THE KENT NEWS:

CHESTERTOWN, MD.....DEC. 31, 1892

THE body of Capt. Theodore Pennypacker who was blown from his boat by a dynamite bomb has been found and interred in Harford county. The body was found on the Harford shore about October 2 and the opinion that he was blown to atoms of course was then exploded. The hand in which he held the bomb was missing and other parts of the body showed effects of the shock, but as for his being torn to pieces was untrue. Mr. Pennypacker was a native of Harford county and married there. His wife removed from Worton to the Rocks last week.

SUNDAY was a quiet day in town. Officer Kelley made no arrests nor was there any disturbance whatever.

SKATERS have enjoyed the sport both on river and pond since Saturday. Ice harvesters are getting six inch ice.

CHRISTMAS entertainment articles about Wesley Chapel and Worton churches are crowded out this week. They will be published next week.

JAPANESE CUSTOMS.

A Native from Japan Speaks in Chestertown.

M. Takaki, a Japanese student at Johns Hopkins University, spoke in the Chestertown M. E. Church Tuesday night on the customs and manners of his people. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Epworth League and a fair audience greeted the speaker. The interesting talker was introduced in a very complimentary manner by Rev. J. W. Easley, and he said in part:

"Until nine years ago I kneeled before stone images and knew nothing of that God who now is the God of my life. It was through the Christian missionaries that you sent to us that my eyes were opened to the truth, and I can never tell you how thankful I feel for the revelation. When I first came to America I had great difficulty in pronouncing 'l' and 'r,' as in our language there is no distinction between the two sounds. The first time I had to use the letter the people thought I was a barbarian. for I said, 'The Japanese people eat lice,' when I meant rice.

"You will readily notice, if you study our people, that we do most everything directly opposite to your custom. We read books from bottom to top; we open it from the right and not the left. The American lady, by heating iron, curls her hair, while our ladies heat water to straighten the hair. I will simply ask if it is right to try to make a straight thing crooked or a crooked thing straight? My country is not named Japan, but Niphon, and the day will soon come when it will receive from all countries its proper name. Japan is an English mispronunciation of the Chinese name. The name Niphon means the first country that has sunlight. This is the flag of our country. It is a white flag, with a large red sun for the centre. You have your stars and stripes, so we have the sun. Japan is a long, narrow country. Its length is the distance from New York to Omaha. I received a letter this week from my grandmother, in the northern part, which stated that snow was then seven feet deep, while in the same mail came a letter from the southern part, in which the trees were said to be green. We have potatoes about once a month, but cabbage we feed to horses. We have plenty of sweet potatoes, wheat, rice, barley and all kinds of fruit except apples. The latter are smaller than your crab apples. Your fruits are juicy and sweet, and in this particular excel ours. We raise about the same things as you do, but prepare them differently. There are two kinds of people—one similar to the American Indian—who are especially skillful in making baskets. They live like Indians and resemble them in other particulars. The second class is a mixture of Mongolian and Malayan, to which I belong. We are similar in looks to the Chinese—prominent cheek bones, dark complexions, black eyes, flat noses, almond eyes and black and coarse hair. On account of our flat noses we cannot wear glasses.

"Although we resemble the Chinese, we feel just as bad when called a Chinaman as you do when called a colored man. Before I started from home my father advised me to raise a mustache to prevent any mistake, and to this advice you can attribute this mustache, which is now *five* years old. I had no sooner started to this country than I was called John, and I tell you I was very much aggravated; but it did no good to get mad, so I quietly submitted, hoping the Americans would soon learn better. We are far superior to the Chinese in every particular, if I do say it myself. The reason we have such coarse and thick hair is because our heads are shaved and kept bald until we are seven years of age. The girls hair is allowed to grow, with the exception of a small place on the top of the head. This is kept shaved, and it is over this place the small cap is placed. We never wear a hat. I notice you have new hats often, but we are very economical. The ladies wear very pretty pins in their hair and use the pins for scratching their heads very often. The hair is kept well greased, and for this reason the finger is not used in scratching. You ladies use a needle, don't you?"

The speaker showed the manner of wearing the hair, samples of fancy pins, etc.

"When a wife becomes a mother she shaves her eyebrows. If engaged or married she blackens her teeth. This all sounds very foolish to you and it is nonsensical. The Gospel is changing all this, enlightening the minds and purifying the souls. The dresses have not a single button on them, but are tied by a sash. They are made with large, flowing sleeves, and cost but little. For a headgear a simple piece of cloth is used, costing about five cents, and this is used for hat, bonnet, towel, napkin, etc. The dresses in the spring will have a plum figure, in the autumn chrysanthemum, and in the winter a snow scene. Instead of holding them up in the back, the ladies catch up the front. The parasol is used to prevent persons from seeing the face, as well as a protection. We have various kinds of shoes." He showed samples of each, which proved quite interesting to the audience.

"The government is monarchial. A voter must be 25 years of age, pay $5 annual tax and have a common school education. A foreigner must have been a citizen fifteen years before he can be naturalized. We are allowed freedom in religious matters, there being two religions—Singporism and Buddhism. I used to worship 888 gods every day. Each child wears a bag with cards in it. This is done to save them from danger. But I have given up such heathenism. In 1873 there was one church in Japan, with 11 members. At the present time 40,000 is the number of Christians. Servant girls are paid from 25 cents to $1.50 per month. Whenever a person visits a friend he has to leave his shoes at the door. The back of the hostess is never turned to her guest. At every question or answer a bow must be made, the forehead touching the floor. Not a chair is used, the people crossing their limbs and sitting on the floor. A small table, one foot square and the same height, is brought into each guest, from which he is to eat. For sleeping a small pillow and a blanket is all that is given you, as the floor serves as a bed, so that you see we are economical in this particular. We use the same room for sleeping, eating and entertaining."

The speaker sang several of our familiar songs in his native tongue and in various other ways added interest and life to his lecture. He talked for one hour and twenty minutes.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Personal Mention of Well-Known Kent Countians.

Misses Katie Parsons and Jessie Cooper, of the State Normal school, are home in Worton.

Prof. Roland Watts and wife are spending the week at the paterial home.

Mr. Albert and Harvey Culp, of Baltimore, were home several days this week.

Miss Ollie Harper, of Dover Academy, is at her home in Still Pond.

Miss Grace Miller is spending her holiday with her mother in Baltimore.

Mr. J. A. Perkins, Jr., and wife, of Philadelphia, spent this week with their parents in Chestertown.

Dr. Marion Twilley and wife, of Dover, spent several days with Dr. J. T. Twilley.

Miss Emma Godwin, of Queen Anne's is the guest of Mr. Thomas Jones at Kennedyville.

Mr. Jack Lewis, of near Prices', is preparing to take another trip to Florida. He leaves his farm in good hands, Mr. Tutman being his overseer.

Mr. James Boston, of Camden, N. J., is visiting his parents near Kent street. Jim has not been home for nearly a year.

Messrs. J. W. Chapman, Jr., Clarence W. Perkins, W. B. Usilton, Jr., and Chas. R. Twilley, are at home from their colleges in Baltimore.

Miss Grace V. Greenwood is the guest of Miss Mary Hurlock, near Masseys.

Misses Ida and Cora Vandyke, of Baltimore, who have been spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Chas. Roland, Cannon st., returned by rail yesterday.

Miss Ella Thompson, of Germantown, Pa., is spending the holidays with her sister on Mill street.

Miss Rose Frazier is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Messrs. Arthur Harris and Jas. R. Turner are at the homes of their parents near Still Pond from Abington Academy.

Mr. J. Henry Baker is spending his holidays with his parents near Pomona. Henry will graduate this year. He states that the footbool team of Dickinson college this year was nearly a failure having spent about $1400.

Messrs. Chas. F. Harper, W. M. Watts, of Still Pond, are at home from Dickinson College, and H. C. Turner from Swarthmore.

Mr. Wm. Smith, of Bridgeport, Pa., is at home for a week.

Miss Mary Elliott, of Waverly, is spending the holidays with her parents.

Master Douglas Beal is visiting his grandmother on Maple avenue.

Mr. Willie Welch is at his home on Maple avenue for a vacation.

Dr. Wm. Twilley, of Baltimore, spent several days in town this week.

Walter Needles, who left town about two years since is at home for awhile. He says that Mr. Carter is now conducting a restaurant.

Mr. Gilson Staats is spending the holidays with his parents on Queen street.

Mr. H. C. McCabe has resigned as clerk for Mr. M. A. Toulson and accepted a position on the Baltimore *World*.

Miss Mary Sudler is the guest of the Misses Wilkins in Quaker Neck.

Miss Linda M. Bowers, who is taking a course at Goldey's Commercial College, Wilmington, Del., is spending her Christmas vacation at home. She will resume her studies the first of the year.

Mr. Crisfield and daughter, Miss Ethie, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Pearce.

Mr. Plumley, of Philadephia, is visiting Mr. Harry Catlin.

Messrs. Blackiston, Walter, David and George Perkins, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with their parents in town.

Mr. Walter Pippin, of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with his father Mr. R. K. Pippin.

Navigation Closed.

Chester river, Sassafras river, creeks, inlets and ponds are frozen tight. Christmas Eve the Emma A. Ford started from Baltimore with about two hundred passengers. At the mouth of Queenstown creek the steamer grounded. One small boat ventured through the ice to the steamer, secured a jug of whiskey, and incidentally two passengers, and returned to shore. Four hours the Ford lay at this place unable to get in or out. Finally the Corsica came along and assisted her off. The Queenstown passengers numbering nearly fifty were brought to Chestertown and taken to Booker's wharf the following morning. At Booker's teams were waiting to carry the people home. Capt. Taylor did all in his power to make the passengers comfortable.

The Sassafras was unable to make all her landings on Saturday and she is now tied up for awhile. Capt. Cundiff reports that the ice extends from Poole's Island entirely up the river which is frozen from shore to shore.

Tuesday the Emma Ford and Corsica both arrived at the wharf here about 4.30 o'clock and returned to Baltimore the next day encountering three inch ice all the way to the bay. The B. S. Ford could not get into Centreville and came up here leaving town Thursday morning. Capt. Clark says he could see pieces of the Ford's paddles floating about the river. He encountered very heavy ice near Rock Hall.

The Emma Ford did not get farther than Rock Hall Thursday and returned to Baltimore at once. Fifteen passengers were aboard for Chestertown and those hired conveyances and drove to town. Among the number was Mr. and Mrs. Moore, bridal couple from Church Hill.

Capt. Palmer says it has been six years since the river was frozen over as at present. The Chester river steamboat company are to be congratulated on their earnest and expensive efforts to keep navigation open and to accommodate the public.

The Emma Giles has been withdrawn on account of ice.

READ A. Friedman's new ad. He means what he says and you can now buy some cheap goods at his well stocked store.

THE blacksmith shops in Chestertown were especially busy this week. One man waited six hours to get his horse shod on Tuesday.

HAD A FIT—Henry Johnson, colored, had a fit on the mill pond Tuesday while cutting ice. He was saved from falling in the water by a companion who was near. The man soon recovered.

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@44 yellow.

ROCK HALL NOTES.

Funeral Services of Wm. Ayres—Capt. Hyland at Work, etc.

The funeral services of Mr. William N. Ayres took place in the M. E. Church on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. Roe, who took for the subject of his sermon the latter clause of verse 9, chapter 4 of 2d book of Kings. Mr. Roe, in his applications, referred feelingly and impressively to the every-day life and character of the deceased. The floral tributes were simple but truly appropriate to the life of the man. The church was filled to its utmost capacity. Many who looked upon him as he lay in his casket, robed for the grave, could hardly leave the spot, so natural and of such saintly dignity, mingled with childlike sweetness, was the expression of the dead. The funeral dirge and the singing of the hymns "I will sing you a song of that beautiful land," and "God be with you till we meet again," was conducted by Prof. Judefind. Thus has past on before one who was early converted to God, whose life-work was given to God and the church of his choice. A consistant Christian, a faithful worker in the various branches of the official board of the church. He was a man of few words, but his light shown before men in an unmistakable manner. The ruling principle of his thoughts, words and deeds was, "faith which worketh by love." The 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians expresses it all. The places left vacant by him today cannot be filled. O, how we miss him! A true friend, a pure citizen, a true, tender husband, a kind, loving father whose children never heard a harsh word from his lips, has gone. A wife and three children are left sorrowing, but not without hope, for they shall meet again in those mansions of light, never more to part. Mr. Ayres was buried with Pythian honors, he having been an honored P. C. of the order.

Well, the thieves did not turn up last Friday night as they promised. A few days after the postoffice here was robbed a letter was found at the front door addressed to Mr. Downey. The letter promised that if Mr. Downey alone would meet them, the two robbers, on Rock Hall bridge at 10 P. M., Friday night, the money would be returned and he would be told how the safe was opened. They were to be paid $25 for this information. The money was to be returned "in order to clear the skirts of prominent men who were suspected." A party of men went to the bridge at the hour named, but the robbers did not make their appearance.

Captain Hyland, it seems, is proving to be the right man in the rigght place, having kept his vessel outside up to the present freeze, and has been making it uncomfortable for some of our dredgers who are disposed to be careless in the display of their numbers, &c.

Christmas in this section was the most orderly and quietly observed for many years and everybody seemed to be happy, the only discontent heard of was from friend Bud, who was unfortunate enough to procure a goose that was beyond mastication, notwithstanding the fact that he had it nicely baked, then parboiled and in various ways endeavored to make the bird tender. Finally he gave a general invitation to the community to come and dine with him on goose, but everybody gave that goose a wide berth by not accepting the kind invitation. We understand a party, in order to make the goose more palatable, ordered a chicken sent him, but alas! Bud was compelled to surrender, and turned his attention to the sweets his good madame had prepared to finish up his Xmas repast with. R.

Chesterville News.

Dr. Samuel Pearson, of near this place, has returned from Baltimore entirely recovered. He has been treated for hypnotism by Dr. Howard and is certainly cured.

Mr. Edw. B. Pennington is at home from Western Maryland College, Miss Katie Weller, of Owings Mill, Mr. Chas. G. Carey, of Newark College and Miss Minnie Pennington, of St. Mary's school, are also spending their holiday in our town.

Misses Bertie and Sophia Miller, teachers in the fifth district, are enjoying the holidays here.

The public school here closed last Friday with a delightful entertainment arranged by Miss Bettie Wallis, teacher. Old Kris was well personated by Mr. Edw. Cooper. Presents were distributed to all the scholars.

Dr. Howard, of Baltimore, spent the past week here the guest of Mr. R. L. Pearson.

Mr. Fortner will remove from England farm to near Tolchester. Willard England will rent the home farm.

John Anderson, of Queen Anne's, has rented the Hurlock farm, Mr. Hurlock having removed to Snow Hill.

John Carter has moved from Cecil to his home in the village. We welcome him.

Johnny Edwards goes to Cecil, near Sassafras, from Lockwood farm.

Schee Merritt Lockwood takes the home farm.

Miss Bell, who formerly taught school here, lost her father at Cumberland last week. His death came after long illness.

Miss Maggie Capher, teacher of Mill Branch, has gone to Baltimore for ten days

Our village is healthy. Mrs. Thomas Jones, who has been sick for some time, is now very much improved.

Mr. Walter Hurlock has been quite sick since his removal but is now better.

Mr. Alday Clements came near having a serious fire at his store in Crumpton a few days ago. Accidentally a coal oil stove was upset and but for the presence of mind of those around the store the whole building would have been burned. XMAS.

Crosby Locals.

We held our Christmas entertainment December 29 and enjoyed a good time. The singing and speaking was enjoyed by all present. The church was beautifully trimmed with garlands and leaves and a tree on each side of the altar. Miss Minnie Glenn, our efficient organist, was the recipient of many handsome presents. Those who deserve special mention are Miss Gussie Crouch, who recited "Ring Out, Sweet Christmas Bells"; Miss Liddie Wollyhand, who recited "Following the Star"; and a dialogue, by Misses Gussie Crouch and Maggie Apsley. Among the pieces sung was a duet, by Misses Tillie Crouch and Ethlin Price; solo, by Miss Maggie Ashley; and a solo by Hattie Beck, five years old. The most interesting scene of the occasion was "Old Kris" and the presence of Capt. Joseph Ashley, who has a family connection of about eighty persons, forty-two of whom are grandchildren. This brother is eighty-one years old, has perfect use of all his limbs, and this was the first time he has been in the church for twenty-five years. Think of it!

Mr. Romie Strong is filling his ice-house.

The creeks and coves are frozen hard enough to bear skaters.

The Piney Neckers say this is the calmest Christmas they have ever seen.ck Hall

Mr. James Frazier, while in Roearborn last Monday, was thrown from a dearborn by a runaway horse, but not seriously hurt. A stove and the vehicle were smashed.

MILLINGTON LOCALS.

Christmas in the Bussness and Religious World—Hints—Personals.

Christmas Day—the day that has been so eagerly looked for by the small children and some of the larger people, too—was an unusually quiet one in Millington. However, the merchants all say that business was better than it has been on any Christmas eve for the past ten years, and most of them sold out all of their candies and fancy articles before noon on Saturday. On Saturday night all the visitors left town at a very early hour, and by 10.30 o'clock colored people on the street were nearly as scarce as hen's teeth. In fact, nothing took place to mar the pleasure of any one except the sad death of our highly esteemed friend, Mr. T. R. Quimby, who passed away at 8.30 o'clock on Saturday night. On Sunday the small children awoke with glad hearts and big eyes, all anxious to see what "Old Kris" had brought and some of the presents were indeed beautiful. At the M. E. Church Rev. E. E. White preached a short but impressive Christmas sermon, the text being from St. Luke, second chapter and eleventh verse: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." In the afternoon the M. E. Sabbath school children sang a choice selection of Christmas carols from the Epworth Hymnal No. 2. Superintendent Mallalieu and the pastor addressed the school and Mr. John Weist addressed the infant class. Rev. Weller preached a Christmas sermon to the M. E. Church South congregation.

Our tribe of Red Men met in their wigwam on last Monday night for the first time for over three months and opened a fresh can of red paint. We sincerely trust that they will not run out again soon and that their war-whoops will be louder than ever. We think it would be advisable if they would get after our Epworth League and scare them out of their old ruts.

On Tuesday night last Dr. E. L. Hubbard, of Wilmington, Del., lectured to a large audience in the M. E. Church. His subject was "How to Triumph over Foes and Fools."

Mr. B. W. Green, of Philadelphia, spent a few days of this week with his mother, Mrs. Wm. S. Green.

Mr. Philip Turner, also of the City of Brotherly Love, accompanied by a friend, spent Monday and Tuesday with his mother, Mrs. M. L. Turner.

Mrs. E. B. Mallalieu is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Minnie Mullikin, of Baltimore, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. S. Cook.

Miss Rose Comegys, of our town, is visiting friends at Seaford, Del.

Mr. Turbert Greenwood, of Chestertown, spent Christmas day with his grandmother, Mrs. Turbert Meginniss.

T. H. McWhorter, one of the students at the Penn University, is spending his vacation with his parents, in town.

Misses Lillie and Mary Poor, of Wilmington, Del., are visiting friends in town.

Mr. Wm. S. Merritt, of the Voshell House, Chestertown, is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. A. Hurtt.

Dr. Wm. M. Pippin and wife left here at 12.30 o'clock on Saturday night for Easton, to take Christmas dinner with Mr. Sol. Pippin. A long ride for a hot dinner.

Mrs. Mollie Redden, of New Castle, Del. is visiting her sister, Mrs. Emma Cochran.

Miss Nellie Hand, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. Wm. L. Turner, near town.

Mr. Howard West is visiting his parents at Price's station.

Mr. B. W. Hazell, of Baltimore, is visiting his father, Mr. B. M. Hazell.

Mr. Will Ahern, of Mt. Pleasant, Del., spent a few days of this week with his brother, Mr. J. P. Ahern.

Galena Locals.

Navigation on the Sassafras—Ice Harvest—Christmas Trade and Religious Services—Nearly Frozen.

The steamer Sassafras arrived at Georgetown on time on Saturday last, but has not been able to get back to Baltimore on account of the ice. The ice on Sassafras river is reported to be five inches thick. The steamer Fannie has been loaded with grain for several days, but is afraid to venture out. She is loaded heavily and they expect to take some of the grain off and lighten her up, then she can proceed notwithstanding the thickness of the ice. We are having a regular ice-harvest here, and every one having an ice-house in and around this place has them filled with an excellent quality of ice from four to five inches thick. The thermometer registered 11° this (Thursday) morning.

The stores report a good Christmas trade. There were early services at the P. E. and R. C. churches on Sunday last Christmas day. Father Connelly also had services at 11 o'clock. At the M. E. Church services were held at 10½ o'clock. There were sermons preached at each of the churches suitable to the season, to fairly good congregations. Rev. Mr. Sutton has had a very bad cold for several days, but is getting better at this writing. Each of the churches was neatly decorated for the occasion.

Miss Pauline Nelson is spending her Christmas vacation with her parents.

Miss Nellie Solloway is visiting her aunt, Mrs. James Hicks.

Mr. J. E. Mulford is dangerously ill from the effects of a cold. He came from Quaker Neck last Tuesday night with a load of oysters. When he got home he was nearly frozen stiff. He had to be carried out of his wagon into the house and thawed out. Since then he has been in a bad way, having had several hemorrhages.

Several families have moved from one part of our town to the other. The prospect is that all the rentable houses in our town will be occupied the coming year. P.

HENRY S. COOK,

Millington, Maryland,

—DEALER IN—

DRY GOODS!

GROCERIES,

White Goods, Notions,

Hosiery, Carpets, Clothing,

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S

COATS AND WRAPS

OIL-CLOTHS,

BOOTS AND SHOES,

A Large Variety, of which I make a specialty.

THE YEAR JUST CLOSED.

Minor Matters, Tragic Events Briefly Retold.

The following brief items are taken from the files of the KENT NEWS and will give the reader a summary of the events that have transpired during the year 1892:

JANUARY.

Tuesday, 5, five inches of snow fell but the rain on the following day spoiled the sleighing. Oysters sold in Chestertown for $1.20 per bushel. In all sections of the county the grip prevailed. The balance of taxes uncollected Jan. 1 was $20,172.96.

Tuesday, 12, the two banks of Chestertown elected directors and declared a good dividend. The Chestertown National declared a dividend of ten per cent and the Second National six per cent. Six inches of snow fell Friday and ice three inches thick formed on the mill pond. Corn sold from 45 to 61 cents per bushel.

Saturday, 16, Mr. Harry Biggs came near freezing to death in a row boat near Buck Neck wharf. He remained out on the ice all night and was rescued by Capt. B. Lewis. Arthur P. Gorman was chosen to represent Maryland for six years in the United States Senate. Charles H. Gibson was elected Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. E. F. Wilson. A sleighing carnival was enjoyed. Knewing ones predict a big peach crop.

Tuesday, 26, the residence of Robert G. Nicholson was destroyed by fire, loss $10,000, insurance $5,000 in the Kent Mutual. Chester river was frozen over.

Friday, 29, Thomas Thompson was hanged in the jail yard at 6.35 o'clock for the murder of "Bully" Adams on Calvert street, Chestertown, August 22. Sheriff Plummer sprung the trap and the execution was successfully performed. Thompson admitted killing Adams but says he did not intend to do it. He was perfectly cool and did not show any nervousness whatever.

FEBRUARY.

Wednesday, 3, a new assessment bill was introduced in the House of Delegates. Gen. Seth's report showed an increase of 617,000 bushels of oysters to have been sold up to Jan. 1. Locust Grove creamery paid $1.30 for milk; Sassafras, Chestertown and Kennedyville, $1.20. The Tockwogh was sold for $50,000 to the Newport & Wickford Steamboat Company. Sheriff Plummer found a knife secreted in Thompson's bed a few days after the hanging and it was also learned that he had been cut loose.

Tuesday, 9, the county commissioners allowed Sheriff Plummer $100 for springing the death trap; guards, $50; watchmen, etc, $171. W. B. Usilton purchased the Masonic Hall property in Chestertown for $5,000. The household and kitchen furniture of Wm. Perkins was sold and the noted restauranteur closed business. Oysters brought seventy-five cents per bushel. The appropriation to Washington College was increased from $2,000 to $3,000 per year. Seventy-five families agree to take electric light with a provision as to price.

Thursday, 18, the Sassafras River Co., contract for a new steamboat. The estimated cost of the new assessment law as proposed would cost Kent $3536.00. Gov. Jackson moves to Washington. A vast number of floating fish were found floating in Chesapeake bay caused by dynamite fishing.

Monday, 22, was observed by the Mt. Vernon Society. J. D. Urie, Esq., was the orator of the day. In Chestertown the day was generally observed. The Chestertown paper mill was destroyed Monday night. It was valued at $179,000 on which there was an insurance of $100,000. The fire was discovered about eleven o'clock and it was impossible to gain any control over it.

MARCH.

Tuesday, 1, Dr. Maxwell, of Still Pond, says there are enough live buds on the peach trees on the Peninsula to make 6,000,000 baskets of peaches. Mr. John Bell estimates that 100,000 peach trees have been taken up.

Wednesday, 9, a chinaman made his appearance in Chestertown. Henry Spear sold an unbroken Belton colt for $250. Mr. Baldwin at Kennedyville offered $5.50 for tomatoes. The mill authorities decided to rebuild. Godwin mill, near Crumpton, sold for $5,709. The Duyer dwellings on Mill street brought $1,381.50. Easton had a $20,000 fire. The Chestertown M. E. Sunday school raised $125 for foreign missions.

Monday, 14, Columbus Ashley was injured by the accidental explosion of a gun while out in a boat near Rock Hall. A bill to take away from Chestertown the taxes paid by citizens on their property arouses the people of Chestertown. A town meeting was held and a committee sent to Annapolis. John B. Parrott's barn, near Still Pond, burned, loss $1200. Dynamite fishing detected nearly opposite Love Point light house. St. Patrick's day was a "lulu," snow, rain and hail. The Thos. Wilmer farm bought by James Brice for $6,279.91.

Friday, 18, Mr. Ashley had his arm amputated. Rev. J. W. Easley is appointed pastor of Chestertown M. E. Church and gives satisfaction. Kennedyville creamery paid $1.10 for milk. The NEWS improvements equip the paper to do better work and place it foremost in the State. Christ M. P. Sunday school raised $425.54 for missionary and home purposes. The Seventh Day Adventists at Rock Hall cause a stir at that place.

APRIL.

Monday, 4, the postoffice money order and postal note system went into effect at Rock Hall office. At the close of last month's business the receipts at the Chestertown postoffice for the month was $509.88, the largest in its history. Cardinal Gibbons gives his views in the NEWS on "Why Catholics keep Lent." The Md. annual Conference meet at Pocomoke City and Rev. J. D. Kinzer is chosen president. The Md. Legislature closed its session Monday night, without passing the bill fixing term of county commissioners. Fish at Betterton very plentisul, two boats on Saturday bring 1500 ashore. Mr. Chas. Estes confirmed by Senate as notary public. A separator put up at Lynch's by R. G. Nicholson.

Tuesday, 5, a rousing Cleveland demonstration was held in Stam's Hall, W. M. Slay, chairman. Arbor Day was observed by the schools through the county. All the county's obligations met by the prompt payment of taxes, only 273 bills out as unpaid whereas last year the number was 310. Mr. C. S. Hurlock was made county treasurer on the fifteenth ballot. There were eight candidates for the place. Wheat looking well. Prospect good for a third of a crop of peaches.

Tuesday, 12, the commissioners decide to build three new bridges, one at Chestertown and two at Brice's mill. Messrs. Thomas H. Horsey, Wm. Ford and J. W. Skirven re-elected trustees of the poor house. Rev. D. L. Greenfield returned pastor of Christ Church, while Rev. W. R. Graham goes to Georgetown. St. Paul P. E. Church has called the Rev. Mr. Denroche.

Sunday, 17, Easter Sunday is a big day in the churches. Vannort and Burchinal contest for delegates at the Republican primaries and Burchinal wins four to one. Both sides aver that the other spent money. The Chestertown roller mill begun operation under Mr. Wright's direction. Rev. S. C. Roberts received a surprise from his congregation. The NEWS puts in a folding machine, the only one on the Eastern Shore. Mr. H. Gray loses his barn near Urieville together with 1,500 bushels of wheat and 300 bushels of corn. John Wesley Gibbs and Anthony Potts, colored, were drowned Monday night in Sassafras river. Millington's board of town commissioners consist of Wm. J. Toulson, J. C. Moore and John P. Ahern. Wm. B. Usilton was foreman of grand jury. Court lasted ten days.

Saturday, 23, Dr. J. H. Hill, of Millington, was murdered by darkeys. He was on the road to visit a sick child when the darkeys stopped his horse and killed the doctor. Their object cannot be learned unless it was to avenge the death of Peter Campbell, one of their own color. The guilty parties were lodged in jail. a few days after the murder by the efficient officers of the law. R. D. Hynson is named as a delegate to the National Convention at Chicago. James A. Shaw was re-elected town commissioner almost unanimously. The young ladies of town give a successful dance in Stam's Hall. Several of the Hill murderers were taken to Baltimore to prevent them from being lynched. Colored citizens pass resolutions condemning the crime.

MAY.

Tuesday, 3, the coroner's jury composed of Charles P. Loper, Henry S. Cook, Enoch J. Moffett, Benj. P. Morgan, Wm. Comegys, Wm. H. Ford, Fred G. Usilton, Jos. A. Edwards, Wm. F. Russell, Wm. O. Dugan, Chas. L. Gill, John C. Moore, Amos B. Kelley, W. F. Collins, B. F. Vansant, John McWhorter, Coroner Pippin, implicate Brooks, Williams, Comegys and Bradshaw in the killing of Dr. Hill. C. T. Westcott, Esq., elected president of Republican State Convention. The convocation of the Diocese of Easton was held at Galena, Very Rev. Geo. C. Sutton dean and rector. Miss Mary McKee was kicked on the nose by a horse she was driving and badly hurt. Mr. D. M. Hadaway received an awful kick by a colt belonging to Mr. John Loud. The NEWS begins its 53d year.

Friday, 5, a bicycle club of 17 members was formed in Chestertown. A heavy wind and rain storm passed over the county doing considerable damage. An effort is commenced to have a channel cut across Swan Point bar. Milk is delivered for two cents a pint in Chestertown. The corner stone at Dulaney's church was laid in the presence of 400 persons. Nicholson's ice plant started.

Sunday, 15, Jim Taylor commits an assault upon Nellie Silcox, of near Kennedyville. He was caught and brought to jail by L. C. Justis, Jr., John Silcox, John Medders and John Hurlock, but would say nothing about the assualt. Monday night a lynching party came to the jail, but the prisoner had been taken down the river on Turnnr's tug. They returned to town early Tuesday morning. Very little business was transacted Tuesday. A guard was placed about the jail and the Kennedyville people were promised that Taylor should not be allowed to escape again. At 7 o'clock the crowd commenced to assemble. At 8.30 the party of sixty arrived in town, held a meeting, declared their purpose and reasons. The town commissioners requested that the affair take place outside of town, but the crowd demanded that it be done at once. Never did men plan a thing with more calmness and deliberation than did these men. In a few minutes Taylor was secured by a rope and was swung to a maple opposite the jail on Cross street. Not a shot was fired. At 11 o'clock the body was cut down and the crowd dispersed as quietly as they had gathered. An inquest was held with L. S. Fowler, foreman, but no particular persons were implicated in the jury's verdict. This was the first lynching that ever occured in Kent county. Maxwell Lodge, Rock Hall, celebrate their first anniversary in fine style. Plenty of hail fell. Dan'l Loller bought Godwin mill property for $7,000. Y. W. C. T. U., of Chestertown, held a delightful entertainment. Dr. Davidson lectured in Stam's Hall.

Friday, 20, Congressman Page writes to the NEWS that he would do all in his power to get an appropriation for Rock Hall harbor. It was then too late to get it in the bill, but he said that next Congress he would look after it. Wm. Legg, of Rock Hall, had soft crabs for sale in town. Mr. G. B. McWhorter lost a large bay horse from unknown cause, value $125. A. M. Hepborn, of Crumpton, had his left hand hurt by the bursting of a gun barrel he was holding. Thrity-seven converts to the Adventist faith were baptized. They pitch their tent on Queen street. The prospect for peaches is poor—not one-third if they all stay on the trees. Mr. George E. Harrison and family, of Crumpton, were suffocated and narrowly escaped death. Women were admitted to seats in general conference of M. E. Chuech by vote of 40 to 29. Citizens of Kennedyville favor a law and order league and band themselves together to rid the town of liquor saloons.

Tuesday, 24, the Democratic county convention selected Sam'l Cacy, L. C. Justis, Jr., A. S. Crawford, Jos. R. Usilton, M. deK. Smith, Stevenson Constable to Baltimore State convention. Henry J. Gray, J. H. Ireland, R. C. Smyth, J. E. Gilpin, J. C. Loud, G. E. Leary were sent to Ocean city to the Congressional convention.

JUNE.

Wednesday, 1, Sheriff Plummer returns to Chestertown from Baltimore with the Hill prisoners who were removed for their own protection. Tolchester reopened. The seventh annual convention of the W. C. T. U. met in Chestertown and was a grand success. Delegates were present from all parts of the county. Mrs. L. M. Corey was elected president.

Tuesday, 7, the commissioners awarded the contracts for building three new iron bridges to Dean & Westbrook for $4,850. The proposal for wooden structure was $4,485. H. W. Vickers bought the Carville farm for $18,000. George W. Walbert bought scoone farm for $1,340. Whitson tide sports were held at Worton Station. Elva Medium trots a mile in 2 23. J. C. Suttons' horse wins in 2.54¼. J. P. Hendrickson's horse wins in 2.53¼. Dr. Cooper's colt trots in 2.42¼.

Tuesday, 14, C. S. Hurlock took the oath of office and entered upon his duties as treasurer. Extended improvements at W. College was planned. J. H. Ireland bought the Ireland Home Farm for $8,865. The strawboard mill is to be rebuilt, contractor Pippin the carpenter. Miss Baker's kindergarten commencement was an interesting occasion. An aeronaut fell 2,000 feet from a balloon at Tolchester, and was seriously hurt.

Saturday, 18, Mrs. Eugenia St. John, of Kansas, and wife of ex-Governor St. John, spoke to a large audience in Chestertown. Capt. Benj. Coburn lost a valuable horse by lightening and another was stunned. Washington College with Burris and Zearfoss won six ball games and lost four. The graduates at the college were Benj. F. Perkins, Wm. B. Usilton, Jr., James W. Chapman, Jr., R. Earle Fisher, W. D. Gould, Jr. Ladies play ball on the college campus. Wheat cutting is general.

JULY.

Friday, 1, the crop of peaches is estimated at 10,000. The salary of the Chestertown postmaster increased to $1800. The graduates of the Chestertown public school were Howard Fowler, Bessie Stuart, Vevia Hendrickson, Violet Beck, Mary Anthony, Sue Lambert, Minnie Maslin. The 4th was generally observed in Chestertown, Worton Manor and Tolchester.

Wednesday, 6, Chester River Steamboat Co., close a deal by which they become owners of valuable wharf and granary property at Crumpton and Deep Landing, and also obtain control of ship yard property on this side of the river, and Kirby's landing between Crumpton and Millington. A $125,000 fire broke out in Pocomoke City.

Tuesday, 12, Miss Pennington awarded scholarship to St. Mary's Seminary. Thos. Dolan arrested charged with selling beer at or near Tolchester, tried and found not guilty. Emma A. Ford broke her walking beam near Seven Foot Knoll, damage $3,000. A beautiful banner costing $50 purchased by Democrats. Sparks' mill and mill-seat purchased by A. Woodall, Esq. Peaches bring $1.25 per basket. Wheat has never gone to market in better condition than it has this year. W. B. Copper commences the erection of a $2500 cottage on Washington avenue.

Saturday, 16, Messrs. R. W. Jones, two years, C. J. Scott, four years, George W. Davis, six years, appointed school commissioners by Gov. Brown. Four grandsons of Dr. J. T. Twilley are drowned at Princess Anne. The "Sassafrass" launched. Wheat, 77 cents. The cost of executing Thompson was $1306.97. The tax rate fixed at 97 cents on the hundred, highest since 1877. A delightful dance was given at W. A. Kennedy's near Kennedyville. Twenty-one persons baptized at Rock Hall by adventists, poor success in Chestertown. Big hop given at Mrs. John McWhorter's at Millington. Galena creamery paid sixty-four cents for milk. Col. Page renominated.

Saturday, 23, Chapman & Lambert's shop damaged $25 by fire. Chestertown was without ice, theremometer 100 degrees in the shade. Sugar corn brought $8.50 and $10 per ton. Prof. Watts resigns as teacher at Washington College. The Diehl farm bought by S. Gears and wife for $2,200. Rock Hall beats Piney Neck playing ball.

Saturday, 30, Betterton has a big regatta. Thos. H. Pennypacker blown to pieces by dynamite bomb off Poole's Island. He was a resident of Worton. Chester River Steamboat Co., buy Mrs. Minnie Ringgold's front lot on Chester river at Chestertown for $1600.

AUGUST.

Saturday, 6, county levy published. H. L Crew buys Crew home farm in Sill Pond Neck for $4,550. W. W. Rasin buys "Mother's Care" for about $7,000. The canneries open, $9 for corn. L. J. Smyth resigns as principal of