Kent News.

SATURDAY.....MARCH 14, 1891

M. E. Missionary Anniversary.

The McKendrian Missionary Entertainment of the Sunday school of the Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church was held in the church last Sunday evening, and notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, the large audience room was well filled with people, many of whom were from the country. The floral decorations and other beautiful and tastefully arranged paraphernalia which lends inspiration, and have characterized former occasions of this nature, had to be entirely left out on account of the work now being done to the room for the reception of the new organ and carpet; but the same careful attention was given the program, and from what we have since heard the audience was well pleased.

The exercises were opened with a voluntary on the organ by Miss Anna G. Lambert as the school filed in and took their respective seats, after which the choir sang "Wake, Wake the Song of Jubilee," with a hearty good will, followed by the school with the grand old coronation hymn, in the singing of which the congregation joined and "made the welkin ring." The Rev. Mr. Melvin offered an impressive prayer, followed by appropriate Scripture reading by the pastor, Rev. R. Irving Watkins. Little Louisa Bordley looking exceedingly cute and pretty, sang the solo, "Bring Them In," very sweetly indeed for one of her age. Master Harry Anthony, in his usually masterly manner recited "Three Bright Pennies." Maud Melvin recited in a clear and effective tone, "What Madie Did." Misses Mary Brown, Hallie Toulson and Josephine Thompson sang "Banner of the Cross," with great success and completely captivated the audience. Mr. Eugene A. Robinson, of Washington College, read a selection, showing the trifling inconveniences members of churches will call to their assistance to prevent them from attending church whenever a collection for any purpose is to be taken. This gentleman is a good elocutionist in this line and his effort to entertain the audience was a perfect success. The dialogue by six little girls, May Jones, Elsie Fallowfield, Louise Bordley, Mary Lambert, Maud York and Clara Thompson, with accompanying chorus was rendered sweetly for ones so young. Prof. C. W. Proctor, of Washington College, made a short address on "Foreign Missions," and on this occasion made an earnest and most eloquent appeal to the congregation to help these who are out of the light of the "Gospel Truth." Next came the report of the classes, which was, indeed, most gratifying. "Watchmen Tell Us of the Night," by Miss Lambert, Chas. S. York and J. W. Bordley was highly enjoyed. Mr. C. Orrell rendered in his own skillful manner, the cornet solo, "Rock of Ages," by Fromzart. The report of the treasurer showed that the school had collected during the year for work at home and foreign missions nearly $300., $151 of which goes directly to the missionary cause. Mr. Chas. S. York's class, was the banner class for the year. The solo, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus," by Mrs. Wm. H. Brown, showing a voice rich for sweetness and distinctness, is an ornament to any occasion. The exercises were closed by the stirring song by the school, "The Morning Light is Breaking." Miss Anna G. Lambert had charge of the music and conducted it in a manner which showed her proficiency as well as her talent for that branch of study. The officers of the society are: President, Eugene A. Robinson; vice-presidents, Harry L. Chew and Miss Hattie Reed; secretary, Wm. McIntyre; treasurer, Benj. Perkins. The ushers and collectors on this occasion were Messrs. M. S. Harper, Chas. E. Roland, Chas. S. York, Jr., and Chas. R. Twilley.

College News.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association on Wednesday last in the interest of base ball, Mr. J. F. Porter was unanimously elected Captain and Mr. W. B. Usilton Jr., Manager. These gentlemen are to have full powers to select a team for the coming season and to arrange date for games. A committee consisting of Messrs. N. Massey, C. Prettyman, R. Duer, with Prof. Clarke, chairman, was appointed to draw up a set of rules for the regulation of the team's work. Great lack of discipline has done more than anything else in the past to bring disaster to the college club. The players this year, however, seem to desire reform in this direction and pledge themselves to abide by the decisions of the committee. The team will probably consist of Prettyman, pitcher; Porter, catcher; Clarke, Deur, Williams and Brice for the infield; Massey, Harper, Leaverton, outfield. No positions as yet however have been filled.

The College visitors will build a water tank to hold 5000 gallons, and place it on a platform 30 feet high to furnish water for the college buildings. A force pump will be used to fill it until better arrangements can be made. All the buildings will be furnished with hydrants. This is a much needed improvement, as the old pump so long used had become filthy and the water in the well unhealthy. The next improvement should be some better system of heating and lighting the buildings, both of which will come in time.

On account of unforeseen events the drama of Ingomar, which was in course of preparation by the college students assisted by the ladies of Chestertown, has been abandoned. It is now proposed to attempt a play which requires none but male characters and the public may soon look for an entertainment which will be well worth seeing, and which it is to be hoped will be patronized, in order to help along the Athletic Assoc., in its effort to give a good exhibition on Field day in June.

This week ends the marking month and the averages will appear next week.

In a game of base ball played on the College Campus between scrub teams from the town and college the college was victorious by the score of 6 to 4. Five innings were played.

Broad Neck News.

Our enterprising merchants, L. Kilbourn & Son, are doing a successful business owing to the fact of keeping a first class store and a handsome, clever and accommodating clerk.

The recent rainy weather has put a veto on outdoor work, yet it has not marred the pleasure of the young folks.

There have been quite a number of entertainments here this winter. On 24th ult., we attended a very agreeable company at the residence of Mr. H. Smith, in honor of his daughter, Miss Rella. We regret to say some of our worthy young gentlemen have been laboring under a great mistake "believing the ladies always in fault" poor boys! We pity them, but such is life. We must not forget to mention that while some of our gentlemen friends are enjoying (?) lent, their best girls seem to be taking advantage of the occasion by being *lent*, probably never to be returned. FOX.

Fairlee Local News.

A company of colored fishermen from Caroline county, four in number, have taken up their quarters on the shore of Mr. Harry Willis' farm, on Fairlee creek. On last Sunday evening week their shanty, or rather a tenant house on the farm of the above named gentleman and occupied by them, was burned down while they were off at church. A lot of nets and about all the money they had with them were consumed. The supposition is that it was the act of an incendiary.

Mr. Vincent Lee and son were out late one night recently and when they returned home they happened to see a person near the turkey roost. Mr. L. left his son to take out his horse, while he went in and got his gun. The presence of the two, was not noticed by the one after the turkeys. Mr. Lee got near enough, before he was discovered, to see the patches on the turkey seekers coat. He had one captive and would have had another had he not been astonished and shocked by the inquiry "Who is there." He didn't answer, but left very hurriedly with shot forcing him along. He went one way and the turkey went back to his roost.

The weekly meetings of Fairlee Grange are increasing in interest. On Thursday afternoon, March 5th, a statement of the number of miles of public roads and bridges in this county and the cost attending was the topic of an interesting discussion. Subtreasury Legislation, is the subject for discussion Thursday afternoon March 12. Mr. J. P. Nicholson was assigned the opening paper. The next special meeting will come off in a short time.

The Epworth League is booming. The program on Thursday evening week, was a nicely arranged one, but could not be carried through for lack of time. The discussion on the woman question was ended and the one now suggested: "Is Sabbath observance advancing or declining?" is a good one and it will likely be taken up.

A grand entertainment in the hall by the League is a thing of the near future. The arrangement of the program is in the hands of a vigilant committee, and those to take part are no less so, and the public may expect to spend a profitable and pleasant evening sometime soon.

There was a very pleasant evening spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hatcherson on Friday evening, Feb. 27. The night was very stormy, but a goodly number gathered and a good time was enjoyed. Various games and plays, to pass the evening innocently and pleasantly, were engaged in, and enjoyed by all.

On Friday evening, March 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Allie Baker entertained a number of friends, and the young folks of the neighborhood. It is needless to say a hilarious time was experienced by all. The feature of entertainment, in a great measure was in fantastic evolutions to music, furnished by Mr. C. B. Lamb and others. Fruits, cake, ice-cream, etc., were served profusely and all partook freely.

Busy season is nigh at hand and due to this I think the season of parties and social gatherings is drawing to a close. The winter has been a specially pleasant one socially in our midst, and it has passed by quickly without any known digressions from the path of duty and consistency, except in one or two instances, and then only on the part of a very few.

Salem Sunday school has appointed a committee, Misses C. J. Smyth, Ada Hudson and Mrs. Walter F. Sparks, to consider an Easter service and to make arrangements for the same.

Rev. J. H. Gre[illegible]egan preaches his last sermon of the [illegible]nference year at Salem Sunday morning, [illegible]arch 16th. This young man has worke[illegible]y effectively and is deserving the ve[illegible]ighest encomiums of praise. He can[illegible]under disparaging circumstances [illegible] have been a hinderance to him in a measure, but notwithstanding he has found a warm place in the hearts of all his brethren. We predict for him a bright future in a ministerial course and should he be removed from Union and Salem charge, its loss will be some other's gain. WEST END.

VISIT TO THE INSANE ASYLUM.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., March 10, 1891.

By invitation the county commissioners paid a visit to the Maryland Hospital for the Insane on Wednesday last. The day was cool and cloudy in the morning, but when we arrived in Baltimore the sun was shining quite bright. We were met at the boat by Messrs. Thomas Bond and George Morgan, brother of our commissioner, who accompanied us to the asylum. We took the cars at Calvert street station at 3.12 and proceeded on what might be termed (by the tunnels we passed through) an underground railroad, until we came to Loudon Cemetery; here we came out into the open country. Nature had placed a white carpet on all the surrounding country, and with the white monuments which the cemetery is dotted with it looked beautiful. We are now in Baltimore county, and from here to the asylum it is all up hill grade, quite a contrast from our Kent county. The cars stop every half mile to take on and put off passengers; there are 13 stops in the 6 miles. We arrived at Spring Grove at 3.41. The asylum is situated eight miles northwest of the public buildings in the city, on quite an elevation, which gave us a beautiful view of the city and surroundings, the Patapsco river, Steelton and out into the bay.

We met the superintendent, Dr. Grundy, his clerk, John S. Graham, and Dr. Evans, assistant physician at the hospital, and they escorted us through the whole building. The building was erected to accommodate 300 patients, but they are now over-crowded, having 448 in the institution. We found everything throughout the whole building extraordinarily clean and neat, with excellent beds and bedding, which are superior in many instances to many of our hotels. The patients were all under good control, not noisy or boisterous. We have 5 patients at the expense of Kent county in the bulding all of whom we looked after and they seemed to be doing extraordinarily well.

The superintendent and his assistants deserve great credit for the admirable manner in which they control the patients, they seem to be the right persons in the right places. The majority of the insane think they are sane while everybody else is crazy. The building certainly needs enlarging to at least double their present capacity. Mr. Graham thinks it would be better to have two institutions instead of one, and for the second one to be located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, accessible to all the Eastern Shore counties. We think there should be a separate apartment for the colored persons. They are now crowded in the wards with the white inmates. At 5.41 o'clock we left Spring Grove and wended our way back to Baltimore, where we arrived at 6.10 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,
THOS. J. SHALLCROSS, Pres't.

THE wife of John E. Dent, the colored butcher of Chestertown, died in Baltimore on Wednesday aged about 38. She had been to the Johns Hopkins Hospital for two months. She belonged to the "Purple Bonnets" who turned out with nearly all the colored people of Janes' M. E. Church in which she held a high position, at her funeral yesterday.

MARRIED.

At the Rectory of the Episcopal Church, Chestertown, March 11, 1891, by Rev. S. C. Roberts, THOS. W. TREW and Miss ANNA M. PRICE, both of this county.

In Baltimore, Feb. 24, 1891, by Rev. J. L. Straughn, BENJ. ELLIOTT, of Cecilton, and Mrs. ELIZA HAZARD, of Baltimore, both until recently of this town.

DIED.

At her residence at Worton Station, March 7, 1891, CATHERINA NIEKIRK, aged 53 years, 4 months and 7 days.

At Rock Hall, March 9, of pneumonia, Capt. JOHN B. STEVENS, aged 65.

STILL POND NEWS.

A Successful Missionary Anniversary—Personals, etc.

The M. E. Sunday school held its Missionary Anniversary on Sunday evening last under a condition of weather and roads most unfavorable, but, notwithstanding such drawbacks the large audience room of the church was nearly filled, and judging from the manifest appreciation of the exceedingly well rendered program, we should say none regretted braving the foul weather and bad roads. It was one of the best of the many entertainments given in this church. The program was as follows:

Singing.....“From Greenland's Icy Mountains.”
Prayer.....by pastor.
Chorus.....“I Want to be a Worker.”
Address.....by Harry Crew.
Music, To the Rescue.....by the choir.
Address, entitled “Rattled”.....by Howard Rasin.
Chorus.....“Bear Aloft the Standard.”
Address, “Wholesome Advice”.....by Mattie Davis.
Quartet.....“Look Above.”
Address, “The Boys”.....by Walter Rasin.
Address, “A Dead Failure”.....by Rolph Starkey.
Chorus.....“Keep Looking.”
Dialogue, “The Proof of the Pudding”.....by 7 girls.
Chorus.....“Marching Onward.”
Address, “What Will I Be?”.....by Jack Hackett.
Dialogue, “Hold Your Tongue”.....by 4 boys.
Chorus, “Move Forward”.....by class of boys.
Address, “What Sort of a Man”.....by Frank Bowen.
Singing, “Sleeping Pilgrim”.....by Ethel Covington and Lillian Busick.
Address, “Nothing to Say”.....by Maxwell Starkey.
Recess, Collection, &c.
Chorus.....“Stand to Your Post.”
Recitations, “The Cross Transformed”.....by 16 girls.
Chrous.....“Christ Shall Reign.”
Address, “So Sleepy”.....by Emma Davis.
Song.....“Good Night.”
Doxology and Benediction.

The contribution by classes was:

Mrs. F. H. Harper's class	$13 72
“ J. S. Harris' “	13 88
“ J. D. Rigg's “	26 00
“ J. S. Clark's “	29 08
“ J. C. Rasin's “	5 60
“ W. G. Rasin's “	12 95
Mr. J. S. Harris' “	16 85
“ F. H. Harper's “	10 08
Miss Laura Webb's “	7 28
“ Annie Barnard's class	13 83
“ Eva Busick's “	6 91
“ Venie Barnard's “	13 30
Basket collection	1 88
Total	$171 36

The infant class, taught by Mrs. J. S. Clark, thus again won the honor of being the banner class of the school for the ensuing year.

The “Sunbeams,” a juvenile troupe, will give an entertainment at the hall in this place, Friday evening, March 20th. They are under the very efficient management of Miss Annie Roeder, and as they will make the entrance but 15 cents for adults, and 10 cents for children, we think they have every guarantee of a good attendance.

W. S. Busick, Esq., who has bought the property of the late L. S. Hepbron, situated in about the centre of this town, is improving the same by topping the trees, putting up new fences, &c.

Mr. W. R. Price, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, is improving.

Mrs. N. T. Hynson, formerly of this place, is very ill at her home in Washington, with erysipelas.

Mrs. T. E. Norris, now of Washington, is visiting her children here.

The Misses Gary, of Kennedyville, are on a visit to friends in Still Pond.

Misses Nellie and Irene L. Covington are staying with friends in Baltimore.

Miss Mary Price, has just returned from Baltimore, after a most enjoyable visit of about six weeks.

Miss May Parrott is visiting some of her scool friends in Frederick county.

Miss Berdie Jump left on Wednesday last for Baitimore, where she expects to take lessons in type-writing and stenography.

Joseph Davis, son of B. F. Davis, Esq., is quite sick at his brother's in Worton.

Misses Nettie and Grace Howard have returned from a most pleasant sojourn at Mrs. Jas. S. Harris', near Coleman's.

Rev. J. D. Rigg will preach his last sermon here on Sunday next, and will leave for conference the following day. The loss of both he and his wife will be greatly regretted and will be followed by the best wishes of the people of Still Pond. Their places will be hard to fill. R.

Galena News.

On Sunday morning last, Rev. Mr. Nelson preached an anniversary sermon on the life and character of John Wesley, the founder of methodism, to a fairly good congregation. On account of bad roads there was not as many out as otherwise would be. In the evening the annual missionary of the M. E. Church here was held under the directian of the Rev. Mr. Nelson. The disagreeable weather kept away the usual large attendance, however, a fair sized congregation was present and all seem to enjoy the service very much as the following program was well rendered: Music, Sound the Battle-cry;” pray er; music, “Gather them in;” recitation by Infant class; music, “Out in the Vineyard Ground;” recitation by Daisy Lane, “A Plea for the Children;” music, “Blow the Trumpet;” recitation by Minnie Hicks, “For His Sake;” music, “Praise the Lord;” recitation, “Come over and Help us;” music, “All Hail the Power of Jesus' name;” address by pastor; collection; quartette, “The World is Growing Better.” The recitation by the infant class was remarkably well rendered and all who took part in the exercises deserve credit for the success of the evening. The collection was not quite up to the amount heretofore collected on such occasions, though it was liberal for the congregation present. The missionary anniversary will be repeated on Tuesday evening, March 17th, when it is hoped the weather will be better and the roads in better condition for travel, when there will be new music and several new pieces added to the program.

The continuous rainy weather keeps our roads in a very bad way.

The farmers are now hiring their help for the year; there does not seem to be any scarcity of labor.

We don't think the peaches are hurt in this section yet. P.

Road Supervisor.

The following are the road supervisors for the First District. The other districts were published in last week's NEWS:

Fred. Vansant: from Sassafras to Swantown; from Wilson's Point to Hurlock's Corner; there to Fox-hole, and from Locust Corner to Golt's, Cold Well and Sassafras.

Emory Camp: from Swantown to Galena.

McIntyre and Steele: from Georgetown to Sparks' mill.

W. H. Cheffins: from Galena to Chesterville.

John P. Shelton: from Morris's station to Golt's; there to Massey and Smyrna Road; from Golt's to Delaware line.

Jas. Darrell: from No. 10 school to Delaware line and Holt road.

W. B. Maslin: from Massey's to Morris' station.

Patrick Haley: Catholic Church road and new Scott road.

R. F. Moffett: from Millington to Chesterville, and from his house to Galena road.

Geo. A. Hurlock: from Millington to Chesterville river road.

John S. Newnam: from Millington to Delaware line.

Thos. Quinn: from Lambson's station to the Millington and Chesterville road, from Stanley's Corner to Massey's Road.

Wm. Burris: from Peacock's Corner to Stewart's Corner.

Thos. White: from Ireland's Corner to Massey.

Patrick Mullen: the Whittington and Hurlock road.

L. J. Johnson: from Massey to Millington.

ROCK HALL NEWS.

Death of Capt. Stevens—A Large Funeral—Correct Time Piece Wanted—Oysters Few.

One of our most respected citizens died on Monday morning at about 9.30 o'clock. Capt. John B. Stevens, aged about 65 years. He was a consistent christian, although he had not connected himself with any church, his preference being the Evangelical faith. He was a prominent Knight of Pythias, being a member of Chesapeake Lodge, No 68, of Rock Hall, for about 15 years, passing through nearly all the chairs in the lodge with great credibility to himself and the order. His funeral took place Wednesday afternoon with Pythian honors, a large concourse of relatives and friends attending. There were 60 members of the K. of P. in line. The pall-bearers were W. K. Ayres. D. K. and L. Ayres, C. H. Rollison, J. W. Boyer, J. W. Joiner, Geo. Davis, and W. T. George. Rev. Mr. Roe preached the funeral sermon, interment at Wesley Cemetery.

Capt. J. M. Collison, another K. of P., is very sick, requiring the attendance of the members of the lodge every day; Capt. J. T. Stevens also a K. of P., has been quite sick but is now improving. Chesapeake Lodge has been lucky indeed, very few of its members having died during its existence. Quite a number of the members are now well advanced in years so that it is only a question of a few months or years when a general thinning by death will take place; but the lodge is constantly growing numerically and financially, so that all demands by sickness and death will be faithfully met. This lodge is said by the Grand Lodge to be second to none on the peninsula. The Grand Chancellor recently honored the lodge by appointing its representative to membership on the Board of Transient Relief, whose headquarters are at the Pythian Castle on Gay street, Baltimore.

The sun dial was one of the earliest inventions used for measuring time. The first mention in the scriptures of the hour is made by the prophet Daniel (III: 6). Many have been the inventions since for the measuring of time. It is due to the skill and enterprise of Connecticut clock makers that good, serviceable clocks and watches are made at such low prices that every family can be the owner of a timepiece. The rapidity with which the movements of watches and clocks are made is apparent when we consider that one man can take the brass in sheets, press out and level under the drop, then cut and make all the wheels for 500 watches in one day. The facilities for making the cases are of like rapidity, so that the cost on the entire watch is less than 50 cents. Thus the millions in all countries and sections may easily supply themselves with their almost indispensible article of household furniture or pocket companion. In consequence of all this, it is pleasing to note the advance movement of the residents of that beautiful and fertile neck of land within the geographical lines of Herring creek on the south and east and Grey's Inn creek on the west, each family having a time-piece in the house and many of the young men a Waterbury in his pocket; but they are laboring under one disadvantage, which is, a great diversity of time among the watches. The Artist walks down to the public landing during the morning; on his arrival the question is asked him, “What time have you?” After several flourishes he brings forth his Waterbury and replies, “10.15.” “Oh, you are wrong,” says Charlie K., “I am 10.30.” Will dives in and hauls out his chronometer and says, “You are both wrong, for I am just 11 o'clock and I was just right with Leary's mill this morning.” Thus it goes on throughout the crowd.

All this difference of time is troublesome. One goes home only to find madam still in the wash with no thought of setting the dinner table, because it is too early. Another finds himself late, madam and children impatient with waiting so long for papa; another goes home and finds dinner over, table cleared away, etc. So to remedy these difficulties Jim K. proposes to club in and procure the old time sun dial and place it at the landing so that all time pieces in the future may be kept properly regulated.

The oystermen on the bayside having tired of patent tongs, cart wheels, fences and co-operative societies, and not being permitted to ply their avocation because of stormy weather, engaged in a general boat race on Tuesday last, the winning boat being the new canoe of Capt. Orvilla Stevens which was built down the bay. Uncle Lem and Wes. will have to spur up or the fast-sailing qualities of their model will be wiped out by the new comers.

In consequence of the continued rough weather on the oyster industry prices have advanced to 85 and 90 cents for Chester Rivers. Quite a number of the tongers finding it impossible to put in a whole day, have taken up their abode in shanties on the shore in order to make use of the parts of days, thereby picking a dollar or two, when by staying they would not have made it.

So much for energy and pluck, which is most needed in these days of scarcity of oysters. Master Thomas Harrison some days ago found a new bar down the bay shore and made a good day's work; the next day he went back to the same place, but many others followed and soon depleted the bar, but Tom made a second good day's work before the bar was entirely played.

Betterton Locals.

Fresh Items of News from Trebor.

MESSRS. EDITORS: Some of our herring fishermen commenced fishing to-day. We have not heard, yet, however, what luck they had. Shad fishing will soon begin. Yellow neds are very plentiful in Sassafras river. Mr. S. Crownhart caught and shipped, (we have understood) about 2 tons in one day.

A small masquerade party surprised Mrs. Annie Spry at the Betterton House last Saturday night. They didn't stay very long but seemed to enjoy themselves very much. One of the ladies got stuck in the mud when they were leaving, and was obliged to call on her friends to “hold on.”

Mr. and Mrs. John Young have been very sick with the grippe, but are much better now.

Messrs. Holson and Bacon left last week for Pools Island, where they will fish this spring.

Mrs. Alice Rambo, of Worton Station, visited her mother, Mrs. John H. Crew some time since.

Miss Ella Sutton is the guest of Mrs. Annie Young this week.

Mr. Thos. G. Lockard, our Anglesea, N. J. friend, is spending a few days with friends in Philadelphia. He expects to return in a few days.

Mrs. Ellen Foreman, of Baltimore, is visiting her niece, Mrs. Mary Crew.

Mr. S. Crownhart was taken suddenly ill at his fishing shore yesterday. He was brought over, and Dr. Urie was summoned. We were glad to learn at this writing that he was much better. TREBOR.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

MESSRS. EDITORS: — In your published proceedings of the Still Pond Farmers' Club of the twenty-sixth ult. there is some reference to the cost of books, and as the aid of the legislature is suggested in securing books at a less cost, I presume that school books are referred to. Fearing that these remarks may cause an erroneous impression as to the necessary cost of books used in the schools of this county I beg leave to make the following statement. The school commissioners of the county arrange directly with the publishers to furnish books at “the very lowest publishers' prices;” an agreement is then made with a bookseller in Chestertown to keep and sell these books at a very reasonable profit agreed upon by the county board. The books can be bought of C. F. Stam or M. A. Toulson of Chestertown at these prices.

The county board, representing the interest of the people of the county, are careful to secure the very best terms possible.

I do not know where the gentlemen of the Still Pond Farmers' Club, who complain, buy their books, and of course cannot say whether they pay “exhorbitant prices” or “three prices,” but I am certain that the gentlemen in Chestertown who keep and sell our school books have no “fat place” nor a “political job.”

The cost of school books is one which has engaged the study of the question by school men “in all its bearings,” and if our Still Pond friends will take the trouble to really know something about the question, they will see that it ranks but little in difficulty below the coinage question. Possibly the State could contract for a full supply of books at a cheaper rate, making uniformity throughout the State. I am rather inclined to believe however that of all other plans this would be perhaps the surest plan to open the door to politics, and to make a “fat place for somebody.”

I have before me now reports from the School Book Board of the State of Ohio, and from the Department of Public Instruction of the State of California.

California has for the past four years undertaken to make her own text-books, and the State superintendent in a circular letter, issued for the benefit of the many inquiries from other States, concludes as follows, “Whilst as a State officer, it is my duty to see the law fully and faithfully carried out—the best way to make an objectionable law odious — honesty demands, that in view of the vast appropriations required, the interest on these appropriations, the wear and tear of the plant, the inferiority of the books, and their *greater cost* than better books could be bought for. I should advise any State against entering upon an experiment of this nature.”

The Ohio report shows that the plan of contracting with publishers was adopted, and the School Book Board—“Aug. 2, 1890, met to consider the bids for furnishing text-books, whereupon it was resolved by a unanimous vote, that the board is of opinion that under the proposals received the public schools of the State cannot be supplied with school books equal to the necessities and best interests thereof.”

Hon. John Swett, ex-State Superintendent of schools of the State of California, says in a report made to the National Educational Association, “As to State uniformity in general, after having watched its gradual development in this State, I regard it as a dangerous assumption of power. In the territories, or in small and sparsely settled States, it may serve a temporary purpose, but in large and populous States the power of adopting books is too great to be intrusted to any one board.”

EBEN F. PERKINS,
Examiner Public Schools.

Political Possibilities.

The Baltimore American delights in meddling with Democratic politics. It has no doubt been fully convinced of the impossibility of settling the dissensions within its own household and would get into a family where all is harmony and peaceful. In its Sunday edition the name of Col. Spencer C. Jones, of Montgomery, was mentioned as a candidate for governor, State Senator John P. Poe for attorney-general and many other possible and imaginary outcomes were discussed. Speaking of what *may be* the American writer says:

Coming along down the list, the next thing is the comptrollership. This is left open and credited to the Eastern Shore, possibly to be filled in by the name of State Senator Brattan, provided the glamor of the United States senatorship does not cause him to despise the day of small things.

When Spencer Jones vacates his present place and moves across from the Court of Appeals to the Executive Mansion, a citizen of Annapolis will step into his present comfortable and remunerative place—Dr. Geo. Wells. All of Dr. Wells' old wounds have been healed by this pleasant and efficacious salve, and he, too, will drop into the Court of Appeals clerkship probly for a dozen years or so.

Then an arrangement to take the State treasurership now held by Edwin H. Brown, of Queen Anne's county, away from the Eastern Shore and give it to Dr. Frank T. Shaw, of Carroll county, the present tax commissioner, would be a further offset to Frank Brown in his own county and district. In return Dr. Shaw would assist Fred. Talbott, his erstwhile enemy, in securing the congressional nomination for the Second district, to succeed Stump—a consummation, to Talbott's mind, devoutly to be wished. He only wants two votes besides Baltimore county to nominate him, and Carroll can furnish those.

Comptroller Baughman, though considered by some a gubernatorial possibility himself, can help to carry Western Maryland for Jones with the promise of the congressional nomination to succeed McKaig.

The insurance commissionership, held by Fred. Talbott, given to Western Maryland, will be a further help to Jones, and serve a double purpose by cutting into Brown.

If Brattan does not make the comptrollership, it may go back to the Talbot county man, ex-Comptroller J. Frank Turner, who is very sanguine that the lightning will go back on all its past records and strike twice in the same place; or Dorchester's aspirant, Secretary of State LeCompte, may get it. On the other hand, Gibson's senatorial aspirations and Turner's longings to be chief of the Maryland Treasury Department may lock horns in deadly combat, and Turner's hopes may be again buried, or his and Gibson's may be both laid to rest with joint funeral services, in the great cemetery of blighted hopes and defunct ambitions.

If Secretary of State LeCompte should also fail in his higher aspirations, his promised retention by Colonel Jones in his present place would wheel Dorchester into line with Montgomery.

Mr. Brattan might be induced to forego the comptrollership, to succeed Dr. Shaw, if he is made treasurer. This would give both these offices where they have been always—the one on the Eastern and the other on the Western Shore.

If State Senator John Walter Smith, of Wicomico, is made president of the Senate, and given the right to name the commander of the oyster navy, Kent county might get the comptrollership, as she made so strong a claim for the tax commissioner when Colonel Woolford died. This, too, might be supposed, to roll some of the stones out of Gibson's way.

But for Hodges there must be some balm in Gilead if he is not to be governor. To do this, it may be determined that Rayner has had the vindication he craved after he was defeated by Stockbridge. This would mean that he will not get another term in Congress, and the ex-Mayor would fit in here so nicely, and help the cause of tariff reform far more than he could as chief executive of the State.

As for Frank Brown, they say he is young and can wait until the next time, and even the next time, or until somebody dies. The Farmer's time has not come yet, unless the leaders fail to secure Jones.

If Mr. Poe is attorney general, there are two young aspirants for the vacant senatorship—J. Harry Preston, of the Ninth ward, and Charles H. Carter, of the Twelfth ward—both members of the last House, and with their chances of success dependent wholly upon the length of their pull.

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

WHEAT—Longberry, good to prime, 10⅞@$1.08.
CORN—White and Yellow, 70@72c.
OATS—55@59c.

THE latest styles in Stiff and Soft HATS, also a nice line of CAPS. Call and see them.
n8. WM. R. ALDRIDGE.

A GOOD UNLAUNDRIED SHIRT at 50 cents.
J. H. SIMPERS.

Of all Places to Visit, it is Worth Your Time to Call and Examine

WESTCOTT & DODD'S

—IMMENSE STOCK OF—

SPRING GOODS!

HAVING visited the city we were able to procure the leading styles, just what you will see displayed in the windows there we have, and selections that will equal any, and cannot be excelled in Style or Price, comprising the following line:

Plaids and Plain Arlington Dress Goods,
BLACK and COLORED HENRIETTAS,
DRESS GINGHAMS, ZEPHYR CLOTHS,
PERCALES, OUTINGS, DRAPERIES,
HAMBURG EDGES, LACES,
WHITE APRON GOODS.

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, &c.

Full line of Children's, Misses' and Ladies' Shoes, Gent's Boots, Shoes, Hats, &c. Gent's Boots, 22-inch leg, former price $2.50 now $1.90, and every article of Winter Goods WE WILL SELL FOR ONE-THIRD LESS THAN THE OLD PRICE. Twenty-four pairs Misses, 11s to 2s, Buttoned Gaiters at 75c., former price $2.00, and a few other Shoes marked down in the same way.

☞We respectfully invite you to call and see us, as we take pleasure in showing our goods.
WESTCOTT & DODD,
March 7, 1891. Chestertown, Md.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.

By virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by law, as collector of taxes for the years 1888 and 1889, of the Second Election District of Kent county, State of Maryland, I have seized and taken in execution

1 Ten-horse ECLIPSE ENGINE, 1 Six-hole KEYSTONE CORN SHELLER, 1 STEVENENSON THRESHER, about thirty-inch cylinder.

assessed on my books to Roeder & Roe, and John Roe. And I hereby give notice that

On TUESDAY, 31st day of March, 1891, at 11 o'clock A. M.,

in front of the Court House door in Chestertown, Maryland, I will sell for cash said property at Public Sale, to satisfy and pay the taxes now due and owing me as collector, aforesaid, on said property for the years 1888 and 1889, as follows:

Taxes for 1888 against Roeder & Roe, balance...$2.55
“ “ “ John Roe.....5.44
“ 1889 “ John Roe.....5.29

together with interest due and to become due thereon with costs. GEO. O. ROEDER, LATE COLL.,
fe21-st. Per TILGHMAN SHAFER, agent.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.

By virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by law, as collector of taxes for the years 1888 and 1889, of the Second Election District of Kent county, State of Maryland, I have seized and taken into execution

A HOUSE and LOT of LAND in the village of Still Pond,

adjoining the property of F. H. Harper and G. W. Jones' heirs, and assessed on my books to Joseph C. Rasin. And I hereby give notice that

On TUESDAY, 31st day of March, 1891, at 11 o'clock A. M.,

in front of the Court House Door in Chestertown, Maryland, I will sell for cash said property at Public Sale, to satisfy and pay the taxes now due and owing me as collector aforesaid, on said property for the years 1888 and 1889, as follows:

County taxes for 1888.....$19.62
State taxes for 1888.....3.83
County taxes 1889.....19.41
State taxes 1889.....3.83

together with interest due and to become due thereon with costs. GEO. O. ROEDER, LATE COLL.
fe21-ts. Per TILGHMAN SHAFER, agent.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.

By virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by law, as collector of taxes for the year 1889, of the First Election District of Kent county, State of Maryland, I have seized and taken into execution

About A-HALF ACRE of LAND, unimproved, in Sandfield,

adjoining town of Millington, and lying between the properties of Charles Primrose, colored; conveyed by Thomas R. Quimby and wife and recorded in Liber S. B., No. 3, Folio 390, &c., and assessed on my books to Simon J. Bordley, colored. And I hereby give notice that

On SATURDAY, 14th day of March, 1891, at 2½ o'clock P. M.,

at Willard Scotten's Hotel, in Millington, Maryland, I will sell for the cash said property at Public Sale to satisfy and pay the taxes now due andowing me as collector, aforesaid, on said property for the year 1889, as follows:

1889 { County tax on $100 @ 88c.....88
{ State tax on $100 @ 17¾c.....18

together with interest due and to become due thereon with costs. WM. H. FORD,
fe21-ts. Late Coll. 1st District.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.

By virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by law, as collector of taxes for the year 1889, of the First Election District of Kent county, State of Maryland, I have seized and taken into execution

A HOUSE and LOT OF LAND, containing about ONE ACRE,

in Sandfield, adjoining the town of Millington, and the properties of Caroline Hutchins and Wm. Bradshaw. It is the same property conveyed by William F. Smyth to Henry Mann and recorded in Liber J. R., Folio ——, &c., and assessed on my books to Alexander Mann, colored. And I hereby give notice that

On SATURDAY, 14th day of March, 1891, at 2 o'clock P. M.,

at the hotel of Willard Scotten, in Millington, Md., I will sell for cash said property at Public Sale, to satisfy and pay the taxes now due and owing me as collector aforesaid, on said property for the year 1889 as follows:

1889 { County tax on $250 @ 88c.....2.20
{ State tax on $250 @17¾.....45

together with interest due and to become due thereon and costs. W. H. FORD,
fe21-ts. Late Coll. Taxes 1st District.

BY THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

STATEMENT

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF

The Mutual Fire Insurance Company

—OF—

KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND,

DECEMBER 31, 1890.

ASSETS:

Value of Real Estate owned by the Company, less amount of encumbrance thereon		$20,788 89
Loans on Bond and Mortgage		70,550 00
Stocks and Bonds absolutely owned by the Company (market value)		6,000 00
Amount of all Loans (except Mortgages) secured by Stocks, Bonds and other securities hypothecated to the Company for cash actually loaned by the Company		2,488 21
Interest due and accrued on Stocks, Bonds and other securities		3,541 12
Cash in Company's principal office and belonging to the Company in bank		9,694 12
Premium Notes in force	$179,100 97	
Total Cash Assets		$113,062 74

LIABILITIES:

Losses reported	$ 1,899 00	
Premium Notes in force	179,200 97	
Amount reclaimable by the insured on Perpetual Insurance Policies	$64,929 31	
Total Liabilities		$66,828 31
Surplus as regards Policy-holders		$46,234 43
Total income		$ 14,370 16
Total Expenditures		18,326 62
Amount of Policies in force in Maryland on 31st December, 1890		2,622,943 56
Amount of Policies written in Maryland during the year 1890		95,187 17
Premiums received on Maryland business in 1890		7,832 08
Losses paid in Maryland during 1890		7,013 60
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1890		2,502 20

STATE OF MARYLAND,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 14, 1891.

In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, to December 31st, 1890, now on file in this Department.

J. FRED. C. TALBOTT,
m7-3t. INSURANCE COMMISSIONER.

New Store--Old Stand!

Mrs. D. GRUBER

HAS thoroughly renewed and refitted her business property uptown and is now better able