do it for him. Ordinary hired men competent to prune trees judiciously are exceedingly scarce, and in many cases the trees and proprietors would derive more benefit by paying them to stay away rather than to admit them on the grounds, and prevent their mutilation. We have seen so-called professionals divest strong healthy trees of their fruit spurs that have been many years in forming. They were ignorant of the fact that trees required bearing buds to produce fruit. Pruning without a thorough understanding of its object and purpose, is like blind man's bluff, you may hit the right one, but generally it is the other way.

Young standard trees are pruned with a view to divert the sap from the end of the terminal branches and direct its flow to the weaker side branches. So to produce a well-proportioned, symmetrically shaped form at a height of from 4 to 6 feet from the ground, according to the desired length of the body, the main stem is cut off and three equally diverging buds allowed to grow while all others are rubbed off. The following year the stem shoots of the previous season's growth, which form the frame work of the top, are cut back to about one-half, directly above a joint where there are two sidewise diverging buds.

The following year a uniform growth of the six branches should be maintained and the side branches thinned out so as to produce an open and well-balanced vase-shaped head.

Do not plant too many varieties; would suggest for dwarf the Duchess, Buffon, Bartlett and Howell. For standard, Bartlet, Mannings, Lawrence and Keifer. Of the many new fruits introduced within the past few years, none have been watched with more anxiety than the Keifer, its merits as claimed by its introducer were so extraordinary, and the reports of those who had tried it so varied, that naturally there is considerable inquiry as to the truth about it, but even its most ardent admirers do not recommend it for table use, not their own at least. The quality question may as well be passed in silence, although it is a good canning and preserving pear, and as a market pear it is claimed to be superior to any other on account of its great productiveness and good keeping qualities, large size and attractive appearance, and in a market where the eating quality of a fruit is of no consideration, it will no doubt sell well.

The committee would, therefore, advise to have all new varieties tested at the State Experimental Station before offering them for sale. By adopting this method it would save thousands of dollars to the Peninsula fruit-growers.

Pears should always be picked before thoroughly ripe to insure against damage by packing and shipping. The packages should be as neat as possible, the extras wrapped in paper. This trouble will more than compensate the grower.

The Local Market.

For country produce the stores here were dealing yesterday as follows:

Dressed turkey hens	15c. per lb.
" " gobblers	12½c. "
" ducks and chickens	12½ "
" geese	10c. "
Country sausage	10c. "
Country butter	20c. "
Eggs	22c. a doz.

Local corn buyers are paying 40 and 42 cents on the cob and from 50 to 52 cents shelled.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—The Baltimore papers of yesterday quote as follows:

WHEAT—Longberry, good to prime, 99c@$1.04.
CORN—White and Yellow, 54@61c.
OATS—48@51½c.

HOLIDAY GOODS!

MY CHRISTMAS STOCK is now open and ready for inspection. I will be glad to see my patrons and friends. Any one wishing anything in my line will do well to call and get my prices before purchasing elsewhere as I have MARKED THEM TO SUIT THE DULL TIMES, notwithstanding the advance in Gold and Silver. I have a nice line of

WALTHAM AND ELGIN GOLD WATCHES

FOR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

which I will sell at a very small profit. Also a beautiful assortment of JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, CLOCKS, SPECTACLES, &c.

Dec. 6, 1890. C. M. LUCAS, High St., Chestertown.

CALL and see the bargains we offer in Dress Goods. Lasting Top, Button Gaiters, in all sizes, price 75c. and 98c., and our Tobacco at 35c some before they are gone.
jy12. WESTCOTT & DODD.

NOTES FROM GALENA.

The members of the M. E. Church and other friends of the Rev. Mr. Nelson here surprised him in the parsonage last Saturday evening, 17th. Though the weather was very stormy and the walking anything but good (indeed, hardly fit for anyone to be out) a goodly number repaired to the parsonage taking with them a plentiful supply of groceries and provisions of different kinds—enough from appearances to last the reverend gentleman and his family for a long while. The surprisers were more surprised when an officer of the Epworth League appeared to make a report (as he understood there was to be a meeting of the league at the parsonage that evening). In place of a report of the league he presented to Mr. Nelson a well-filled purse, with a list of the donors, which represented all the denominations in and near town. Mr. Nelson is very popular, not only with his own church people, but with all. After spending two or three hours in social conversation interspersed with music and singing, the happy company repaired to their homes.

A Painful Accident.

Tuesday last a young man, son of Mr. P. Haley, met with what was thought at one time to be a fatal accident. The young man it seems was standing in front of the packing machine (as they were packing straw on one of the Ireland farms) when some part of the machinery broke and struck him on the upper part of the breast and knocked him senseless. He laid as if dead for some time, but after awhile rallied. He is doing as well as could be expected at this writing. If he is not internally hurt he will soon get all right again.

Slaying Rats by the Bushel.

Thomas Massey, son of Dr. Massey, near Masseys, with the assistance of one or two other young men and some dogs, killed 110 rats one day last week. They were removing the floor in an old granary. The dead rats filled a bushel basket.

Personal Notes, &c.

Report says that Mr. Hicks, who has been a clerk with Mr. Horsey for the past ten yesrs, has tendered his resignation to take effect about the 1st of February.

Revival services in the M. E. Church are still progressing.

One of our townsmen, Mr. William H. Pennington, attended the inauguration of Governor Reynolds, at Dover, Del., last Tuesday. He says there was a fine display of the militia of the State, and a grand ball in the evening. Everything passed off in grand style. P.

A Splendid Opportunity

—TO SECURE—

CLOTHING!

—BELOW—

Wholesale Prices

Over $5,000 Worth of Fine and Medium Grade Suits and Overcoats to be Sold Below Cost, During Dec. and Jan.

I can't help but realize the fact that nearly, if not quite *all* the money spent for Clothing this winter will be spent during the month of December, and, therefore, nearly all the stock not sold before Jan. 1, will have to be carried over till next winter. In order to avoid the carrying over of stock, and to rapidly close out all my Winter Goods, I have determined to offer

EVERYTHING AT COST

while people are buying, and not wait till everybody is supplied before I make the offer. I have the Largest and Most Complete Stock of Men's, Youth's, Boys' and Children's

SUITS and OVERCOATS

ever shown in Chestertown, in fact have entirely too many goods, and adopt this method of getting rid of them. It is impossible to enumerate one-half of the Bardains I am offering, but will try to give you some idea of what you can get if you call early:

1st—I will sell you an ALL WOOL OVER COAT, size 34 to 42, perfectly made and trimmed, for only **$4.50,** this coat was bought to sell for $6.50.

2d—An ALL WOOL HEAVY WEIGHT OVERCOAT, satin-faced, silk sleeve lining, for only **$7.50,** this coat was bought to sell for $11.00.

3d—An ENGLISH KERSEY OVERCOAT, splendidly made and perfect fitting, for only **$8.50,** bought to sell for $12.00.

4th—The FINEST KERSEY OVERCOAT on the market, lined with satin throughout, and retailed everywhere for $20.00, I will sell for **$14.00.** In fact, have 500 Overcoats which I cannot describe here, for prices so astonishingly low as to convince you at once that they are offered below cost.

In the Suit Goods Department I have such an array that it is impossible to describe them. Over Two Hundred Suits for **$8.50,** these sold for $10, $11 and $12 The Finest Line of BLACK CHEVIOTS in town, Single-Breasted, Double-Breasted, Square Cut and Round Cut, Sack and Cutaway, beginning at the low price of $7.50 and running up to $16.00 for English Goods. All will be offered BELOW COST.

I have a splendid lot of

Children's Suits and Overcoats!

which I am selling for **$1.25** each, many of which sold for $3.00 and $3.50 each. For **$3.00** I will give you the choice of over One Hundred Styles, ranging in price from $3.50 to $6.00 The only reason I offer for this Sweeping Reduction is that I need money more than I need my stock. It will not cost you one penny to call and see these surprisingly Low Prices, and if you are not thoroughly convinced then don't buy. Resp'y, &c.,

THOS. S. BORDLEY,

Nov. 29, 1890. BORDLEY'S CORNER.

New Store--Old Stand!

Mrs. D. GRUBER

HAS thoroughly renewed and refitted her business property uptown and is now better able than ever heretofore to supply the public with

Fresh Bread, Buns, Cakes and Pies

and indeed everything in the Bakery Line. Long experience, the best material, and personal attention to the business enables her to give the very best goods for the least money.

CONFECTIONERY.—I have also added to my stock a line of confectionery, such as Fresh Candy, Nuts, &c., to which I invite attention. Give me a call. MRS. D. GRUBER,
sep3-y. Up Town

BROKEN LOTS

—IN—

MEN'S, YOUTHS' and CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.

WE HAVE had a good trade right along this season, no room to complain, and consequently we naturally conclude that Honest, Well-made Garments, at Fair and Square Prices, are appreciated every time. Now, as trade commenced early with us, necessarily leaves a good many Broken Lots, 36x40 of one kind, 35x37 of another, &c., which we can afford to close at a Small Margin Above First Cost, as no middleman gets a slice of our stock; they come direct from the manufacturer to us. We have sold a great many suits and the broken assortments we have bunched together and marked them down.

IN OVERCOATS

our trade has been correspondingly large and the remnants will be closed at the same reductions. Having a nice line of these goods, all new this season (as we carry no goods over) and not expecting margins to be made in sixty days, we can and will put a price on them that they must go. We have been selling goods in Chestertown so long now that the trade is fully aware of our full assortment without enumerating kinds, and the close price at which we sell these goods has never been more fully appreciated than this season. We can please you in style, quality and price.

Nice Line of Furnishing Goods as Usual!

BOOTS and SHOES!

What we have left in Boots we will close at Cost, for instance: A Man's First Quality Kip Boot for $2.00, Good Solid one for $1.65; 22-inch Leg, Double Upper, Three Sole Oyster Boot $2.25; Boys' and Youths' in like proportion. We can save you 20 per cent. on these goods as we don't intend to carry one single pair over. In Men's Fine Shoes we are selling a great many and carry the Most Complete Line in Town. We are also getting up a nice trade on Custom Goods. Make any style to measure and guarantee a job in every case. Men's Rivited $2.75, Boys' Rivited $2.50. Embrace the opportunity is the invitation extended by

A. FRIEDMAN,

Opposite Stam's Hall. *Chestertown's Leading Clothier.*

NEW-YEAR '91 ANNOUNCEMENT!

WE are ENDEAVORING to PLACE OUR GOODS BEFORE THE PUBLIC AT THE

LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE!

Call and See How Well We Have Succeeded.

Recent purchases have made our lines complete for the Holiday Season.

NEW YEAR NOVELTIES!

in Great Variety and Abundance.

FRANK H. HARPER.

December 13, 1890.

REMOVAL!

R. BERGEN

WHO HAS BEEN OCCUPYING THE CORNER STORE in the BURCHINAL BUILDING, now belonging to Charless S. Smith, has REMOVED to the

Store-Room Adjoining,

formerly occupied by W. T. Wright, where can be found a LARGE and VARIED assortment of

Dry Goods, Notions, and Millinery.

Spring opening of Silks, Henriettas, Serges, Cashmeres, Cloths and flannels. Also a Beautiful line of

Trimming Silks!

to match all shades of Dress Goods. Also a complete line of

Notions and Fashionable Millinery.

Remember, I have removed NEXT DOOR to the store I did occupy.

R. BERGEN.

April 12, 1890 CHESTERTOWN, MD.

J. HERMAN IRELAND,

KENNEDYVILLE, MD.

GRAIN,

COAL, FERTILIZERS

—and all kinds of—

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

A full line of CARRIAGES, DAYTONS and ROAD CARTS always on hand. Also, the celebrated ROSS FEED CUTTERS, the STAVER BUCKEYE CORN and COB MILLS, MARSEILLES ADAMS POWER SHELLERS.

I AM PREPARED TO BUY

**NEW WHEAT, in