THE KENT NEWS.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.:
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The Law Must be Obeyed.

Next Friday the last act in the terrible Hill tragedy will be performed. Eight men and boys, convicted of the murder of Dr. J. Heighe Hill, on the public road near Millington, on the night of April 23d last, will be hung. Such a scene was never before enacted in this State and seldom in the United States, and—naturally or unnaturally—it is a fact patent that there will be a morbid curiosity to witness the affair. The law, however, characterizes such scenes as unfit for the public gaze; the death struggles of human beings under the circumstances surrounding it, with so many pitiable and distressing incidents, the law says must be within the vale of the strictest privacy comporting with the ends of justice. But here comes in one of the grave apprehensions for next Friday—the demands of the law for privacy and the morbid curiosity of mankind. Happily the sheriff of the county has taken the matter in hand in time, and if the law is not fully carried out—in the letter and spirit—it will not be his fault.

The correspondence with Judge Wickes, published in another column, clearly proclaims the plans and purposes of the officers of the law. *Force will be employed and used to the extreme length to fulfill the mandates of the law and secure a literally private execution.* The jail yards and premises will be lined and closely guarded by a cordon of police and deputies, fully armed, and the scaffold will be entirely enclosed.

The question whether a *public hanging*—out in the open field where the world could gaze upon it—is the more effective or salutary plan, is not an issue now. It is not a matter for present discussion. It might be better than these private executions. It might be worse. There is a wide difference of opinion on the subject *The law has settled it, and the law must be obeyed.* The courts, the sheriff and the officers summoned to sustain the law, must do their duty. They fail at their peril.

Therefore, the morbidly inclined, far and near, will be just as well off, so far as witnessing the execution is concerned, at their homes as they would be in Chestertown next Friday.

TWENTY-FIVE SLAIN

An Awful Battle in a North Carolina Town Between Lynchers and a Sheriff's Posse.

County Jail Stormed by a Mob—Repulsed, the Crowd Returns and a Frightful Loss of Life Ensues.

A terrible battle followed by a lynching occurred at Bakersville, the county seat of Mitchel county, in the mountains of North Carolina, last Wednesday night. The fight between a sheriff's posse and an armed mob of 500 determined lynchers, who finally succeeded in hanging the prisoner.

As a result of the struggle 11 members of the sheriff's posse are dead. About 14 of the lynchers were killed in the assault on the jail. Over a score were wounded. The whole country is terrorized.

Bakersville, where the battle occurred, is in a typical mountain county, removed from all railroad connections and the telegraph. Population, 500. The population of Mitchell county is about 12,000. The county is situated in the extreme west centre of the state among the mountains and within a few miles of the Tennessee line.

The facts which led up to the terrible lynching affray are as follows:

Aaron Wiseman and Calvin Snipes were partners in an illicit distillery in Mitchell county, N. C., and had told William Osborne and Isaac Osborne, two brothers, of the distillery to the officials at Bakersville, N. C., and helped them to destroy it. Wiseman and Snipes suspected Isaac Osborne as the reporter.

On the night of August 27, 1892, Snipes and Wiseman, armed with Winchester rifles, went to the house of Isaac Osborne and called him up. Mr. Osborne came to the door and the culprits opened fire, almost riddling him with bullets. Wiseman and Snipes were arrested, but sufficient could not be obtained against Wiseman and he was released. Snipes was bound to the Superior Court on purely circumstantial evidence. He was placed in jail and, after being confined about two weeks, confessed to the killing in the manner above related.

THE Centreville *Observer* says: Senator Hepbron, of Kent, has expressed the opinion Governor Brown ought to convene the legislature in special session for the purpose of passing an assessment bill. A few other gentlemen have expressed the same opinion. To our mind the thing is simple nonsense. Whilst an assessment law is needed, the thing is not so dreadfully imperative as to warrant a special session at a cost of from fifty to seventy-five thousand dollars to accomplish what can be accomplished next year at no cost at all for legislative expenses. We trust the Governor has too much discretion to be misled by such advice as the Kent Senator and a few others have volunteered.

Sterling Honesty.

There is one honest man in Wicomico county, and he resides in the Trappe district. He was a county pensioner, but having been restored to health he has notified the county commissioners that he desires to have pension discontinued. This is said to be the only instance of that kind that ever occured in Wicomico.—*Baltimore Herald.*

A pensioner in Carroll some years ago notified the commissioners that he could support himself and wanted his pension discontinued. Such instances are rare, and denote sterling honesty. Other pensioners are perhaps just as honest, and some probably could live without their pensions, but lack the self-reliance of the two above noted.—*Westminster Advocate.*

We have never heard of such a case in Kent.

THE County commissioners visited the almshouse Wednesday and found the premises and the care of the inimates all that could be expected. The inmates number twenty-seven, six white males, ten white females, two white children, six colored males and three colored females. A sumptous dinner was served by superintendent Knight and his estimable wife and it was highly appreciated.

THE EXECUTION.

Judge Jos. A. Wickes' Charge to Sheriff Plummer as to His Duty, Powers, &c.

Sheriff Plummer's Card to All!

The following communications will explain themselves:

CHESTERTOWN, Jan. 2, 1893.

HON. JOSEPH A. WICKES, Judge, &c.:

Sir:—A sense of duty impels me to inform you that I have good reasons to believe that I may not be able to carry into effect the execution of the eight murderers of Dr. Hill on the 13th inst., agreeably to the spirit of the law governing executions in this State.

The law requires of me that the executions shall be private. I am advised that great masses of people from different counties of the State and from the State of Delaware, are coming to the jail for the avowed purpose to make of the executions a public exhibition. The fence about the jail is only a light board structure, and can offer but little resistance to a mass of people bent upon destroying it, and the destruction of the fence would expose the executions to public view.

It is my purpose to discharge this imperative duty in a proper and orderly manner, according to the commands of the law; but as my right and duty as the sheriff of the county, to summons in advance of actual trouble a posse to prevent disorder about the jail premises, has been questioned by citizens reluctant to serve in your Honor for directions and a statement that capacity, I am advised to apply to of the scope of my duty and authority in such expected interruption in the orderly and due discharge of the duty imposed by law on me in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD J. PLUMMER, Sheriff.

CHESTERTOWN, Jan. 4, 1893.

EDWARD J. PLUMMER, Esq.:

Dear Sir:—I have received your letter of the 2d instant, in which you say that you have good reason to believe that you will not be able to execute, on the 13th of this month, in the manner directed by the law, the judgment pronounced by the court against the persons convicted of the murder of Dr. Hill, in obedience to the warrant of the Governor of this State. The reason which you give for this opinion is "that you are advised that great masses of people from the different counties and from the State of Delaware are coming to the jail for the avowed purpose of making the execution a public exhibition," and that, as the fence around the jail yard, where the execution is to take place, is made of plank, it could offer but little resistance to a large number of men bent upon its destruction, and that the destruction of the fence would expose the execution to the public view. You then ask that I will instruct you as to your authority to summon the *posse comitatus* to assist you in maintaining order and keeping the public peace at that time, and in resisting any attempt which may be made by disorderly and lawless men to interfere with you in the proper discharge of your solemn duty.

The law makes it the duty of the sheriff to execute the sentence of death in as "private a manner as possible, and to exclude from the view thereof all persons except his deputies, the spiritual advisors of the criminal, the counsel who defended him, his relatives and such other persons, not exceeding twenty, as he may appoint to witness the execution; and the physician of the jail, if there be one, or if there be no such physician, then the sheriff shall procure some other physician, of good standing, to attend and to furnish him a certificate that the execution was properly performed."

It is, therefore, your imperative duty to execute the judgment of the court, in obedience to the warrant of the Governor, in a private manner, as directed by the section of the code which I have quoted. A failure on your part to do so would make you liable to indictment and severe punishment. If you have reason to believe that any disorderly persons will, at that time, attempt to interfere with you in the performance of your duty, or, to be more explicit, to break down the fence or other barrier which you now have to exclude the public from seeing the execution, you have the authority and the power, and it will be your duty to summon before the day of execution the *posse comitatus*, or powers of the county; that is, such a number of citizens as are necessary to assist you in preserving the public peace on that day, and in quelling any riot or disorder which may occur before or at the time of the execution. Every one who is summoned is bound to obey the summons and to assist you in preserving the public peace; and if any one should refuse to attend or assist, he may be punished by fine and imprisonment. But I cannot suppose that any law-abiding citizen, when called upon, will hesitate to perform that high duty. The occasion will be one of great solemnity and good order should prevail. The reputation and character of this community is involved, and any disorderly conduct or riotous proceeding would not only be a gross violation of the law but would bring discredit, if not disgrace, upon the people of the county.

Should, however, there be any attempt to interfere with you, or to break down the barriers which have been or may be erected to exclude the public, let the person or persons so offending be at once arrested and committed to the county jail, and in making the arrest the posse, or any member of it, may assist you or your deputies. Such attempt or such interference would be a grave offense, for which the party could be indicted and severely punished. Yours, very respectfully,

J. A. WICKES.

A Card to the Public.

It has been made known to me that great masses of people from different sections of this State, and from the State of Delaware, intend coming to the Jail of this county on tue 13th inst., for the purpose of making the execution of the Dr. Hill murderers a public execution. The law of this State requires executions to be private. The public *cannot* view the execution. The law commands me and I shall obey the law to the letter and see that the execution is witnessed only by the persons authorized by law to witness the same. I therefore counsel all persons not summoned to remain away from the vicinity of the jail on that day.

I shall summon two hundred discreet and determined citizens of the county, who will be prepared to resist any and every attempt to gain access to the jail or approach the premises. The honor, good name and peace of our county is involved, and all citizens not summoned as guards and deputies should remain quietly at their homes. *As the law requires, the execution shall be private.*

EDW. J. PLUMMER, Sheriff.

A GRAND OCCASION.—One of the most enjoyable meetings ever held by the United "Y" occurred last Monday evening at Fairlee Hall. During the business part of the exercise it was announced that Prof. Judefind would be present on next Monday evening to give instructions in Music. All members were requested to bring all copies of "White Ribbon Vibrations" available. Solos by Misses Willis and Bramble and the duet by Misses Minnie and Ada Hudson were highly appreciated and loudly applauded. The selection read by Miss Nellie Willis was highly instructive and in keeping with the object of the "Y." Aunt Matilda in urging some girls not to attend a card party, gave her own sad experience in the ruin and death of her son behind prison bars, who had withstood all temptations to play cards until persuaded to do so by a lady friend. Becoming fascinated with the game he frequented gambling dens where like many others he met his fate. So effectively was it read that it could not fail to arouse much needed thought on the responsibility of girls in their influence over gentleman friends. After the conclusion of the programme an observation game was introduced and much enjoyed. One of the youngest members, Miss Susie Ford, gave the longest list of articles on a table after a minute's survey of the same and was awarded a book. A young gentleman was presented with a cap with the assurance that he would not find it burdensome even in the warmest weather.

FIVE DAYS LEFT!

Strange Scenes Among the Doomed!

HOW THE EIGHT MEN AND BOYS ACT ONE WEEK FROM THE GALLOWS!

Playing "Leap-Frog" in the Jail Corridors—Laughing and Joking!

One Boy Asks to go Home for a Day or Two, Promising to "Come Back in Time for the Hanging!"

The sounds of merry laughter that floated out from the corridors of the Chestertown jail last Wednesday morning reminded one more of a jolly party of colored boys than a band of convicted murderers. But such were the sounds heard by a NEWS reporter when he visited the county jail on the day named. Upon going inside the scene there was almost beyond imagination.

In the first cell, nearest the street, were Henry Hurtt and Louis Benson, who with heads pressed close to the bars were intently watching and evidently enjoying the sport. Next was "Buck" Brooks, also looking out his window and encouraging the sport by directing them what to do. The three boys in the middle cell—Joshua Baynard, Frizby Comegys and Charles Emory—had been allowed the freedom of the corridor, and it was these three boys who were furnishing amusement for the crowd. Friz Comegys wore an old-style blue soldier cap, given him by "Pap" Greenwood, and was as mischievous and lively as a young kitten. First he and Baynard ran a race, then they would jump over a stick held by Emory, who would raise the stick higher and higher. Each time these boys would leap over the stick, and the noise of their bare feet striking the bricks resounded through the corridor. Comegys next tried running on hands and feet, and the rapid rate he moved along was surprising. He and Baynard then ran on "all fours," and leaped like horses over the stick. The part that created the most laughter was when Comegys, as the savage dog, bit Emory so bad that he was afterward afraid to go near him. In the midst of the frolicking Will Palmer, the errand boy, arrived, and immediately the fun ceased and each one demanded the article for which he had sent. Several got cigars, "three for five," others candy, apples, cheese, etc., and for a while trading was the rage. While the fun was going on Fletcher Williams was sound asleep and snoring, while Moses Brown sat intently reading his bible.

Watchman Storks was on duty. He has no trouble whatever with the prisoners. Moses Brown has had conferred on him the title of "grandpap," as he daily instructs the boys in reading the Bible, etc. Friz often calls to Mose thus:

"Oh, Mr. Moses!"

"What is it, Friz?" answers Mose.

"Come out of the bullrushes."

"Oh, stop your foolishness," says Mose.

"If you hadn't come out of the rushes you now would have been at Mr. Ford's," adds Friz.

THE PRISONERS' AGES.

Much has been said and written about the prisoners ages. A NEWS reporter has interviewed the prisoners and obtained from them what they claim to be their exact ages.

Charles Emory—"I was 16 years old last September. My father lives in Millington and works about the town. I lived first with Miss Mollie Cacy and have lived with Mr. Gus Hendrickson five years. I was never before with the men now in jail. I am ready to die and do not feel afraid in the least."

Joshua Baynard—"I am 16 years old. Went to school two or three winters. My father works with Mr. Johnny Rees. I lived with Mr. Chas. Rolph two months, with Mr. Johnny Rees two years and Mr. S. Johnson one year. Me and Fletcher lived together and I always waited for him when in Millington. I know the time is very short but I am trying to prepare for it. I never belonged to church but attended Sunday school."

Henry Hurtt—"I am 16 years old, and have a mother living at Golt's Station. I have worked for Dr. E. G. Clarke, Jas. Thompson, Lou Hayes, Galena, and at Jos. Peacock's. I feel ready to die. I went to school three or four years and can read.

Louis Benson—"I will be 17 years old next October. I have a father and mother living at Golt's Station, and also seven brothers. I work by the day at different places, the last places being at Mr. Wm. Ford's and Mr. John Donahoe's. I know that my time is drawing near but am trusting in the Lord to save me."

Friz Comegys was looking out into the jail yard and when asked what that lumber was doing out there he replied "its to hang us on, sir." His father has been down to see him several times but Friz does not seem to worry over his fate. He says he is 17 or 18 years old and has worked for Messrs. Wm. J. Hurlock, Wm. Price, John Barnes and C. Turner. His father works for Wm. Cully. Friz says he does not fear to die.

Henry Hurtt asked Watchman Storks to let him go home for a day or two and he would come back in time for the execution!

Charles Brooks is sullen and morose in his disposition. He says the time does not pass too slowly nor too rapidly and he does not care whether he is to be hung to-morrow or next week. "I did not see Dr. Hill on the night he was killed nor did I have anything to do with it. I will be 18 years, 10 months and 17 days old at 12 o'clock next Friday, the 13th! My parents are living at Golt's station. I have worked for Thomas Donahoe, Henry Gillen and Thos. O'Connor. I feel prepared to die at any time." [Brooks is one of the *men*, and is evidently over 21 years old.]

Fletcher Williams—"I am 23 years old and lived with Mr. Charles Rolph. I did not see Dr. Hill on the night of the murder and had nothing to do with the affair. I do not feel uneasy about the hanging as I know I am innocent."

Moses Brown—"I am 28 going in 29. I have a wife and one child living and eight dead. I worked by the day at various places, my last home being with Mr. Wm. H. Ford. I was not in the crowd when the murder was committed as I left the boys at Ford's gate. I am prepared to go. I know that I have got to die sometime but I don't much like the way I've got to go now. I am trying to teach the boys what the Lord says about death and the home in heaven."

Some one told Brooks that the Governor would like to see his picture whereupon he gruffly replied "if the Governor wants to see me let him come here."

THE SCAFFOLD.

Mr. Fred Pote, one of Worton's skilled mechanics, and one of the watchmen at the jail, is at work on the scaffold. It will be built in the jail yard nearest Cross street with the entrance from the north end of the lower corridor, within a few feet of where the men are now confined. The gallows will be twenty feet long and eight feet wide and entirely covered on four sides with a hip roof, entrance being made through a door opposite the iron door leading to the lower corridor. The main beam upon which the men will hang will be of Georgia pine 6x8 inches. Four traps will be arranged under this beam, four and a-half each, on each of which two will stand. These traps will be worked by a lever by Sheriff Plummer and the drop will be simultaneous. The lower portion of the scaffold, from the traps to the ground, will be open.

Petitions from this and the lower sections of the county, numerously signed, have been received by Governor Brown this week asking that the death sentence of certain of the boys convicted of the Hill murder be commuted to imprisonment, but it is said the Governor declines to interfere unless at least two of the judges who sat in the case, request a change in the sentence, and this they will not do. So that, unless there are unexpected developments, the whole eight will certainly hang next Friday.

Sheriff E. J. Plummer stated to us yesterday that he had received at least a thousand requests for *tickets* to see the hanging, but of course he paid but little attention to it.

Dr. Frank Abbott, State electrocutionist of New York, will be present to compare the old method with the new.

Dr. Lee, Capt. Cadwallader and others, of Baltimore, will be present among the hundreds of visitors.

On to Chestertown!

The first step toward giving Chestertown better railroad accommodation was inaugurated this week. Tuesday morning a special train arrived in town with a surveying party for the purpose of surveying the land from the present depot to the river near Scott's Point. The train came under orders from the main office of the Jersey Central. The work was not completed Tuesday and on Wednesday the workmen returned and worked all day laying plans for building this road. Superintendent E. P. Stacey was seen by a NEWS reporter and stated that their object here was to survey the new road, find out the cost of same and report to headquarters. He said that the road no doubt would be extended if the citizens of Chestertown prove to the Jersey Central the great need of a new terminal and the increased benefits dirived therefrom. Mr. Stacey's idea is to purchase the lot at the foot of Cross street and there erect a station with telegraph freight house, etc., etc. The NEWS will hail with pleasure the great improvement, let it come!

NEW COMPANY ASSUMES CONTROL.—The Chestertown Creamery and Ice Company, with a capital stock of $18,000, elected officers Tuesday as follows: Robt. G. Nicholson, president; Horace W. Beck, secretary and treasuer; R. G. Nicholson, Sam'l Vannort, Dr. W. Frank Hines, Hope H. Barroll and H. W. Beck, directors. This company will continue the business heretofore managed by Mr. Nicholson, but on a larger scale. Mr. Walter Lusby, who has heretofore efficiently managed the factory, will continue with the company for a short while to explain the working of the plant. Success to the new company.

Pleasant Occasions.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard gave a six o'clock dinner at Wilbur Etta cottage on Washington avenue last Friday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Watts. The menu was as follows:

Bisected Bivalves,
Blissful Bouillon, Baked Biped,
Blanched Branches, Boiled Bird Berries,
Buttered Bulbs, British Beans,
Brown Bread, Brandied Botollus,
Brown Berries Boiled.

The diner had to guess what these dishes meant. After dinner each guest was given a souvenir card decorated with holly and ribbon. Those present were Hope H. Barroll. Esq., and wife, Prof. R. Watts and wife, Mr. Edw. W. Emory and wife, Mr. H. S. Collins and Miss Lizzie Roberts, Mr. C. E. Plumley and Miss Sue Wilkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robertson gave a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plummer last Monday evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Maslin, Mrs. E. J. Plummer, Mrs. H. S. Barnett, Miss Mary Sutton and others.

Miss Belle Pippin gave a pleasant New Year's reception Monday evening to her music school. The table set before the young ladies was loaded with refreshments arranged tastefully and attractively. Games of various kinds were enjoyed.

There was a "skating party" held on the mill pond below C. H. Hurlock's, last Saturday afternoon and evening, at which there were over forty present. About ten o'clock they all disbanded. Among those present were Misses Hallie and Daisy Usilton, Carrie and Blanche Smyth, May Hurlock, Ada Skirven, Della Lee, Maggie, Veva and Sadie Hendrickson and Emma Knight. Messrs. C. H. Hurlock, Jesse Usilton, Harry Wills, Murray Smyth, Joe Watson, George and Percy Hendrickson, Frank Crow, Will Barnes, Clarence and Charlie Crow, Arthur and Warren Hurlock, Harry Hendrickson and several others.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Eliason, Jr., gave a reception last Friday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Colton, of Baltimore. The occasion was one of much pleasure and the company present expressed their gratification of the manner of entertainment. Miss Colton returned home Wednesday with pleasant memories of our old town.

A pea nut party was announced to take place at Miss Laura Greenwood's home in Fairlee last night.

Members and friends Senior and Junior Leagues, of Galena Methodist Episcopal Church invaded the Parsonage on Monday evening, Jan. 2d bringing a full suply of articles both useful and ornamental. In addition thereto the pastor was presented with a well-filled envelope with which to purchase an overcoat. The occupants of the parsonage have found green pastures, and when the present pleasant relations are severed by the powers that be, an inviting field awaits the pastor who can appreciate a generous and noble-hearted people.

IF you want Clothing for yourself or boy you had better call on Moody & Perkins before their stock is too much reduced for since their reduction sales have been in progress they are sending out a good many packages. Call and see them it will pay you to buy a suit and hold it over at the prices they are selling them.

The County Finances.

County Treasurer C. S. Hurlock and clerk Wm. F. Russell have been busy as bees the past ten days. The rush is now over and the treasury is on a solid basis. On the first of January, '92, the balance remaining uncollected was $20,182.96. The first of the present month the uncollected balance is about the same, which shows *better collections than ever before*, as the total amount assessed is larger than for years past. This is a remarkable showing in view of last year's distressing financial pressure—the failure in crops, etc. The treasurer has seven or eight thousand dollars in hand to meet any demand upon him. Can any county in the State beat this? If the county could now get upon an entirely cash basis much could be saved. As usual last year a few secured much of the "county scrip"—witness certificates, etc—and both the banks the past year accommodated persons holding county claims to a larger extent than ever. The Second National called upon the Treasurer and received a check for $9,009.52; the Chestertown National $4,899.21; Mr. Wm. G. Russell $5,173.22.

Among the Oystermen.

The recent cold weather has debarred the oystermen from plying their tongs and of course oysters have taken a jump in price. Mr. Edw. W. Emory fortunately had eight hundred bushels of oysters in his house and kept them from freezing by keeping a good fire all the time. Our restaurant keepers have been paying $1.50 per bushel for Chester rivers this week. A few oystermen were at work at the mouth of Jackson's creek Tuesday and some were at work further down the river.

An oyster schooner, commanded by Capt. Joseph Horney, late of the State oyster police service, was sunk of Bloody Point, resulting in the total loss off cargo and over $200 in money. The crew with much difficulty succeeded in reaching the shore in their yawl boat.

In Kent county there are 733 tongers, who have obtained licenses for oystering; Queen Anne's, 919; Anne Arundel, 1051; St. Mary's, 1042; Somerset, 464, Wicomico, 632.

Capt. Davis has the same boat that was in charge of Capt. Hyland, and when the weather permits is at work buying oysters. The captain is a good seaman and says "if Capt. Hyland continues as he has begun there will be no complaint to find with him."

Several fishermen in Queenstown creek cut holes in the ice this week and caught some fine fish.

PLOUGHING THROUGH ICE.

The Corsica and Gratitude Bravely Fight Their Passage to Chestertown and River Landings.

The announcement in the NEWS last week that the Corsica and Gratitude would arrive at Chestertown Saturday induced several hundred persons to go to the wharf and watch them plough the ice. It was 5 P. M. when the bow of the Corsica turned Primrose's Point, and 5.15 when she arrived at her wharf here. The good speed is accounted for by the fact that the Gratitude was behind the Corsica pushing her.

The start was made from Baltimore at 8 o'clock. The Latrobe went down ahead of the boats as far as the Knoll Light. The heaviest ice was encountered about one mile inside Chester river light-house and measured at least six inches. The Gratitude, in command of Capt. Wm. Taylor, Mate Anthony and Clerk Harris, left the Corsica and went into Rock Hall. Here most of the passengers landed, including *eight* school teachers and a passenger for Rolph's. It is said by one of the officers that they breathed so much more freely when the school teachers were landed as they worried and fretted considerably lest they would not get to their homes! An *economical* gentleman from Rolph's paid a dollar to ride to Chestertown, a quarter for something to eat and walked to his home, reaching there just as the steamer left his wharf. The Gratitude left the Corsica with the understanding that she was to go into Kent Island wharf while the former was at Rock Hall. But the Corsica was unable to get in until her mate came to help her.

Tuesday the Gratitude towed the Corsica as far as the mouth of the river and then after stopping at Kent Island and Rock Hall the battle for entrance into Queenstown was begun. The Corsica, under Capt. Vandyke and Larrimore, and with her genial Clerk Downey, certainly was indispensable in bucking up against the outside ice. The brave little steamer Gratitude worked her way slowly through six-inch ice and landed freight and passengers at Queenstown wharf for the first time in a week. During the trip up the creek three men in an iceboat sailed to and fro across the steamer's bow. Capt. Taylor says it was certainly amusing to see this flying boat skip over the ice. All the stops on river were made with the exception of Centreville. On Wednesday both steamers left Chestertown at 8 A. M. and returned next day making all the stops except Queenstown, encountering very heavy ice, and yesterday morning the two boats started out again facing not only the vast fields of ice but a driving snow storm.

The NEWS congratulates the Chester River Steamboat Company and all its officers on their pluck and enterprise shown during the past two weeks.

The tug Sallie tried to get up Chester river Wednesday but was unable to get further than fifty yards above the bridge. She was after Capt. Jos. W. Thompson's schooner which is now loaded with 5,000 bushels of corn, and on account of the ice is unable to get out of Morgan Creek.

SAD DEATHS.—Weldon Reid, the three-year-old son of Mr. Joseph Downey, died last Friday night. The little fellow, while playing at the head of the stairs some weeks before his death, fell down the steps, and it is thought by the doctors in attendance upon the child that its death was the result of this fall. It was buried at Wesley Chapel on Monday.

Ernest Baker, son of Mr. F. M. Baker, died last Tuesday night, after a sickness of one week. The child the week before had eaten a whole orange and immediately afterward was taken sick and died as stated, aged 1 year and 3 months.

A telegram was received by Mr. John McKee, Jr., on Tuesday, stating that his sister, Mrs. Katie McCann, had died suddenly at her home in Philadelphia. Mrs. McCann was a daughter of Mr. John McKee, of Morgan's Creek, and was until her marriage about a year ago a teacher in Kent county.

THIEVING.—The warehouse at the foot of High street was broken open by thieves Wednesday night and three gallons of whiskey taken therefrom. The desk was opened but nothing was stolen from it.

Thursday night Mr. Robert Kemble's hen house was robbed of twenty fine fowls. Officer Kelly says the town needs a night watchman. He is on duty until about midnight, but it is after this time that the thieves do their work.

Dredgers Captured.

Capt. Hyland, of the police boat Anna B. Smith, captured two dredge boats last Wednesday morning, charged with illegal dredging on Swan Point bar. The two boats were taken into Rock Hall creek and are now in custody of the oyster police while the owners and captains are trying to get bond in order to secure their release. Capt. Hyland appears to be trying to do his whole duty, and ought to have the sympathy and support of all law-abiding citizens.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. E. Y. O'Meara, of Pomona, and his popular sister will remove to Wilmington.

Mrs. E. Newton has removed from Earlville to Chestertown.

Mr. I. W. Matthews has removed from near Locust Grove to College avenue, Chestertown.

Mr. T. D. Bowers entered Johns Hopkins University Thursday.

Miss Carrie Copper is the guest of Miss Emma Parks on High street.

Benj. N. Wright, Esq., chief clerk in the Comptroller's office, Annapolis, was in Chestertown on business this week.

Misses Lollie and Florence Watkins, of Eastern Neck Island, left Chestertown Monday for Baltimore.

Miss Mary Anthony has returned to school in Baltimore.

Miss Lizzie Davis, of Crumpton has been spending Christmas with her sister Mrs. Maggie Jewell, of Baltimore.

Miss Mary Stuart, of Galena, made her religious profession at the Convent of the Immaculate Heart, Villa Maria, West Chester, Thursday. Her name in religion will be Sister Mary Theresina.

Mr. R. S. Griffith, intending to quit farming, sold his stock last week, J. Ford Caulk, auctioneer. The stock brought good prices. Mr. Harry Griffith will tenant the farm.

Frank Stayton is attending Dickinson College.

Miss Linda M. Bowers is attending school in New Castle, Del.

Miss Pearl Hodges, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Lillie Trott at Betterton.

Miss Mary Janvier is the guest of Miss Maddie Thomas in Elkton.

Miss Ola Leverage, of Warwick, is the guest of Miss Elva Hamilton near Kennedyville, Md.

Mrs. M. A. Staats has removed from Sassafras to Elkton.

Miss Morgan Beaston has been the guest of Miss Ella Downes in Denton the past week and attended the brilliant ball at that town during her visit.

Cards are out announcing the nuptials of Miss Mamie Crew, daughter of Mr. B. F. Crew, and Mr. Albert S. Turner. The ceremony will take place Wednesday evening, January 18th, at 7 o'clock, in Union M. E. Church. A reception will be held from 8 to 10 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents.

The wedding of Miss Hallie Elliott to Nelson E. Smith is announced to take place Wednesday, January 11th, at 7 o'clock in Centreville M. P. Church.

Cards have been issued to the wedding of J. Edward Covell, fireman on the Q. A. & K. R. R., and Miss Jennie Q. Comegys at the M. E. Church, Centreville, January 11, at 2.30 P. M.

Mr. John Z. Clarke expects to visit the Hopkins Hospital next week to have his arm examined. He has carried it in a sling for eight weeks.

The wedding of Mr. George Stevens and Miss Emma F. Reynolds was solemnized at the M. P. church parsonage near Edesville on Wednesday, Dec. 28. Rev. Jesse Shreeve performed the ceremony.

Rev. T. P. Barber, D. D., rector of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, in Cambridge, died on Sunday night of Bright's disease. Mr. Barber was widely known on the Eastern Shore as one of the most energetic men in his church, and one of the most useful in the Diocese. The Episcopal Church has suffered a severe loss in his death.

The young men of Centreville gave the initial dance of the year Tuesday night. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Perkins, Miss Nelie Walker, Belle Aldridge, Daisy Brice, Messrs. Lewin Wickes, John D. Welch and George Brice.

A CARD.

I take this means of extending my heartfelt thanks to the citizens who earnestly and untiringly fought the flames and saved my large stock of furniture at the fire in Galena Friday.
1t. THOS. H. HORSEY.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the LOCUST GROVE CREAMERY COMPANY will be held in the store of G. M. Beasten, SATURDAY, January 7th, at 2 P. M. A full attendance is desired. By order, J. HORTON KELLEY,
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d10-1m. HARRY RICKEY, CASHIER.

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Owing to not having received our supply of Mules for hauling straw, we desire all parties who can deliver it at the mill to do so, and receive $1.25 per ton for hauling same.
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BY VIRTUE of an order of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, the undersigned will offer at Public Sale, at his late residence in Morgan Creek Neck, the personal property of the late Charles W. Jones,

On SATURDAY, January 14, 1893,

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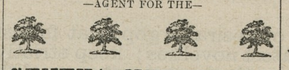

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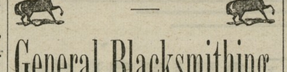

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