THE KENT NEWS:

CHESTERTOWN, MD.....DEC. 10, 1892

Millington Notes.

Miss Jennie Smith, of Golts and Mrs. Jos. Garton, of Townsend, spent a few days of this week with Mrs. F. M. Whittington.

The ladies of the M. E. Church will hold a supper and festival in the town hall on Friday and Saturday nights, December 16th and 17th. Supper 25 cents.

Miss Lillie Cacy is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Nema Price is visiting Miss Katie Peacock, of Philadelphia.

Miss Emma Weldon and Miss Hester Mrs. W. Maslin, of Chestertown, is visit- friends in our town.

Rutledge, of Smyrna, spent Sunday with Miss May Green.

Miss Annie Antony and Miss Lollie Coursey, of Centreville are visiting Miss Winnie Bailey, near town.

Joe Mallalieu brought to town, a few days ago, four large turnips weighing 4½, 5, 6 and 6½ pounds. Who can beat it? H.

Convention of Templars.

The Dual Grand Lodge of Maryland opened its session in Still Pond Hall on Wednesday, at 10 o'clock A. M., F. L. Morling, G. C. T., presiding. There were about 42 delegates from subordinate lodges, besides the officers of the grand lodge, who answered to their names. There were six sessions held, at which much important business was transacted. The treasurer's report showed the lodge to be in better financial condition than for several years past.

At the morning session of Thursday the grand officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: G. C. T., Rev. C. J. Burdette, of Montgomery county, Md.; G. Con., J. J. Bielfield; G. Chap., Rev. J. D. Kemp; G. V. T., Annie E. Ridgely; G. Sec., F. J. Lewis; G. A. Sec., W. P. Anderson; G. Treas., J. L. Eames; G. Mar., W. P. Fowler; G. D. Mar., Clara Benson; G. Mess., L. D. Russell; G. Guard, M. Wolfe. The public meeting Thursday evening was very excellent, a full house enjoying it. The order of exercises was as follows:

Music. Prayer by Rev. Letterman, Carroll Co.
Solo.....Mr. Isaacs, Balto. Co.
Speech.....Rev. C. J. Burdette.
Solo.....Miss Estelle Eames, Balto. City.
Speech.....P. G. O. T., F. L. Eorling.
Solo.....Mr. Isaacs, Balto Co.
Reading.....J. P. L. Ston, Frederick City.
Instrumental Music.....Mr. Harris Crew, Kent Co.
Recitation.....Miss Gardner, Balto., City.
Speech.....Mr. Price, P. G. Counsellor.
Reading.....Mr. J. P. L. Ston.
Music—Choir, "God be with us till we meet again."

After the public meeting the grand lodge convened, and after closing up all the business adjourned till next December, to meet at Mt. Airy, Montgomery county, Md.

The visitors were well pleased with their entertainment, and no doubt the public meeting will be a great benefit to the lodge of this place. L.

STOCK COMPANY.—A company has been formed in Chestertown known as the "Chestertown Creamery & Ice Co." The principal stockholders are Messrs. Robert G. Nicholson and Horace W. Beck. Mr. Beck has resigned his position with the Fort Worth Electric Light Co., Texas, and will assume general superintendence of the creamery here.

OYSTERS brought sixty-five and seventy cents in Chester river Thursday. The weather has very much to do with the catch.

The Great West.

Rev. Wm. T. Parsons gave a very interesting lecture in Stam's Hall Tuesday evening on the "Great West." Mr. Parsons is a Kent countian. He graduated from Washington college in 1882 and joining the ministry made his home in Bismark, North Dakota, where he has resided for the past six years. He is a fluent speaker and spoke in a very pleasing manner, giving a vivid and characteristic panorama of the "Flicker tail" State. It would be impossible to give our readers a full synopsis of the lecture in this column and we will simply mention a few points. The principal crop is wheat which is raised in very large quantities. Last year Dakota raised more wheat than any other State and only one-twelfth of the State is under cultivation. The average crop is 20 bushels, and the fields number thousands of acres. At harvest time as many as one hundred self-binders can be seen in one field. Many times the wheat is not cut because it will not grade; when the wheat gets ripe some of it is examined and if it will not grade sufficient to bring twenty cents per bushel a match is applied and the whole field burned instead of harvested. No fertilizer is used, the soil being rich and virgin.

In Dakota there are but three towns near the size of Chestertown, one of 12,000 inhabitants, another of 900 and another of 3,000, but they each have electric lights, electric cars, etc. The houses are very poorly built flat, on the ground, banked with manure in order to keep the wind from getting under the house and blowing it away. Dug-outs are very common there and so are *board* beds.

Churches are numerous. In one town of 50 inhabitants there are two churches. One congregation numbers ten and the other three. It is estimated that there is a church for every twelve inhabitants.

Good schools are provided for the children but lady teachers are in demand. In one town there were four young ladies who successively came from the East to teach but they had not been West six months before they married. The ladies are scarce and the speaker advised all who desired to marry to go West.

The climate is very cold in winter and warm in summer, reaching 110° in shade and 50° below zero. He told of one instance when he was riding with a friend whose face froze and he had to rub it with snow to restore feeling. The Southerner can stand more cold than one born and raised in Dakota.

Mr. Parsons has had three calls to churches in the East. He has not definitely decided which call to accept but it is thought he will finally locate in Baltimore where he has a call to a prominent Presbyterian church.

THE EASTON MURDER CASE.

Wm. P. Tyler Convicted of Murder in the Second Degree.

We mentioned in the NEWS last week that this trial would begin on Monday. Tyler was charged with killing Shaw, a farmer of Caroline county. A dispatch from Easton—where the case was tried—says: The jury in the Tyler-Shaw homicide case came into court at 2 15 o'clock Saturday afternoon and rendered a verdict of "guilty of murder in the second degree." The verdict caused a sensation in court, but there was no demonstration.

Jacob Weaver, the grandfather of the prisoner, aged eighty-five years, who has stood by Wm. Preston Tyler in these troubles and has been in court all the time, broke down when the verdict was announced. "This is horrible!" he said to Senator Gibson, who put his arms about the old man and tried to comfort him. The parents of the prisoner and his other friends from Pennsylvania maintained their composure.

The verdict was a surprise to the community, as it was generally supposed it would be either "guilty of manslaughter" or "not guilty." Mr. Russum had the jury polled. Afterward he made a motion for a new trial on the ground of newly discovered evidence. The court set 10 o'clock Monday morning to hear the argument. The punishment for murder in the second degree is confinement in the penitentiary for not less than five nor more than eighteen years. Tyler was refused a new trial and sentenced to five years in the penitentary.

Galena Notes.

At St. Dennis' Roman Catholic Church here on Sunday morning last Father Connolly said mass and Bishop Curtis, of the Diocese of Wilmington, preached a very interesting sermon to a large audience. In the evening the bishop preached again to a still larger audience.

It was reported sometime ago that Father Connolly was to be removed from this parish, but during the bishop's visitation to our town it was settled that Father Connolly will remain here to the great satisfaction of his entire congregation.

Last Thursday, Dec. 8, was Holy Day in the Catholic Church and as the bishop gave notice it was expected that all the faithful should attend mass as it was the day kept in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin.

Mr. Robert C. Morgan, our commissioner, has been laid up with rheumatism for the past two weeks but we are glad to state that he is better at this writing.

Mrs. Wm. C. Crow and daughter, Miss Maud left yesterday morning on a visit to Wm. R. Crow, Agent for the New York Lake Erie and Western Rail Road at St. Paul, Minnesota where they expect to spend the winter.

Some of our farmers are ploughing for the next year corn crop.

Our merchants here are beginning to make their stores more attractive with Christmas goods, as they are all putting in large stocks of fancy goods for the coming holidays. P.

College Notes.

The Baltimore Sunday *News* of December 4, contains an article published in the KENT NEWS last week upon the advisability of forming a foot ball league for the season of '93. It includes Washington College in the league, and discusses the maximum expense of the proposed circuit. Washington College is young in athletics yet, but ambitious. Five years or even less will represent the age of her athletic offspring, and in that time it can not be expected to accomplish anything surprising in the line of out-door sports. She has met foot ball and base ball organizations from St. John's, Western Maryland, Agricultural and Delaware Colleges, and various clubs from Baltimore city. St. John's has downed us every time, but with the others we have given a good account of ourselves. This year our foot ball slate was pretty well filled up, but on account of our previous rather weak showing with certain institutions, we have been shifted and turned until the actual number of games played dwindled down to three. This year we were stronger than ever. We were anxious to battle with the strongest, but the strongest ignored us and for the reason as stated by them that *we were not in their class*. That may have been, but it would have been eminently more satisfactory to Washington College to have seen the proof of it in actual battle. The proposed league will rectify this grievance and Washington will cheerfully lend its aid and presence. It is however too late for this foot ball season and why not apply the *News'* idea to the coming base ball season. Washington College hopes to be strong in that line and is particularly anxious to meet the other State educational institutions. Under the protection of a league as proposed she would not have such liberty taken with dates after being obtained, and she would not be subjected to the cancelling which has made the foot ball season of '92 little more than a failure. We welcome the idea of the Maryland Collegiate League of amature athletics and will do all we can to materialize it.

The athletic association is busily employed in the preparation of their entertainment which will take place on Monday evening Dec. 19, 1892. Two plays will be presented. One entitled "My Uncle's Will" and the other "Joining the Tinpanites." The latter is extremely humorous and represents the woes of Paddy McFling resulting from an initiation into the secret order of the Tinpanites. On that night Paddy will take the first degree, and some time during the year of '93 the association hopes to put before the public the rare spectacle of Paddy's taking the second and third degrees. The popular prices 50 cents reserved seat and 35 cents general admission will prevail. It is to be hoped the public will give it the usual support.

Prof. Micou resumed his place on Wednesday last, having fully recovered from an illness dating back to early in July.

The large number of students from the country necessitated the erection of more sheds for the protection of horses. Contractor Culp is doing the work.

Christmas holidays will begin on the 21. Students are tasting its delights already.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The Public School Association of Kent county, met in the school-room at Chestertown, on Friday last. The meeting was called to order by the president, E. F. Perkins, Esq., and was opened with prayer by Rev. S. C. Roberts. Mr. Henry Tonkin, of Millington, assisted by Mrs. M. E. B. Mallalieu, Mrs. Tonkin, Miss Louisa and Mr. Wesley Moffett, rendered music which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The roll was called, and 58 of the 62 teachers responded to their names. The proceedings of the previous meeting having been read and approved, the association proceeded to parse the word *Alas* in the sentence, "Alas, for those who never sing, but die with all their music in them." Miss Johnson, Mr. Copper and several others parsed it as an interjection, while several regarding the expression as elliptical, supplied the ellipsis, which made the expression read about as follows: "It is sad," or "I grieve," or "I am sorry for those who never sing, but die with all their music in them." The question—How should we conduct the recitations so as to conduce to the greatest advantage of the pupil?—was called and discussed at considerable length. Every teacher who spoke on this question, had made unusually long preparation. Many practical hints in teaching were brought out, but owing to the broadness of the question, it was not discussed in detail.

The Literary Committee submitted the following questions, which on motion were adopted for discussion at the next regular meeting, which meets in February: 1st. How shall we best teach the meaning and application of new words? 2d. What is the best method of teaching penmanship?

At that point Mr. W. B. Stephens, school examiner of Caroline county, was introduced and delivered an excellent address, bearing principally upon the relations of patrons of the public schools to the schools and the system generally.

A rising vote of thanks was extended Mr. Stephens for his address.

The association took an intermission of 15 minutes, after which Miss Laura R. A. Thomas read the essay with pleasing effect.

The first regular question—How much theory of Arithmetic should be taught in the first four grades?—was taken up and discussed by Mr. Melvin, Miss Kapfel, Miss Busick, Miss Nannie Wallis, Miss Ollie Price, Mr. Johns, Miss Roberts, Miss Pearson, Mr. Wilson, Miss Carrie Smyth, Mr. M. B. Stephens, the examiner of Caroline county, Miss Martha J. Hurlock and the Examiner.

The second regular question—Of what advantage are compositions? Should they be read before the class, before or after correction?—was carried over as unfinished business. Mr. Tonkin and his friends again served the meeting with delightful music.

On motion by Mr. Starkey, the association voted their thanks to Mr Tonkin and his friends for their music, and to Miss Thomas for the essay. Nothing further claiming the attention of the body, the meeting was declared adjourned.

A RUNAWAY.—On Saturday night last, two colored youths driving a horse belonging to Mr. J. M. Wood passed through the village, and when opposite Mr. Scoon's store the horse began to run and kick. The carriage was kicked loose and utterly demolished within a short distance of starting point. Fire crackers will scare most any spirited horse.

DON'T forget the big auction sale to-day on Market square.

MATRIMONIAL.

A GROUP OF BRILLIANT EVENTS.

Our correspondent at Millington furnishes the NEWS the following:

The wedding of Dr. Wm. M. Pippin and Miss Addie Thomas on Wednesday, was one of the most brilliant affairs that has happened with us for a long time. The day was fine, clear and with just enough snap to make it pleasantly exhilarating. The sun's rays kissed the earth with the ardor of a young lover. Some time before the hour (11.30) the sidewalk in front of the chapel of the "Holy Cross," was pretty thoroughly filled with people waiting for the doors to open. Immediately on the opening the chapel was filled to overflowing. The ushers, Chas. H. Beasten, of Baltimore; Alfred Mulhansen and James Magee, of Wilmington, Del.; and Wm. E. S. Thomas, had some difficulty to keep the main aisle open for the passage of the principals. Exactly at the hour the organ, presided over by Miss Mary Hurtt, of Chestertown, pealed forth "Lohengrin's" wedding march, directly the contracting parties in charge of the ushers passed up the aisle and met the officiating minister, Mr. Ware, under an arch of evergreen and flowers, from the center of which hung a floral bell. The back ground of the scene was the stained glass window tastefully decorated, and the lighted candelabra showing a dozen points of light. The bride who is a demi-blonde of the Bernhardt style of beauty, was tastefully and becomingly arrayed in a steel colored suit. She was attended by Miss Annie Powell, of Philadelphia, maid of honor, and was given away by her uncle, Mr. Stephen Thomas. The service of the Episcopal Church was very impressively read by Mr. Ware, and the responses were given clear and distinct. During the service low sweet music was being intoned on the organ. Immediately at the conclusion of the service the bridal party and invited guests returned to the house where all enjoyed examining the many and handsome presents which had been tastefully displayed, a list of which would be too long for your paper. They embraced almost every fancy from a silver sugar-spoon to a handsome parlor suit in old dark walnut and embossed velvet. The bride and groom received the congratulations of their friends in the parlor. At one o'clock all present partook of an elaborate stand-up lunch served by Burnside E. Anderson, caterer of Wilmington, Del. The table was a picture in fruits, cakes, silver and glass. After spending the intervening time in pleasant chat the party took the 3.47 train amid a shower of rice and hand-shaking for an extended tour. The good wishes of their friends go with them.

Deputy Sheriff Plummer surprised his friends Wednesday afternoon by quietly going to the Methodist Protestant parsonage in Chestertown and marrying Miss Annie T. Robinson. Rev. D. L. Greenfield performed the ceremony in the presence of only a few friends. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robinson and is quite a popular and fine-looking young lady. After the ceremony they were driven to Betterton where they took the boat for Philadelphia. They are expected home next Tuesday when they will make their home at the jail. The NEWS extends congratulations.

The Massey—Ford wedding was a big social event. At the church the best man was Charles H. B. Massey, brother of the groom, and the ushers, Dr. W. F. Taylor and Arthur Ford, of Earleville; Jack Spear and Thomas Masseys, of Masseys; Charles Pennock, of Media, Kennard and John B. Brown, of Centreville, and Jack Constable, of Elkton. James Ellison, of Philadelphia, uncle of the bride, gave her away. Mrs. Duhamel, the accomplished organist, played Lohengrin's wedding march. The bride was arrayed in traveling costume of blue broadcloth and carried a comely nosegay of roses. Among the wedding guests were Mrs. Ella Emory, Miss Minnie Massey, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. M. Brooks, Mrs. Willis and Mrs. Lusby.

Alexander Wilson, son of Mr. J. Fletcher Wilson, of this county, and Miss Mary Bond, daughter of Mr. Reuben Bond, of Port Deposit, were married in Rock Run Presbyterian church on Thursday, December 8th.

Mr. Wm. B. Groves, son of Mr. John A. Groves, was married at Smithville, Kent county, Md., on July 6, 1892, to Miss Viola DeGaw by Rev. W. R. Mowbray. Miss DeGaw is a very popular lady of Baltimore. It was a very quiet wedding.

St. James M. P. parsonage was the scene of a quiet wedding Wednesday evening, Dec. 7th. The contracting parties were Mr. Frank V. Thompson, of Philadelphia and Miss Mary R. Dill, of Fairlee.

Rev. E. E. White united in Holy wedlock at the M. E. parsonage in Millington, Monday, Dec. 5th, Miss Annie E. Edwards to Mr. Wm. Garrett, both of Queen Anne's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rayner, of Baltimore, celebrated their tin wedding Wednesday night. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gault, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Oehm, Mr. and Mrs. R. Merryman, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vannort, Miss Mamie Creager, Miss Mollie Cook, A. A. Towner, Carrie and Mamie Rawsen, Ida Crew, of Chestertown, Capt. George B. Creamer, D. L. Britton, Guy Cook, Howard Williams, W. A. Thorpe and Charles Harding.

A Beautiful Wedding in Still Pond.

One of the brightest pages in the social history of the aristocratic little village of Still Pond, is that which records the marriage of Miss Irene Louise Covington to Mr. John Cowgill Allston, of Middletown, Del. It was one of the largest and most brilliant weddings ever solemnized in this county, and took away one of Kent's accomplished and charming daughters to grace the social circle of Delaware. Miss Covington is the second daughter of Mr. G. W. Covington, one of the oldest and most respected merchants of this county and who is prominently identified with the prohibition movement, and Mrs. Helen E. Covington nee Busick. Mr. Allston is from one of the oldest families in Delaware and a prominent young farmer of Middletown.

The ceremony was appointed to take place at 7 o'clock in the evening, but as early as 3 o'clock in the afternoon the relatives and many friends of the young couple began to arrive from all parts of Maryland and Delaware. The guests were given the full freedom of the town and received the hearty welcome which the people of Still Pond know so well how to extend. By six o'clock the green before the church where the wedding was to be performed, was literally covered by carriages, and when the ushers arrived the people from far and near, anxious to witness the union of these two old families of Delaware and Maryland had taken posession of the church. The quaint little church was beautifully decorated by the lady friends of the bride. Immediately over the main entrance leading into the church was an arch beautifully hung with evergreen and holly berries, as were also the large brass chandeliers in the main isle leading to the altar and the communion railing. Four pews from the front were two gates trimmed with the same with "A" and "C" beautifully worked in white flowers. All formed a spectacle beautiful to behold and caused one to think he possessed Aladdins' magic lantern and had been transported to the gardens of some oriental palace. But beautiful as was the effect caused by the festooning already mentioned it only prepared the eyes for the magnificence of floral beauty which presented itself at the altar. In the middle of the altar directly between the pulpit and the gates rose a beautiful arch from which hung a marriage bell with a calla lily for a clapper. Behind this and immediately in front of the communion railing was mound after mound of hot house potted plants in full bloom rising up in luxurial profusion. The night was perfect, not a cloud obscured the beauty of the sky or marred the brilliancy of the stars. Silently and gracefully the pale moon seemed to rest over the dome of the building in which the sweetest rituals known to the church were about to be performed as the bell rang clearly out upon the cold crisp air to herald the approach of the wedding hour. A few minutes later and the notes of the wedding march pealed forth governed by the experienced fingers of Miss Maud H. Jump, of Baltimore, as the bridal party entered.

A very beautiful feature of the wedding was the entrance just before the bridal party of the sister and five most intimate friends of the bride escorted by the ushers; they were, Miss Sadie E. Burgess and E. Lester Covington, of New York, Miss Helen E. Covington and Dr. W. E. Barnard, of Middletown, Miss Bessie Cannon, of Baltimore and Mr. S. Covington Cacy, Miss Maggie Jump, of Easton, Md., and Mr. Howard Turner, of Still Pond, Miss Susie Jump, of Baltimore, and Dr. H. L. Dodd, of Chestertown, Miss Mary Wilson and Mr. Harry Turner, of Swarthmore College.

All of the ladies wore full evening costume and carried cream roses. Immediately following these and preceding the bride and groom were the maids of honor Misses Eethel Covington, sister of the bride, and Mary R. Hess, of Baltimore, who wore white silk mull with pink trimmings and carried La Franc roses.

Next came the bride and groom. Miss Covington is remarkably beautiful, being tall and graceful with a beautiful carriage and queen like manners. She is a perfect type of the Spanish blonde and was most becomingly attired in a suit of white corded silk entrain with hyacynths. She wore a tulle veil caught up with Lilies of the Valley and carried bride roses.

The ceremony was solemnly and impressively executed and there was a happy smile on the face and a victorions twinkle in the eye of the handsome son of Delaware as he walked out of the church to the music of Mendelssohn with Mrs. Allston on his arm. After the ceremony the near relatives and intimate friends of the couple repaired to the house of the bride's father where they were royally entertained.

Among those who were present from a distance we were only able to obtain the names of the following: The Misses Janney, Mrs. H. B. Hess, Miss Addie Hess, Mrs. M. F. Clark, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. L. Hanes from Baltimore, Mrs. M. A. Skirven, Miss Addie G. Kennard and Mr. Julian Gale from Philadelphia, Miss Devillbless, Mechanicstown, Md., Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Covington, Easton, Md., Misses Annie and Hattie Barnard, Middletown, Del.

The popularity and esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Allston are held by their many friends was shown in no better or more appreciable manner than by the many costly and beautiful presents which they received.

There was nothing in the whole evening to mar or blight the happiness of all and the time sped on bringing too soon the hour when the newly married couple should take their departure for Oakdale, the home of the Alstons for generations, and the future abode of the new mistress, amid a shower of rice and old shoes and as they sat in their carriage, Mrs. Allston bidding adieu to loved ones left behind, and Mr. Allston receiving the congratulations of all, there was an expression in his eyes as he watched his wife which said louder than the words of Moore.M

"From this hour the pledge was given,
From this hour my heart is thine;
Come what will from earth or heaven,
Weal or woe thy fate is mine."

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	12½c.	"
" geese	10c.	"
Country sausage	10c.	"
" butter	25 and 30c.	"
" ham	12½c.	"
" lard	9c.	"
Eggs	25c.	per doz.
Sweet potatoes	60c.	per basket.
Irish	45c.	"
Good apples	75 to 80c.	" "
Celery	15c.	per bunch.
Cabbage	$5 to $8	per hundred.

Local buyers were paying 44@45 cents for corn on the cob and 40@42 cents for shelled, white; 41@43 yellow.

Mr. Pearce on Commutation.

Baltimore Evening News

Hon. James Alfred Pearce, of Kent county, was one of the counsel for the defense in the trial of the colored men and boys who were convicted of the murder of Dr. J. H. Hill in Chestertown in October. While in Baltimore Friday Mr. Pearce said to a *News* reporter:

"There will be a strong movement made in Kent county to secure the commutation of the sentence of death pronounced on some of the prisoners convicted of Dr. Hill's murder to imprisonment for life. But it will be met by an equally strong protest against any interference on the part of the Governor, and in favor of the execution of the entire number of those now under sentence.

"The boys are not so young, in my opinion, as they were represented. I believe that all are over 16 years old.

"It must be remembered that they were tried by the court composed of Chief Judge Robinson and Associate Judges Wickes and Stump, than whom no more careful and conscentious Judges exist. No passion or prejudice on the part of the community was allowed to appear in the case. The Judges heard everything, and unanimously decided that the three men and five boys were guilty of murder in the first degree, and all were sentenced to be hung.

"The boys were pronounced equally guilty with the men. The evidence showed that they knew what was going to be done—indeed, that some of them knew of the plot to kill Dr. Hill several weeks before the murder took place and instead of exposing the design, they were present, aiding and abetting in its consumation.

"I am not opposing the granting of a commutation of this sentence. I am only telling you some of the facts in the case, which are not generally understood outside of Kent county. But if clemency is exercised by the Governor, the two who are most entitled to it, in my opinion, are the man Moses Brown and the boy Joshua Baynard.

"While legally as guilty as the others, I do not think their moral responsibility is so great, as they did not appear to me to be vicious and rather opposed the murder, but were drawn into it by the stronger wills of the others.

"As I said before, the boys are older in years than the reports show. They are all over 16. It must also be taken into consideration that the very worst and most dangerous element of the colored people in Kent county is composed of boys between the ages of 15 and 20 years.

"All these questions which are now being brought up in favor of this commutation were considered by the three Judges in the trial of the case. The reputation of our bench is that if anything it always leans on the side of mercy to such an extent in passing judgment on criminals as to cause some criticism on the part of the people who have thought that the Judges at times were too merciful to violators of the law. The Judges of the Second Circuit have never been accused of undue severity.

"They heard this case. They considered all the evidence. They rendered a verdict of acquittal in the case of John Potts, who was considered by many as the ringleader in the whole plot, and against whom public opinion was excited, and turned him out because the evidence against him was insufficient to warrant a conviction.

"I shall not oppose the commutation of the sentence, but all the facts mentioned above must be taken into consideration by those who will ask the Governor to interfere with the judgment of the Court, which was only pronounced after a fair and impartial trial."

Mr. Pearce is one of Kent's most honored sons. He was appointed by the Court as senior counsel for the defense of the ignorant colored men and boys. He gave them the fullest benefits of his legal learning in their trial.

LAND DEAL AT ROCK HALL.

George M. Sharp Expects to Form an Improvement Company and Make a Healthy Resort at the Bayside.

In the NEWS of Nov. 19 was announced the sale of the Wilkinson estate to Geo. M. Sharp, Esq., of Baltimore, for $4,050. This property is advantageously situated on the bay and as soon as a clear title is obtained a syndicate is ready to go to work. The plans are now in the hands of the architects for laying off the avenues, building lots, drains and every other necessary work. Dr. A. P. Sharp has for a number of years been confident as to the extreme healthfulness of Rock Hall especially for chronic diseases of the lung, throat, etc., and it is through his indomnitable push and zeal that the affair is progressing so well. In speaking of the outlook he says:

The syndicate will control all the land south of the road leading to the wharf near a mile and a half, with all the waterfront which includes Rock Hall harbor, and the bold navigable water of Swan Creek, at least two miles of water front, with two substantial wharves from which daily boats will leave to and from Baltimore, the plan being to leave early in the morning, giving passengers ample time for business and pleasure in the city and return by supper time. Besides the healthfulness of the location, the land being nearly surrounded by tide-water, there is a safe and commodious harbor with high land for building, and a hard, sandy shore for bathing. No point on the Shore presents the same advantages, being the first point on the Eastern Shore reached by steamboats, with fine roads leading to all portions of Kent, which is well-known as the Garden County of Maryland, if not of the United States, especially in the line of fruit culture, and no section presents better land for all kinds of trucking.

During the past three years many persons from the city have spent most of the summer in this neighborhood, and without a single exception thought it the most desirable country they had ever visited, and some have already bought lots with the view of building summer cottages. There is some talk and a strong probability of building a fine hotel on the shore overlooking the bay, Kent Island and the Anne Arundel shore south, and the Patapsco and Baltimore county west and north, with the mouth of Chester river in full view, which, with the surroundings on land, will render it a very desirable retreat. In addition, every facility for boating, fishing, crabbing and bathing will be on hand. The interesting book on "the Eastern Shore as a sanitary resort," by Dr. Chancelor, secretary of the Board of Health of Maryland, has attracted much attention throughout the country, and a number of inquiries from Chicago and other points have been made by parties seeking a suitable point, especially for consumptives, which disease carries off so many to an early grave. Dr. Selby, who has had quite an extensive practice here during the past three years, informs me that he has yet to see the first case of consumption, asthma or hay fever among the native population, and Dr. Willson, who has practiced for many years, confirms the statement. Said the doctor, I have had several confirmed asthmatic visitors to see me, among them Dr. J. A. Craig, of Governor Hoadley, who for years had been a terrible sufferer, and who could never sleep at home without using some remedy, had not the slightest trouble even after eating fruit, etc., which he dare not touch at home. He had also seen several cases of hay fever disappear the first night. To what agent that lends a helping hand in relieving such annoying and distressing diseases? The old story of antagonism between malarial fevers and consumption, wont hold water, for if any county is free of malaria it certainly is around this section, although there is no rule without an exception, occasionally a case of chills is met with, but at once yields to a few grains of quinine and never kills. Said our friend, I think I am within bounds when I say I have not seen twenty cases in a many years.

For curiosity I counted the dwellings erected on the new road leading from the village to the wharf, and I found sixteen, all erected within the past three years, and all owned by the occupants, several colored families among the number. On the main street, the old box houses have had their day, and neat cottages, with porches and neat yards, fencing, etc., are seen in every direction. Since the oyster season commenced, hog and hominy have stepped out and porter-house steak and family flour stepped in, which keeps our butcher, Legg, quite busy hunting up and killing cattle. A number have been brought from the city, and all found a ready sale.

The business of the postoffice has doubled within the past year or two, and the great improvement in the mail arrangement gives entire satisfaction. Frequently I have written letters to Baltimore in the morning and had a reply by 5 o'clock the same day, whereas by the old arrangement it would require three or four days, all letters resting twenty-four hours in Chestertown.

Loud complaints are heard on all sides about the present arrangements of the boats, as we have no boat here on Saturday. As the managers of the Chester River Line and their friends control all the water front, they say it makes the company independent, as all chance of an opposition is shut off. The little Gratitude has gone to Wilmington for repairs, and when ready, we are promised daily trips and return to Baltimore, yet while waiting, the absence of the Saturday trip will inconvenience some, as there is no market on Saturday, and necessitates spending Sunday in the city, by those going up on Friday. In the days of old Grey's Inn this never occurred, and it takes no longer to make the trip in Rock Hall than it did to the former wharf.

THE OLD FIFTH!

The Climax Reached in Celebrations.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In addition to the intelligence already received by you from another source, and published in your last issue in regard to the celebration in this district, we offer you the following.

The day dawned propitiously and as the beautiful rays of the sun stretched, seemingly, in unusual lengths in the eastward sky, our hopes were amply realized in anticipation of a grand, lovely day, and which doubtless is typical of the new era that methinks is about to take its place at last in American history. On this occasion a great multitude of persons were hailing with delight the achievement of victory, and a return to governmental principles which will preserve the nation in the very essence of its greatness, its purity and power. This immense throng had gathered from every section of the district, with one common purpose in view. The desire was everywhere manifest to decorate, and to say heart and energy succeeded in demonstrating loyalty to the occasion would be putting it mildly. We are in no sense a poet, but the following lines perhaps would the more clearly give expression to the most impassioned.

The battle is over, the victory won,
And Grover returns to Washington.
T'was a democratic day in New York,
Thanks to "Tammany" there was no balk.
We're glad indeed for Illinois,
Had hoped success to Gov. Boies
In his gallant fight in Iowa State,
As we had that down on our slate.
Then too, Gov. Gray worked so fine
That Indiana hustled into line:
Like little Del. and the blue hen's chicks,
Would not permit election tricks.

Upon arriving at Rock Hall wharf just as the boat was nearing, we can imagine what a grand opportunity for an artist as he could view the whole from the steamer's decks. The chief marshal was now busy giving orders, all of which were faithfully executed by his efficient Captain, Mr. T. E. W. Crew and lieutenants. By this time every one seemed to have caught the inspiration as if by magic, and the procession moved. Leading off was Chief Marshal, James L. Beck and Baby Ruth (little Miss Beatrice Maslin) with their handsomely trimmed vehicle drawn by Mr. Crew's "Excelsior" gray, that looked the picture of perfection. Next, about forty ladies and escorts on horseback. Among them was Misses Edith Rees, Eva Gresham, Mamie Clothier, Allie Gale, Belle and Carrie Coleman, Anna and Mamie Strong, Mrs. May and Lillie Francis and many others whose names we could not get.

Then the "State" float followed on containing the ladies representing the states, namely: Misses Ella Alexander, Ida Walbert, Mary Hersch, Mollie Moffett, Nellie Pearce, Allie Sappington, Emma Walbert, Ida Wood, Julia Burgess, Mollie Miller, May Rees, Nettie Cosden, Mamie Hatcherson, Cora Jewell, Lillie Gale, Flora C. Wheatley, Edna Strong, Lula Strong, Minnie Cully, Nita Maslin, Beulah Taylor and Minnie Taylor. This float was elaborately decorated, and drawn by four handsome bays of Mr. T. E. W. Crew's. Next, a splendidly trimmed brig float in charge of Mr. A. H. Jester, having been specially prepared by him, and every deck was filled with little girls; Mr. Ed. Clothier held the reins and brought his precious load on a safe voyage. Next, the band wagon drawn by four mules, Mr. Beck's grays, and Mr. Crew's bays, took position. Prof. Charles Weber led the handsome gentlemen, ten in number as they boarded it amid flags, bunting, &c. Soon the surrounding country extending from village to village enroute, was thrilled with the choicest music. Next, a gorgeously trimmed float in charge of Messrs. Hadaway and Beck, one of the prettiest in line, contained a goodly number of the "fifth's" lovely belles. Following was an almost countless number of teams, double and single, noticeable among them was the unique and tastefully trimmed buggy of Messrs. Sutton and Greenwood, Mr. A. Alexander, Mr. Elmer E. Leary, Mr. C. C. Wood &c., we could not ask space to name all. A string band conducted by Mr. J. Charles Beck followed closely on, and treated those within hearing to fine music. Next, Mr. Geo. Smith with wagon and stuffed man, and mottoes representing the death of the McKinly bill, &c. Next fully two hundred horsemen bringing up the rear, whilst Captain Crew and aids vigorously sought to preserve order, and great credit is due them. The procession was supposed to be one and a-half miles in length by good judges. All along the route halts were made at different points, and compliments offered with music by the band. The decorations by the many in Rock Hall were indeed superb. Piney Neck had an excellent view of all, as the Chief Marshal led the way around the flat-iron-square by the postoffice and Coleman's store. On reaching Edesville it required the skill and determination of the captain and aids to clear the streets of laden teams that had gathered therein ta witness the turn of the procession on its way to Maslin's and Leary's stores. The sun was about setting in gorgeous drapery of indescribable tints of pink and scarlet when all gathered about the place to disband in regular order. Mr. George E. Leary made a few remarks and all wended their way home well pleased. The procession was viewed from different points by many from other districts. We noticed among them, Messrs. J. K. Aldridge, Jos. E. Gilpin, John Brice, Albert I. Dugan and Samuel G. Lee. It was a source of gratification that no mishaps occurred of a serious nature to cause unpleasantness or mar the pleasure.

OBSERVER.

DIED.

On Sunday night last, near the Strawboard Mill, HARRY H. WRIGHT, son of Della S. Hickman, aged 2 years.

Dearest Harry, thou hast left us,
We thy loss do deeply feel:
But 'tis God who has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

SALEM M. E. CHURCH—Divine service Dec. 11th. Preaching at 10.30 A. M.; prayer service 7.30 P. M. Morning subject: A single word.

ZION M. E. CHURCH—Divine service Dec. 11th. Sunday-school at 2 o'clock. Revival service at 7.30. Come to the house of prayer.

REV. MR. ADAMS will preach in the Presbyterian Churches in Georgetown and Kennedyville on Sunday, 11th inst. Georgetown, 11 o'clock A. M.; Kennedyville, 2½ o'clock P. M.

SERVICES will be held at St. John's Church, Rock Hall, at 10.30 o'clock next Sunday. Evening Devotions at 7 P. M., with sermon on "St. John the Precursor." Mass on Monday at 8.30 A. M.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WORTON—REV. A. EDWIN KEIGWIN, pastor. Preaching Sunday, Dec. 11, at 6 P. M.; Sunday-school 9.30 A. M., W. E. BECK, supt.; Mite Society Wednesday; C. E. Society Sunday, 18th, at 7 P. M.

CHRIST METH. PROT. CHURCH. REV. D. L. GREENFIELD, pastor. Public Worship, 11 A. M. and 7½ P. M. Morning theme: "I Believe in God the Father Almighty." Sabbath-school: Morning, 9¾; afternoon, 2½

Here We Are Again!

Santa Claus and Crew

beg to announce to the people that they have gone into partnership for the Holiday season, and expect by their joint effort to give everybody a good time.

TOYS AND CONFECTIONERY!
FANCY QUEENSWARE,
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,

We have an abundance. We have candy at 7 cts. A Merry Christmas to Everybody.

R. S. CREW,
Pythian Hall, Yellow Front, Rock Hall.

GOOD CHEER!

W. R. ALDRIDGE
HAS A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF
Christmas Novelties!
HE HAS THE BIGGEST LINE OF
Neckwear in Town,
and invites the young men especially to call and examine it.
GLASS AND CHINAWARE,
all sorts and sizes of Beautiful Christmas Presents in Glass and Chinaware.
Groceries, Flannels,
Dry Goods, Etc.
UMBRELLAS OF ALL STYLES AT LOW PRICES.

Christmas Goods

WE ARE RIGHT ON TOP OF THE TIDE—THE CHRISTMAS TIDE—WITH A NEW AND THE LARGEST STOCK OF
HOLIDAY GOODS
we have ever had. Everything new and attractive. These goods will be open for inspection
Tuesday, Dec.