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TO SUBSCRIBERS.—Look at the direction on your paper and you will see the date to which your subscription is paid.

Sales to Take Place.

Tuesday, Jan. 12—George Beck, at Voshell House yard.
Saturday, Jan. 16—John H. Greenwood, auctioneer, will sell two or three valuable horses, &c.

THE interest in the *Centreville Observer* heretofore held by Messrs. T. Sudler Roberts and G. Clinton Roberts, having been purchased by Messrs. Wm. W. Busteed and Olin Bryan, the firm will hereafter be composed of W. W. Busteed, W. J. Price, Jr., and Olin Bryan, under the name of Busteed, Price and Bryan. We are sorry to part with the Messrs. Roberts from the fraternity, but heartily welcome back Mr. Busteed into his old place, and congratulate Mr. Bryan upon getting into such good company. The *Observer* is one of our most valued exchanges, and its future promises greater usefulness and success than ever.

Rock Hall Notes.

Notwithstanding the blustryness of the weather on Sunday last, a very large congregation attended Divine worship in the M. E. Church, almost the entire seating capacity being occupied. Pastor Roe having recovered from an attack of the grip, was in one of his best moods to do justice to subject, which was in the main, the Sabbath. The subject was handled in a masterly manner, no uncertain sound left to bewilder the mind of any one. Revival services began at night, and continued during the week. Great interest is taken in the services by the Spartan band, who have always been relied upon; who permit neither winter's cold, nor summer's heat to drive them from the middle of the road, whose ambition is not the highest office nor the best class, but the position where they can do the most good for God. While few of the unconverted seem to be not interested in their own salvation, yet they seem to be much interested in the success of the meetings, and the church is being greatly revived.

The District Deputy, assisted by the Past Chancellors of Chesapeake Lodge, No. 68, K. of P., installed the following officers at their last meeting: P. C., J. W. Boyer; C. C., A. J. Andrews; V. C., J. H. Thomas; P. T. E. Jones; M. E., J. D. Ayres; M. F., C. O. Donelley; K. of R. and S., John Dickinson, for his 15th consecutive year; M. A.' D. K. Ayres; I. G. J. W. Joiner; O. G., J. J. Davis. This lodge has now about 80 members. The financial condition is good, natwithstanding the great number of sick members during the term, there is an increase of of receipts over last term of about one hundred dollaas.

The Odd Fellows are going to have a public installation of their newly elected officers on Wednesday evening, the 13th inst., consisting of the members, their families and invited friends, together with the Grand Lodge officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Romie Ashley gave a masked party at their home on Thursday evening, Dec. 31st. The guests numbered 35. The following were the representations: Gipsy Girl, Miss Kate Satterfield; Little Red Riding Hood, Miss Cora Taylor, of Baltimore; Rosalind, Miss Grace Satterfield; Pocahontas, Miss Rachael Porter; Music Girl, Miss Bessie Satterfield; Annie Roony, Miss Mary Hersch; Dutchess, Miss Maggie V. Hersch; Washer woman, Joseph Taylor; Bridget, George Downey, of Chestertown; Cook, Marion Dashiell; Waiter, Chas. Porter; Dude, Wm. H. Scott; Doorkeeper, Jackson Davis. Among those present were Mrs. E. H. Camp, Mrs. Mattie Crew, Mrs. J. W. Downey, Misses Mary Camp, Annie Moore, Grace Cole, Eva Downey, Katie Willson, and Lulu Downey, of Chestertown. Also the following gentleman: Rob't Crew, John Walmseley, Samuel Porter, Everett Sheats, of Worton; Joseph Apsley, Wm. Apsley, Damon Rollison, Wm. Camp and George Camp. Music was furnished by Prof. Wm. E. Willson. At 10 o'clock refreshments were served. All joined in the expression that the occasion was the most enjoyable one of the season, except George who seemed to be the only one present who could not give a hearty echo to the expression, because kissing, for which he has a mania, came to an end. At 11 o'clock the happy company dispersed, leaving their best wishes for the host and hostess for a happy and prosperous New Year.

John R. Ashley, son of P. G. Ashley, the village blacksmith, who had been quite sick during the autumn, has been in Johns Hopkins Hospital for the past three weeks, where he has undergone an operation, his disease being pluresy and effusion of the lungs. At the operation about three quarts of bloody fluid was taken from his lungs. He is now improving. R.

The Oyster Question.

In reply to the Winchester correspondent of the Queen Anne's *Advocate* doubting "Rambler's" assertion about their oystermen working on the Kent, side I will say that your correspondent has had the privilege of seeing the oystermen in question nearly every day since the season began, and still adheres to his first statement as being correct up to the time the communication was written, and will add that they worked in our creeks also, and if he is an oysterman he knows that our oysters outsell theirs in the fall, when only one are wanted.

He also intimates that your correspondent say the spat crawled. What he did say was that they drifted and was carried by the tide, but we will forgive him this as he has such crawling notions about the way to catch oysters in deep water. He asserts that the shoal bars are seeders from the deep ones, but does not bring a single fact to prove it. If he would board some of the run boats that load on Buoy Rock and vicinity he would see what breaks up the shoal bars. The whole thing is, he is opposed to patent tongs. Why? Because he has never used them and has a law to prevent him from doing so. Messrs. Editors, God gave man brains to invent labor-saving machines, and this is one of them, but like the reaper, thresher and sewing machine, it has its opponents who see a great bugaboo in them until time demonstrates their usefulness.

Messrs. Editors, we are afraid the Winchester correspondent will soon find himself in a helpless minority among his people if he don't come over, as they are doing, and join our band of progressive oystermen, but if he will stand still, all we ask is to be left alone on our own side of the river. He may go back to the old wooden heads and spike-teeth, if it suits him, we wont growl, only hope he may be happy. We have now about twenty-five pairs of patent tongs in Kent, and expect to have double that number in a year's time.

Yours, resp'y, RAMBLER.

Worton Items.

Christmas was very quiet with us, nothing unusual happening. John Barleycorn put in his appearance and got a few entangled in his meshes. New Year's was a very favorable day for those who had to move, of whom there were quite a number.

John Burris moved from the Big Meadows to the outer farm of Worton Manor Beach; John Clayton from Still Pond to the farm vacated by Mr. Burris; Charley Miller to farm occupied by Robert Ford; Ford moving to the Houston farm, below St. Paul's Church; Wm. Ashley following Miller, and Charley Meeks following Ashley; Wm. NcCleester moved to Baltimore; Perry Hague takes his place; Sam'l Gears moved to Baltimore also; Thomas Burris from the Howell's Point farm to the Handy farm; John Clendaniel from Flatland to Cochran farm, near Kennedyville; Harry Willis following him; Mr. Denny, from Baltimore county, taking farm vacated by Willis. We will be very glad to welcome Mr. Denny among us, and as new-comer we would suggest to him, if he wants to keep up with the times and know what is going on, to subscribe for the KENT NEWS without delay. I understand that our friend, Tom Davis, is going to keep bachelor's hall, as his sister is going home with her father. Now, we would advise him and Harry to read the second chapter of Genises, eighteenth verse. Frank Walraven moves to the old homestead of his father; John Gibson, who occupied it last year takes the Thompson farm, below Fairlee. This is Frank's first venture farming by himself. We hope he may be successful. Mr. Zenker, from Fairlee, takes the Hildebrant place at Worton Station; Mr. Ephriam Stoops takes the Buck Neck farm, with Alfred Jones to assist him; they have plenty of room to swing themselves, and are a good pair to draw to; we miss Mr. James Shuster from Buck Neck, he has moved further down the creek to take Gale's wharf; James French takes Joseph Porter's farm, Porter moving into his house at Worton Station; our amiable squire, A. G. Matthiot moves from Dr. Beck's house to house at Fairlee Mills, belonging to J. Corey; Mr. Thompson, who occupied it last year, moved to Baltimore; Miss Bell Mathiot taking the house vacated by the squire.

Mrs. Annie Shafer and sister of Kennedyville, spent part of the holidays with their aunt, Mrs. A. S. Crawford.

Buck Neck has been quite dull since the rush of getting off corn before Christmas.

Our friend, Charley, says that if he had had an idea that we were going to give him a puff he could have lowered the record and would have done better, but was delayed waiting for the inspector to put in his appearance.

The grippe has made its appearance among us, our genial doctor says he has quite a number of cases, but none serious.

Capt. Cundiff says he is going to build another boat for the Sassafras route, and expects her to be faster than the Tockwogh, and is to draw three feet of water. Hope he may, as a good boat is needed. The Tockwogh draws too much water.

Hoping that the year '92 will be as fruitful and bountiful in its blessing as '91.

Kennedyville Notes.

Mr. Siegel, optician, 11 E. Baltimore st., Baltimore, has been canvassing this section of the county this week, and has sold quite a number of glasses. Mr. Siegel is well known here and the people await his visits to have their eyes treated.

Rev. Q. L. Morrow, who has been spending his Christmas holidays in Baltimore was obliged to stay over Sunday, on account of an attack of the grip. His wife accompanied him and was also sick with the grip.

Mr. E. E. Hudson, one of our leading merchants, has been quite sick but is better at this time.

Mr. Garrett Foxwell and family, with the exception of Mrs. Foxwell have been very sick with the grip, but are improving.

Mr. James Newcomb, of Rock Hall, goes to the farm occupied by Mr. J. T. Hurlock; Mr. Hurlock goes to Locust Grove; Mr. C. T. Gill to the Redmile farm occupied by Mr. Spry; Mr. Spry to Queen Anne's; Mr. J. Rambo goes to Mr. Harry Price's farm, Still Pond; Mr. L. J. Smyth takes his house in the village; Mr. David Nickerson goes to King farm and Mr. Edward Jones takes house occupied by him; Peter Roberts takes house vacated by Mr. Jones; Mr. Edward Faulkner has bought a portion of Sutton farm and is going to build in the spring; Mr. Walter Melvin moves to Urieville and Mr. George Lane takes house vacated by him. Mr. Melvin is going to build on his lot in the village in the spring.

REGULAR.

Lankford Briefs.

Christmas holidays being over, the people have settled down to their respective vocations; having returned to their homes, the neighborhood is unusely quite. Only now and then a social gathering to break the monotony.

Last Tuesday evening the young folks met at the residence of Mrs. Thos. Hadaway and indulged in a delightful hop. Refreshments were abundantly served.

Two young gentlemen who recently returned from a visit to Washington, brought with them mementos, and when examined were found to be roasted unpealed Irish potatoes.

Game is very scarce, although there are enought lame sammys, southerlys to justify the sportsmen of your town—The merchant, shoemaker and well-digger—to come down. They may be more fortunate than they were last season. We are informed that on one occasion they succeeded in capturing after firing *seventeen* shots, one cripple duck, and frightening every duck away.

Capt. John Vickers is contemplating building another vessel larger than the schooner Hope of which he is master.

Mr. Wm. A. Thomas is visiting friends in Baltimore city.

Mr. Marshal Pinkind who has been visiting friends here, has returned to home in Baltimore. B.

AMICABLE LODGE OFFICERS.—The following officers of Amicable Lodge No. 117 I. O. O. F., were installed into their respective stations on Monday evening, Jan. 4, 1892, by the D. D. grand master: S. P. G., Samuel Mann; N. G., M. B. Hadaway; V. G., Wm. R. Mowbray; Secretary, E. C. Reiche; treasurer, J. W. Chapman; chaplain, J. H. Thompson; R. S. to N. G., E. S. Maslin; L. S. to N. G., C. M, Lucas; R. S. to V. G., Frank M. Miller; L. S. to V. G., A. B. Frazier; Con., C. F. Stam; War., Chas. J. Reiche; O. G., J. Anthony; J. S., J. H. McKenzie; R. S. S., S. C. Roborts; L. S. S., John F. Howard; Rep. to G. L., Sam Mann; trustees, Jos. H. Thompson, S. C. Roberts, E. F. Perkins. The lodge is in a most prosperous and flourishing condition, and the vast amount of good it is doing in alleviating the suffering of the needy and deserving poor, it is not known outside of the order. The order throughout the United States pays out yearly for sickness alone two and a half million dollars.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

The fourth Quarterly Conference for Still Pond charge will be held at 2 30 P. M., today. The presiding elder will preach on Sunday in Still Pond at 11 A. M., and at Union at 2 30 P. M., on same day. The official members of Union M. E. Church are requested to attend the quarterly conference at Still Pond.

Mr. C. S. York of our town, has been preaching at Salem M. E. Church since Rev. Mr. Willey left, and he is proving a good substitute. The services are well attended and Mr. York's discourses are very instructive and interesting. May the good work at Salem continue to prosper.

Quite a religious sensation is now in progress at Rock Hall. Two bright and intelligent men called the Seven Day Adventists, are endeavoring to convince the people that Saturday is the proper day to observe as Sunday, and give their reasons for saying the same. Rev. R. Roe is having his hands full to refute their arguments. They already have gathered about twenty-five converts and at this time religion is uppermost on the minds of the people of Rock Hall. Is it the right kind?

The Christmas Bazaar held at Kennedyville under the auspices of the M. P. Church, was a grand success; about $90 was realized.

The following are the newly elected officers of the M. E. Sunday-school for 1892 Superintendent, Prof. C. W. Proctor; assistants, M. A. Toulson, W. B. Copper and Miss Nettie Gooding; secretary, M. W. Thomas; treasurer, E. W. F. Simpers; librarian, J. F. Thompson; assistant, Harry L. Chew; chorister, R. K Pippin; assistant, J. W. Crouch; organist, Miss Belle Pippin; assistant, Miss Pearl Coleman; cornetist, Alva York. All the teachers were re-elected.

The following officers of Christ M. P. Sunday-school were elected Thursday night for 1892: Superintendent, Wm. B. Usilton; assistant, Prof. Roland Watts; treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Bacchus; secretary, Fred. G. Usilton; organist, Miss Mary L. Chapman: assistant, Miss Clara B. Usilton; chorister, W. W. Chapman; librarian, Fred. Welch, assistants, W. B. Usilton, Jr., and John G. Roland. The report of the treasurer was very gratifying as were also the other reports. The school now numbers 300 scholars and teachers.

Premiums were awarded Glenn Howard, Fred. and Carl Russell, George McFeely, Earl Simpers and Frankie Smith for best attendance at Christ M. P. Sunday-school last Sunday. Several teachers were also awarded premiums.

Rev. J. A. Murphy, pastor of the Elkton Catholic Church, is reported very ill. He was taken with the grip some time ago, which developed into pneumonia. He has had charge of the church about a year.

The New Religion at Rock Hall.

ROCK HALL, MD., Jan. 7, 1892.

REV. MR. ROE—*Dear Sir:* Inasmuch as you have stated from the pulpit that you believe you have been placed here by the Providence of God to combat the teaching of the Gospel as we are preaching it to the people, you claiming that we are teaching error, etc.; and as we believe that we are here in the providence of God, presenting only His truth, and in order, therefore, that all the people may decide who have the truth, either one of us offer to meet you, or any one whom you may choose, in a friendly Christian discussion of the following question in public:

Resolved, That the Bible teaches that the seventh-day Sabbaththas been abolished, and that the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, has been set aside by Divine authority as a day of religious rest for this dispensation.

You affirm; we deny. To be discussed at least four evenings, each speaker to occupy one hour each evening, to be divided into two speeches of half hour each. Inasmuch as the Bible teaches that we "should earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints," and inasmuch as you claim you are sent here for that purpose, we do not see how you can consistently evade this opportunity of exposing what you claim to be "dangerous error." The majority of the people of this town want to hear both sides of this important question.

As statements have appeared in the paper that tend to prejudice the minds of the people against our work, we intend to publish this that the people may know that we propose to act in harmony with the spirit of Christ, and are willing to submit to a test the questions we present.

R. D. HOTTEL,
E. E. FRANKE.

The above was handed to Rev. Mr. Roe by a committee of citizens. And now it might be well to state what has led to this. We came here about four weeks ago, by *request*, to preach the *Gospel*, and as we presented the *Bible* views we made many friends and have crowds to hear us.

Mr. Roe, seeing some of his people attend our meetings, has allowed his prejudice to carry him away to that extent that he has preached against us and renounced us publicly and in very bad language, calling *professional spiritual burglars, cannibals*, etc., and advising the people to *band together* against us, telling them we were *foreigners*. That people may know what he meant by this he said we *strike against the well-being of society*, and that we *render the right of property unsafe*.

This looks to us like mob law.

This, along with his class-leader's articles, calling us *tramps*, &c., has created much prejudice. Mr. Roe has even gone to the store and there circulated reports, saying we bought meat and stamps on the Sabbath, which stories we had before proven false.

Now, if he wishes to retain his reputation he should accept the above or forever hold his peace. We treat all men as Christians and gentlemen and come before the people presenting nothnig but God's truth. While presenting the Bible view that the seventh day is the Sabbath, we invited minister and people out to hear, and have even offered $500 for one text in the Bible which commands rest on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday. We should have paid no attention to all this, but many of the people demand it.

In conclusion we wish to thank our *many* friends, both in and out of the church, for their kind treatment while we have been among them.

R. D. HOTTEL.
E. E. FRANKE.

KENT COUNTY.

The Baltimore *Sun* of Saturday last, with its usual commendable enterprise, gives a biographical sketch of each and every member of the Maryland Legislature, which body convened Wednesday. We publish below what is said of our Senator and delegates.

WILLIAM T. HEPBORN.

William T. Hepbron, of Kent county, was born near Kennedyville in 1841, and has lived in Kent all his life. He is a farmer. Senator Hepbron has always taken an active part in politics and has held various offices—four years as constable, four as commissioaer, four as judge of the Orphans' Court and eight as Senator.

J. FLETCHER WILSON.

J. Fletcher Wilson was born in Cecil county March 18, 1873. He was educated at Newark, Del., and resided in Cecil county until 1862, when he removed to his beautiful home, in the first district of Kent. He is a farmer, has served two terms in the Legislature and is a man of ability. Mr. Wilson is married.

T. R. STRONG.

T. Romie Strong was born in the fifth district of Kent, July 10, 1841. He attended the district school until sixteen, when he entered mercantile business as clerk in Chestertown, and was also for several years in Baltimore as salesman for Horsey, Miller & Co. While in Baltimore he attended a commercial college. He was married Dec. 1867, and from that time has been farming. He is a successful grower of peaches, as well as of cereals. He was elected county commissioner in 1875 and held the office eight years, being re-elected three times. Mr. Strong was elected register of wills in 1885 and served six years. He is a representative in whom the oystermen have great confidence, and it was they who swelled his majority.

Happy Events.

A Bevy of Pretty Marriages Take Place During January.

CROUCH — WATSON.

The first wedding solemnized in Christ M. P. Church this season took place Thursday noon, January 7, 1892. The contracting parties were Mr. JAMES W. CROUCH, the genial and efficient clerk of Mr. Thomas W. Eliason, Jr., and son of Mr. Wm. Crouch, of near Edesville, and Miss LINDA A. WATSON, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Watson, near Chestertown. At twelve o'clock the church was filled with friends and relatives of the interested parties and the strains of music issued from the pipe organ in answer to the skilful touch of Prof. A. Harmon. A few minutes after twelve the bridal couple preceded by Messrs. H. L. Chew, James W. Chapman, Jr., Joseph Watson and Fred G. Usilton entered the church and approached the altar to the beautiful march by Lohengrin. At the altar they were met by the officiating ministers, Revs. S. B. Tredway and D. L. Greenfield, and the solemn words which made them man and wife pronounced. As the bridal party left the church Mendelssohn's march was rendered. The bride was tastefully attired in a fawn colored Bedfordcord dress with hat to harmonize and carried a beautiful Calla lily in her hand, while the groom in black appeared handsomer than ever. The bride and groom left on the noon train for Washington. They will return home to-day and occupy the house adjoining Mr. Lewin S. Fowler. They were the recipients of some very pretty and useful presents. The bridal breakfast was held at the residence of Mr. E. J. Watson at 10.30 o'clock to which only a few intimate friends and relatives were invited.

COPPER — CALDER.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of ex-Sheriff Robert W. Calder, near Fairlee, Wednesday evening. The interested parties were Mr. JESSE R. COPPER, a prosperous farmer of near Urieville, and Miss Macy Calder, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Calder. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Herman Roe, of Rock Hall, in the presence of only the immediate families and a few friends. The bride was dressed in a pretty seal brown broadcloth trimmed in cord. After the ceremony supper was served and during the evening refreshments were handed out in abundance. The bride and groom left for their home near Urieville about nine o'clock.

DENNY — LEONARD.

Mr. J. HALL DENNY and Miss FANNIE LEONARD, were married at Royal Oak M. E. Church South, Thursday noon, January 7. Miss Leonard is the popular daughter of Nicholas B. Leonard, of Easton, and Mr. Denny is a young farmer of Kent. They came down on the Kent train Thursday evening and went to their residence where Mr. Harry Willis resided.

JOINER — WELLS.

The wedding of Mr. WM. A. JOINER, of Queen Anne's, and Miss K. CLAR WELLS, of Kent, took place in St. Paul's P. E. Church Wednesday evening, January 5, 1892. Rev. Mr. Sutton being sick the ceremony was performed by Rev. S. C. Roberts, of Chestertown. Only a few friends of the couple were present.

At a church wedding this week in the country the groom was detained at the altar some time while his best man went for his license which had been left outside.

It is said that the prettiest girl in Worton is to be married next week.

HAGLIN — BORDLEY.

The wedding of Mr. ALVA R. HAGLIN, of Fort Smith, Ark., and Miss LOVE MARIE BORDLEY, of Fairlee, this county, was solemnized Wednesday of last week in Fort Smith at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Dr. A. E. Kimmons, Rev. McN. McKay officiating.

At seven o'clock the bridal couple, preceeded by Dr. and Mrs. Kimmons entered the parlor, where the relatives of the bride and groom were assembled and took their places in front of Rev. McKay, who married them according to the ceremony in use in the Presbyterian church. After the ceremony Rev. McKay gave them a short talk upon importance of the obligation that they had just taken upon themselves and then they received the congratulations of their relatives.

They were hospitably entertained by Mrs. Kimmons. After the guests had partaken of refreshments the bridal cake was cut. This caused great excitement among the young ladies, each of whom wished to become the fortunate possessor of the ring and the accompanying good luck.

The parlors and dining rooms were beautifully decorated. Palms and palmettoes and other southern plants, were arranged most tastily around the rooms and upon the walls and gave to the place something of the chivalrous southern hospitality.

At a late hour the guests wished the bride and groom many long years of joyous and peaceful life and departed.

The groom is a Fort Smith raised boy and by his strict attention to business and marked business ability has attained a responsible position in one of the leading business houses. The bride is a sister of Mrs. Kimmons and although has been a resident of the city a comparatively short time, has attracted to her a large circle of friends on account of her many true and noble traits of character. She is beautiful and accomplished and gives promise of making that which is most to be desired—a faithful and loving wife.

The bride received a large number of very handsome presents and by far the lion's share of the attention during the evening. For the present they will live with Dr. and Mrs. Kimmons, where they will be happy to meet their friends. Among the presents were the following:

The groom to the bride, gold watch set with diamond star; Dr. and Mrs. Kimmons, hand painted wash stand set; Mrs. Haglin, mother of the groom, solid silver ice pitcher and goblets; Mr. Edw. Haglin, brother of groom, genuine cherry bed-room set; Mr. Wm. Haglin, ½ dozen silver fruit kives and ½ dozen pickers and crackers; Col. and Mrs. Bordley, mother and father of bride, handsome bed linen; Mr. and Mrs. Sengal, Bohemian glass and silver berry stand; Ethel and George Sengal, silver salid spoon; Mr. Allen Kennedy, silver salid fork; Mr. and Mrs. Washington, Goldsboro', N. C., silver cream pitcher and sugar bowl: Bear & Bro. & Fuller, proprietors of the Boston store of which the groom is cashier, handsome pair of velvet portier curtains; Mr. and Mrs. Edington, oak and leather rockers; Miss Alexander, towel rings; Miss Corina Washington, Goldsboro', N. C., souvenir spoon; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kendall, ½ dozen silver tea spoons; Mrs. Gill, oak and push rocker; Mr. and Mrs. Magrupa, silver pickle stand; Lady clerks of the Boston store, set of hem stiched table linen; Mr. and Mrs. Beecher, silver card case; Miss Maggie Boles, Etching engraving; Dr. and Mrs. Stevenson, brass piano lamp; Mayor Cook and wife, silver candle stands; Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, marble clock; Miss Zeman, crayon portrait, of Louis; Mr. Pickins, neagle, Washington, D. C., set of silver salt and pepper boxes. Many other presents were received, such as oyster services, trincket tray bisque ornaments, gold card receiver, butter knives, sugar spoons, silver forks, &c. The gentlemen clerks of the Boston store, solid silver tea service consisting of five pieces.

Social Life.

A meeting of the "United" Y Monday at the residence of Mr. J. P. Nicholson's was one of the most enjoyable character. There will be a public meeting in January. They are planning for a very interesting program. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. C. H. Hurlock, Melitota. Visitors cordially welcomed.

The Misses Hess, of Baltimore, were given a masquerade surprise by some of their young friends at the residence of Mrs. Skirven, on Maple avenue, Saturday evening. The gay company assembled at the residence of Mr. Thomas Wickes about 8 o'clock, and thence to Mrs. Skirven's. They were met at the door by Miss Mary Hess and the surprise was complete. She was somewhat frightened at the hideous looking creatures which appeared so unexpectedly. The masks were removed at 8.30 o'clock, and the evening was most delightfully spent in dancing and other amusements until 10.30 o'clock, when all delighted with the pleasures of the evening, started for their respective homes. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Mr. Walter W. Crouding, a student of Goldey's Commercial College, was agreeably surprised by a number of his most intimate friends Friday evening, the 1st inst., every one seemed to enjoy themselves and at the hour of eleven they were invited to the spacious dining-room where ice cream, cake, lemonade and confectioneries were served in abundance. Among the guests we noticed the Misses Alice and Mamie Roseberry, Grace Howard, Mamie Webb, Sallie Hurlock, Elva Josephine Robinson, Willie Price, Josephine Jones. Messrs. Elsworth Bowers, Frank Hepbron, Leonard and Frank Prick, Gus Krusen, Carson Harris, Samuel Mann, John Hurlock, Sam Roseberry, Ford and Fletcher Caulk and many others. At the hour of twelve they dispersed wishing their host and hostess a Happy New Year. GUEST.

Miss May Parrott, one of Still Pond's most beautiful ladies, gave a party to a few of her friends Thursday evening. Dancing was one of the features of the evening. Refreshments were served in abundance. Among those present were Misses Theresse Raymond, May Price, Helen Covington, Anna Roeder, Irene Covington, Messrs. Howard Barker, Henry Howard, Jamie and Charles Turner, Dr. W. E. Barnard, Charles, Joe and John Norris, Dr. Thomas Lusby, Charles Burgess, Romie Skirven, James Beck, William Price, Bayard Stavely, Lewis Hepbron and others.

The young men of Fairlee were to have given their lady friends a dance in Fairlee hall last night. The floor managers were Messrs. Murray Smyth and Howard Turner.

A delightful surprise was given Mr. Wm. Morris, on the Ringgold farm, Wednesday night. About twenty-five persons were present. Social games were enjoyed until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wickes, having returned from their honeymoon, were given a reception by Mrs. M. E. Bullock and daughter, Miss Ida Perkins, last Friday evening at home near Edesville, formerly the residence of Captain C. A. Leary. The word "Welcome" set in evergreen over the front door greeted our eyes as we entered the porch, while inside was a scene of splendor and brilliancy. The hall and reception rooms were beautifully decorated with moss, evergreen, ferns, roses and pot flowers. In the centre of the double parlor was a magnificent floral arch with a bell suspended in the centre, and the graceful lace curtains which hung at the folding doors, were fastened back with dainty bunches of flowers, while the entire room was a perfect background of evergreens. Dancing commenced at an early hour, and was thoroughly enjoyed until twelve o'clk, when the orchestra—which was composed of Messrs. Wilson, Larrimore and Miller—played the wedding march, and the pretty bride, tastefully clad in her wedding dress, leaning gracefully on the arm of the groom proceeded to the dining-room, followed by the other guests, where a table laden with good things, and richly decorated, awaited them. Suspended over the centre of the table was a large crown of evergreens and asses, while directly under it was a pyramid of nuts and confectionery, and on each end a pyramid of fruit. Here, too, was found beautiful floral decorations and choice flowers. After refreshments the guests returned to the spacious parlors, where dancing was resumed and continued until a late hour. Among those present we noticed: Misses Morta Kalisch, Vina Harvey and Kate Probest, of Baltimore; Mrs. Bart Wilkins, Mrs. Edw. Wilkins, Misses Fannie Wilkins, Anna Strong, Mamie Strong, Laura Jessup, Georgia Wallace, Bettie Wallace, Edna Strong, Lula Strong, Fannie, Alice and Annie Sappington; Messrs. Bert Wilkins, Spencer Wilkes, Page Strong, Murray Smyth, Willie Wilkins, Elwood Strong, John Brice, Jr., T. E. W. Crew, DeCoursey Ruth, Dr. Selby, John Wood, Charles Jessup and Harry Bogle.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

The clerks of Chestertown gave a dance in Stam's Hall Tuesday evening, and some of the finest dancing of the season was to be seen. The floor managers were Messrs. John S. Vandergrift and C. Thos. Howard.

Mr. Enoch H. Roland, entertained a number of his friends at Airy Hill Manor a few nights ago. Games of various kinds were indulged in and lovers of dancing were allowed to skim over the waxed floor to the music engaged for the occasion. Refreshments were served during the evening.

BOAT NEWS.—The Trumpeter has been rebuilt and thoroughly overhauled and will continue on the Sarsafras river route all winter weather permitting in place of the Tockwogh, withdrawn. Capt. Cundiff feels proud of his old-new boat.

The Emma Giles was taken off the Tolchester route Saturday and is now undergoing repairs.

The steamers B. S. Ford and Sue were in collision Tuesday afternoon in the Patapsco opposite Canton. Both were bound down, the Ford being on her B. & E. S. railroad trip. This boat sheered off to avoid a sail boat bound up. The Sue kept her course, and struck the Ford just aft of her wheel-house, damaging her considerably. The passengers were not much alarmed.

A COMMUNICATION from the War Department to Congress Thursday included a report of a survey of Rock Hall harbor, Maryland, made in pursuance of the last river and harbor bill. The scheme proposed contemplates the dredging of a channel ten feet deep and one hundred feet wide, from Swan Creek to the old pier in the harbor, at an estimated cost of $9,513.

UNITED STATES SENATOR JOHN SHERMAN was nominated on the first ballot by the Republican caucus at Columbus, Ohio, last Wednesday night, to succeed himself, receiving 53 votes to 38 for ex-Goxernor Jos. Benton Foraker.

DIALOGUE BETWEEN TAX-PAYERS.

CHESTERTOWN, JAN. 6, 1892.

EDITORS OF THE KENT NEWS:

Mr. C. to Mr. A. — I would like to ask some questions of you, supposing you to know something of the finances of the county. First, how much money is collected as taxes for the expenses of the county?

Mr. A.—As far as I can learn the treasurer collects and pays out sixty-five thousand, one hundred and ninety-four dollars and eighty-five cents for county expenses.

C.—How is it spent?

A.—For schools, public roads, &c.

C.—Who has the distribution of it?

A.—The county commissioners to a large extent.

C.—How often do they meet?

A.—Once a week certain, and twice a week often.

C.—How much pay do they get?

A.—Three dollars per day and ten cents a mile for every day in session and on the road.

C.—About what does it amount to?

A.—For 1890 and 1891 six thousand dollars.

C.—Have they always received this amount?

A.—No; only about one-half.

C.—How does it get up to this amount?

A.—Well, you know we have a number of bridges in the county, and they often need some repairs, then they contract the job to some good mechanic and delegate one of the commissioners to go every day at a cost of three dollars and ten cent a mile.

C.—I often see calls for the commissioners to meet on extra days.

A.—Yes; now we have the Chester river bridge over the river at Chestertown to look after.

C.—Couldn't that be done at the regular meetings?

A.—I think so.

C.—What does it mean, these calls in the papers for the commissioners of the several counties to meet in joint session?

A.—To frame a bill lengthening the time of the commissioners from two years to four or six, and make them the review and return board, and it means this trip to Baltimore will cost the county over forty dollars a day; why not stay at home and let each county act for themselves?

C.—How often do you think they would have to meet then?

A.—Once a day, and I fear the year would not be long enough.

C.—How would you remedy these extravagances?

A.—Some time in November some little thing got the matter with the draw of the Chester river bridge, and a joint session of two counties were called for, at a cost of three dollars a day and mileage, to pass an order to repair it. Then in December there was another call at the same cost to appoint one commissioner from each county to look after the bridge, but as there was only only one came from Queen Anne's the cost all went on, but the business part was a blank and there will have to be another call.

A.—Don't you think some of this can be remedied, and how?

C.—Yes; and now is the time to act; I would keep the time of the commissioners at the same, two years, make them the return board at a salary of five hundred dollars a year and no extra money. I would make the treasurer an elective office at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars a year, the same as the original bill as gotten up by the Farmers' League.

C.—Do you think there would be less applicants for these places?

A.—No, sir; that day will never come; they are on the increase.

C.—Do you think it would be any better if the politics of the county were changed?

A.—I do not, but I think we have too much politics in our local affairs for our own good; we have good men on the Democratic side; but man is weak and must be looked after; self is so apt to hide all else. Now, Mr. Reader, this is but an eye-opener; some of you may think of something better. Yours, resp'y,

TAX-PAYER.

FARMERS IN SESSION.

An Interesting Meeting of the Still Pond Farmers' Club.

STILL POND, Dec. 31st, 1891.

The Still Pond Farmers' Club met at the residence of Mr. Henry Krusen, and was called to order by the president. After the reading of the minutes, Mr. J. S. Harris objected to the opinion that weeds were as valuable as clover as a peach orchard fertilizer; he admitted that weeds were of some value as a mulch, but clover drew most of its fertilizing properties from the air and subsoil, which the weeds did not, therefore he thought the clover much more valuable.

Mr. E. B. Pennington said he had pulled up some weeds the past season that seemed to him to have reached the subsoil and laid hold thereon, and he was not sure that they had not drawn upon the air as heavily as the clover.

After some further argument the minutes were allowed to stand as reported.

Asking questions being next in order, Mr. N. Barnard asked Mr. Jas. S. Harris about what it cost him per tree to take up the large peach trees at Howell's Point. He replied that three men and three horses were pulling up about 150 per day, and he thought the cost was about one cent per tree, exclusive of the board of the men and cutting up of the wood. Several members of the club thought this estimate too low, and from the general experience it was decided that three cents per tree was about as low as they could be pulled out and cut up. A long discussion followed as to the best and cheapest mode of taking them up; the plan most in favor was to hitch a team of horses or oxen to the branches, cut the larger roots below the ground and drag them out.

The next question was: Is there any waste of coal by exposure to the weather? Mr. Barnard and Mr. Bowers replied in the affirmative; Mr. Barnard stating that the waste would amount to eight per cent.

The next question was: How can farmers co-operate to the best advantage? Mr. J. S. Harris said this was an important question, and he was sorry that he was unable to answer it. He said there was no question as to the benefits to be derived from co-operation, but it seemed impossible to suggest any plan that would meet with the active support of the farmers as a class. This, he thought, was on account of a lack of confidence in each other. He had no new plan to suggest.

Mr. Barnard said that several good plans had been submitted to them—the Grange, the Alliance and even our Exchange plan in the city of Baltimore—all in the interest of the farmer; but somehow they failed to get his united support. He thought further education was necessary before co-operation would be successful. He had no plan to suggest.

W. D. Pennington said he had no plan to suggest; he had no doubts as to the benefits to be derived, but every planoffered had been declined, and still we were not saved.

Mr. Krusen said he thought it was not so much a question of *how* as a question of *will*, and instead of a lack of confidence it was a lack of courage.

The next question was: What shall the farmer do to avoid paying more than his share of the taxes?

This created a lively discussion. The easiest plan was suggested by Rev. J. D. Kemp. That was for the farmers to petion the Legislature to frame laws that would relieve them from paying an unjust share of the taxes.

The probability of their doing this was thought by some very slight, but Mr. J. S. Harris stated that two years ago, when the farmers met together in Chestertown and decided on what they wanted in the way of a reduction of county expenses, and sent their petitions to the Legislature, every one of their requests were granted, and he though that was the proper plan to pursue now. The call to dinner ended the discussion, and the club adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After reading the minutes, they were corrected so as to read: Worms will not trouble the corn if there is green grass plowed down for them to feed on. The minutes of the ladies' meeting were then read and approved. A short address by the host followed, in which he attempted to show that the gambling in grain by speculators was part and parcel of the haste to be rich, which has developed among the people, and shows itself on the surface in the management of railroads and other corporations, and in the adulteration of products and manufactures, as well as on the floor of the Corn Exchange. A long discussion as to the manner in which dealing in futures was carried on, followed, and much information in regard to puts and calls was elicited.

One of the lady members present wanted to know why they (the speculators) had not the same right to make as much money as they could, as we had.

Messrs. Editors, will you please answer that question for us?

The following questions were then read and referred to Mr. E. B. Pennington: To what extent should railroads be controlled, owned or operated by State or Federal Government? He said he did not think they should to any extent whatever, as he could not see that it was satisfactory in Europe, where it was in vogue.

To J. S. Harris: Would real estate or farm products at a fair valuation be a proper or safe basis for the issuance of money? He replied, it would not.

To W. D. Pennington: Would it not be as fair to lend the farmers $73,000,000 on their products before they are distilled into whiskey as to lend that amount to the whiskey trust upon these products after they have been distilled into whiskey? He replied he was not prepared to answer that question until he had given it more thought.

E. B. Pennington said no, because the government had ninety cents per gallon tax on the whiskey, while it had none on the products.

Many other questions were referred to the ladies, but as they do