THE KENT NEWS.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.:

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Help the Poor!

This is a trying time with the poor. No doubt there are in Chestertown, Rock Hall and other sections of the county, poor families without wood or coal in this bitter weather; some *without food*;—children cold and hungry, waiting for the proffering of help. Many such will freeze or starve before they will beg. Hunt them up. Help them, and the return to you will be in a thousand fold richer blessing.

The NEWS has full confidence in the charitable societies of the county, but there is a class that is not reached by these societies and for this purpose we will open a "Poor Fund" to be distributed among the poor by three good citizens of each district to be hereafter announced. To this fund we invite every man, woman and child to contribute something, large or small, and AT ONCE.

The NEWS will start the fund with a contribution of $25.

THE doctors say this is healthy weather.

CAMBRIDGE has a public soup house for the poor. Commendable!

THE cold blizzard is credited with freezing up Gov. Brown's convocation program.

THE COST OF IT.—From the most reliable source we learn that the cost to the county growing out of the trial and execution of the Hill murderers will be $5,000.

It is the general impression among the people of Baltimore, that Boss Rasin owns the City Hall and all that it contains.—*Evening News.*

Whew! If that's so we'd like to be in his shoes. We always thought Rasin a great man, but didn't suppose our Raltimore cotemporary would find it out so soon.

EX-PRESIDENT HAYES died at 11 o'clock ast Tuesday night. His malady was angina pectoris or heart neuralgia, which seized him while on his visit at Cleveland last Saturday. He was in his 71st year.

THE demand for the KENT NEWS of last Saturday has been unprecedented. The thousands of copies which have gone out is certainly flattering, *but we hope never to have a like occasion.* The lessons of the past week ought to be sufficient to deter the most hardened criminals. We hope never to be called upon to record another murder in our beloved county.

DENTON beats the Shore! A dispatch reports the thermometer there at *seventeen below* zero Wednesday morning. At Salisbury it was 12° below, at Hood's Mill 14° below, Centreville 6° below, and at various points on the Western Shore 14° to 17° below. Opinions vary as to the effect on fruit, but like it is with us in Kent, there is universal speculation on the subject.

"TO THE subscribers of *The Sun* with the compliments of A. S. Abell & Co., Balto., Md.," is the endorsement of the Baltimore Sun Almanac for 1893, just received at this office. This book contains 145 pages, filled with information of inestimable value. The Sun Almanac has become an indespensable article in almost every office and business house in Maryland. Farmers, and indeed everybody, find it desirable to consult its pages during the year. A copy is sent free to every subscriber of *The Sun.*

Some Ridiculous Exagerations.

Chestertown was full of reporters last week—and most of them were gentlemen of high character and rare talent. Others were posessed of equal talent, but were woefully lacking in character, consequently some of the great dailies have served up to their readers as nauseous doses of falsehood as can be imagined. So respectable a paper as the Philadelphia *Times* opens its report with the following:

The four negroes convicted of the murder of Dr. Hill were hung in the jail-yard here at twenty minutes past 12 o'clock today. The executions were not successful, viewed from any standpoint, for three of the condemned men were slowly strangled to death and only one died when the drop fell. A mob swept away the fences of the jail just before the men began their march to the gallows and the struggles of the wretched quartette were watched by five hundred pitiless spectators, any one of whom would have riddled the swaying corpses with buckshot if there had not been great danger of killing a neighbor in the melee. It was a day of boisterous excitement from dawn to dusk. The town never contained so many people before, and at no time has it been so thoroughly aroused. There were a thousand drunken men in the streets carrying rifles, and there were ten thousand others more or less sober, whose mission was for war or peace, according to the circumstances. There were threats of all sorts affecting everybody but the talk went for nothing, and to-night the net result of the day's trouble is ten arrests for disorderly conduct and minor offenses.

A more wilful or exaggerated series of mistatements it would be difficult to string together. Indeed the whole paragraph is a lie out of whole cloth. The attendance at the hanging all told was probably five hundred, and considering the exciting circumstances, the order was excellent. True, a few persons were most too anxious to see the sights and a few boards were pulled off the fence, while two or three thoughtless individuals indulged in coarse jests when the culprits were in the agonies of death. With these exceptions the order was perfect.

Another reporter has this ridiculous reference: Warden Greenwood, who performs the office of death watch, and is a local exhorter in the methodist church, then took charge of the religious services and asked Charlie Brooks to sing: "We All Must Die." It took some persuasion, but Brooks finally consented, and all the condemned men joined in the hymn.

PEOPLE FROZEN IN THE STREETS.

A Girl Devoured by Wolves.

The cold throughout Europe continues to be intense. There is great suffering and fatality among the poor. The bodies of three persons who had been frozen to death were found in the streets of Berlin. Horrible stories come from the remoter regions of Europe, and especially the Balkans, of death and suffering caused by the severity of the winter. In Servia the wolves have abandoned the forests and prowl about the towns and villages in search of prey. A young girl was devoured by wolves in the suburbs of Belgrade, and the animals, made fiercer than ever by hunger, have actually appeared in the streets of the city. In Montenegro packs of wolves have attempted to enter the sheepfolds, refusing to retreat when fired upon by the peasantry.

In Russia also the wild animals, made desperate by hunger and cold, have invaded the villages and devoured both human beings and domestic animals.

WHAT OF THE FRUIT?

Various Opinions as to the Effect of the Cold Weather.

"People will talk," is an old and true axiom. This week has given them something to talk about beside the tragic events of the past week. The intense cold week is a general theme, and the fine sleighing has caused a consideration of this sport and the fine nags that have been on the "track." The cold has not been so intense in this latitude for many years. The lowest point was reached last Wednesday morning at day break when most of the thermometers in Chestertown registered *six degress below zero*—the highest eight.

Various views are held relative to the effect of the cold upon fruit, and we give some expressions from a few persons with whom we have talked. They did not expect to be quoted, and, of course, have not expressed themselves so fully as they might otherwise have done.

T. R. Strong, of the fifth district, said nothing about the fruit. He was especially concerned for the oystermen, who, he said had been thrown out of employment by the cold and would be very great losers. The rivers and creeks are one solid ice bed.

John H. Evans, Rolph's wharf, has not known such a perfect ice-lock for years. Did not express an opinion on fruit. Said he saw the ice-boat Latrobe making her way toward his wharf on the night of her visit to Chestertown and thought it was one of the river steamers. He dressed and was about to go out to the wharf when he saw it was the stranger; then he wondered what her errand could be. He said it was not long before he heard her coming back.

Bevins Morris, Morgan's Creek: Was inclined to anticipate injurious results to the fruit crop in consequence of the extreme cold. He said that the "old heads" in Delaware—Mr. Townsend and others—who were the pioneers in peach culture, held to the theory that whenever the cold reached zero the crop was gone.

C. S. Hurlock, of near Masseys, says the thermometer registered *six* degrees below zero Monday morning at A. F. Huey's house and the thermometer was hanging on the South side. He is of the opinion that the peach crop in his section will be a failure because of the cold. He says that it will be impossible to tell what effect the weather has had on fruit until the buds are thawed. Mr. Hurlock has taken out several thousand trees during the past year, as have many others in his neighborhood. It has been noticed that the climate in the upper part of our county is several degrees colder than at the county town.

Geo. Snitcher, one of the peach kings of our sister county, was in town Monday. He was of the opinion that the peach was yet unhurt but he was fearful lest the weather would get more severe and in that event he would not count much on the peach crop.

George Beck feels confident that the fruit has not been hurt.

John H. Porter, of Quaker Neck, was in town Tuesday. He says the people down the neck talk only about the ice and snow. "It is impossible," he says, "to get any oysters on account of ice." The river is frozen as far as the eye can see and one can go where he wishes on the river. I don't think the cold weather has hurt the peaches any because it came so gradual. A peach is something like a man in reference to the cold. When the first cold snap comes we shiver and shake considerable, so does the peach, but if the cold continues we get hardened and accustomed to it and do not mind it so very much, and this is the case with the peach. I think the peach is safe."

John Brice, is Chestertown, authority on peach, and he says that peaches went into winter quarters in better shape than ever before. "They have not had any wet spells to go through during the recent cold spell and therefore could not freeze at the thermometer zero. I don't know what might happen if the weather gets severer."

S. A. Wallen, of near Smith's Corner, Queen Anne's county, says I don't think the peaches are hurt because it has been so dry. The trees have no water or snow on them. If there are any hurt it will be the fruit on the lower limbs nearest the snow."

John W. Corey says the peach crop will be a failure because of the freezing weather. "The thermometer has been down to three degrees below zero and therefore the peach buds are killed."

Robert G. Nicholson thinks that the outlook is yet good, but is fearful of the result if the thermometer gets down to eight below zero.

W. G. Skirven thinks the peaches are all right so far, but says it will not be safe if the weather gets colder.

Wm. Thos. Maslin, of Quaker Neck, says the peaches are safe because they were not very far advanced when the cold snap set in. "If the buds were developed very much and the cold had come suddenly then we might have been uneasy, but I never knew the peach trees to enter a winter in better shape than they did this one."

James S. Harris is among the best authorities on the peach question on the peninsula. He states that in his opinion the peaches in the low places are killed but on the hills and high places the crop is still safe. "It was in 1881 that the crop was killed by cold. I believe that zero will kill peaches in the valleys and seven below will kill on the hill sides. I have not seen so much ice in the bay for twenty-five years and some of our young men talk of sleighing across to Spesutia Island. The Ericsson boats have not made a trip since Monday of last week. On their last trip they were more than a day getting from Howell's point to Elk river."

J. Cordray Loud, cut Quaker Neck, twigs from his trees and applied the test and they all showed up well. After the buds thaw a person versed in the art can detect in a few hours by simply looking at the color whether the peach is safe or not. "I went out to look at the thermometer Monday night and the mercury went down so fast that I expected to find it 'down in the branch.' My boy went out and after coming in remarked that it was near the nothing mark."

J. M. J. Byron says the trees shed their leaves early and the sap dried up early leaving the wood hard in the fall and well matured. "I believe," said he, "that the peaches in the low lands are killed because they held their foliage longer and were not hardened when the cold weather set in. My thermometer registered 4° below zero at 8 o'clock Monday morning. If it gets much colder I am afraid that the result will be serious."

W. R. Kendall, near Chestertown, thinks the young wood on peach trees is seriously injured.

D. U. Dewees, Kennedyville, does not apprehend trouble from the recent cold, as the orchards were in special good trim.

Messrs. H. L. Boyd and John W. Startt, two experts on pear culture, state that the pear crop is safe and that they do not fear any bad results from the cold. It is a hardier fruit than the peach and therefore they think it will stand the strain.

James T. Dixon says "I examined some buds on my trees and found them all right a short while ago but I fear that five degrees below zero will put an end to them. It is true that the peach went into winter quarters in fine condition but past experience has taught us that when the mercury gets below zero the peach is in grave danger."

Wm. S. Walker thinks the crop is safe yet but says he don't know how long he will hold this opinion as the mercury seems to be trying itself and each day we find it lower and lower. He thinks that eight below will kill.

Wilbur Eliason, near Chestertown, is not alarmed yet. It is not so much the extreme temperature as it is the condition of the tree that does the damage to peaches. Our peach orchards in Kent were well conditioned for a severe winter by the exceptionally favorable weather last fall. They are prepared to stand almost any degree of cold. They are never winter killed *per se.*

L. J. Usilton, Kennedyville, thinks the trees are not so full of buds as they should be to indicate a favorable condition and full crop. The color of the trees is peculiar. It may mean nothing, but looks dangerous.

Commissioner Morgan reports the temperature six degrees below zero in Galena on Monday morning.

Commissioner Groves thinks the peach is yet safe. He says Col. Wilkins used to say that if the tree was in good condition it would stand a temperature of 6 below zero. Monday night was worse on the crop than Sunday night or the next morning.

J. Herman Ireland, Kennedyville, says his opinion on this subject isn't worth a row of pins. Don't believe the crop can be hurt by winter cold, of itself; the heavy crop of '75 was preceded by just such a severe winter as this.

J. J. Kendall, near Catlin, Queen Annes, thinks the extreme cold will prove an advantage. It will kill the insect. We're bound to have a good peach crop this year!

Aaron W. Welch does not think the cold has been sufficient to freeze the sap and therefore the crop is safe, at least he hopes so.

E. N. Roland thinks if ever the trees were able to stand the cold they are this winter. They are hardly in a condition to be injured by the cold. They were hardened before the severe freeze set in. As the boy says "they got used to it."

J. Thomas Blackiston, on the Archibald farm, thinks the crop is yet safe. He says however that his old German hand remarked Wednesday morning when he looked at his thermometer on the sunny side of the house and there registering below zero—"I tell you what, Mr. Tommy, if that thing had been on the other side of the house the peaches would all have been dead sure."

Judge Shallcross says: The prospect of a good peach crop in Kent county was never more promising. Last year, the first part of the season, we had very seasonable weather, but the trees had no peaches on them, consequently they made a large growth. The buds matured early in July and August and the latter part of the season, September, was very dry, consequently the wood became hard and no sap in the wood after the first of September. Now trees under these conditions will stand 10 or 15 degrees more cold than if the season had been wet in September and kept the trees growing and full of sap until October. I have not examined my buds for 3 days but am satisfied from the condition of the trees last fall that this cold weather will not hurt the crop."

Dr. Henry Ridgeley, the largest peach grower near Dover, Del., says the peaches are not hurt. He says the cold weather has kept the trees back and a large crop may be expected this year. The largest yield ever known in this State was in 1875, after a severe winter very similar to the present one.

A dispatch from Milford, Del., says: This place is the centre of the fruit belt and most of the fruit growers have this morning given up this year's crop for lost as the temperature was 4 degrees below zero and still dropping. All trains on the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia Railroad were two hours late on account of snow drifts.

The Denton *Journal* has interviewed Mr. J. W. Kerr of that place, who is regarded as an authority on fruit. In regard to the peach crop he says: He has made an examination of about one hundred varieties, taking the twigs from all sides so that all conditions of buds might be scrutinized. He finds them *all* safe and sound. The wood is in the best condition. The hard freeze has done no damage whatever. The peach bud in winter is safe until the mercury reaches a point considerably below zero. Mr. Kerr does not attribute the poor peach crop of last year to the weather of the winter and early spring, but to the fact that the year was an unnatural one for fruit trees. The buds, for lack of nourishment from the wood, perished the preceding fall. Had the winter and spring weather been all the grower could desire still the crop would have been very poor. But no such untoward circumstances existed in the fall of '92, and owners of peach orchards may regard the chances for a fruit crop this year as very bright.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—The Chestertown M. E. Sunday school held their annual meeting last Friday evening and elected the following officers:

Superintendent, Prof. C. W. Proctor; assistants, M. A. Toulson, W. B. Copper, Miss Nettie Gooding; secretary, M. W. Thomas, treasurer, E. W. F. Simpers; chorister, Bobert K. Pippin; organist, Miss Belle Pippin, assistant, Miss Minnie Peregoy; librarians, Jacob F. Thompson, Chas. York, Jr.

Rock Hall M. E. Sunday School held its annual meeting on January 8th when the following officers were elected:

Superintendent, B. F. Legg; assistant, Walter Downey: Secretary, J. W. Boyer; treasurer, George W. Davis; Librarian, Chas. Porter; assistant, Wm. Davis; organist, Miss Florence Casey.

The school is in good condition having 30 teachers and 225 scholars on roll this winter. The missionary banner was awarded to George Davis class of young men for the largest collection for missionary cause. And although the school feel the loss of its late superintendent yet the works of God still goes on.

PRIZE AWARDED.—Messrs. Westcott & Dodd offered to the one buying the largest amount of goods during the year a free ticket to the World's Fair. Mr. M. deK. Smith was pronounnced the winner, but Mr. James Shuster says Mr. Smith turned his chance over to him. If this be so James will go to the World's Fair on the Westcott & Dodd ticket.

FARMERS will read with interest the full report of the Peninsula Association's doings, published on the first page of the NEWS to-day.

THE school board met Tuesday, all the members being present.

MERRY, MERRY BELLS!

A Sleighing Carnival in Chestertown—Fast Horses—Pretty Ladies—Fine Turnouts, Etc.

The snow of last week gave us one of the grandest sleighing carnivals ever known in Chestertown. The snow was just sufficient to make good sleighing, and we doubt whether there has ever been as many sleighs on the street at any one time as on last Saturday and Monday afternoons. Some estimated the number as high as a hundred double and single teams on Main street between the hours of three and five o'clock, and standing upon Stam's corner the whole number would come under one sweep of the eye.

The gay equipages and fine steeds—the continuous jingle of the bells—the crowds of spectators gathered at the Voshell House corner and at other prominent corners and crossings—made it a scene of life and gayety seldom witnessed. Chestertown has in Main street one of the grandest tracks for a carnival such as has been enjoyed the past week. The town commissioners are very lenient towards the public and allow trotting at any speed.

One could not look at the merry company without passing some comment upon the elegant turnouts. The spectators, of course, took most delight in the first-class horses, in which class we must place quite a number. T. E. W. Crew, with "Messenger," on several occasions Saturday led the crowd, but was hard pushed by the handsome "Dexter," driven by Hiram M. Brown. "Jack," owned by Capt. W. C. A. Thompson, just walked past the whole array of trotters Monday like a flash. Col. Wm. J. Vannort's plucky little stallion, "Lankford," never showed to better advantage than when he beat several Queen Anne's horses and a number of Kent horses Thursday. John Clendaniel's big bay mare gave Wm. McKee's bay trotter a good race, as did also Wm. Hendrix's beautiful chestnut and Joseph R. Usilton's sorrel. Mrs. Edw. W. Emory and Mrs. Biddle Hossinger drove two of the fastest horses on the street, and the expert drivers all knew what to expect when they started in with them. Quaker Neck used to have one of the fastest horses on the snow, and the honor of holding up this reputation has fallen on Mrs. Emory, Bartus Trew and Walter S. Trew, all of whom have driven flyers that give signs of speed. Bert DeCorse drove his Bashaw, Jr., and gave many the go-by, while John Gale, behind his nervy stallion, was not beaten by many. It is said that Thos. Slaughter, of near Church Hill, had the fastest horse on the turf, but as he did not try "Jack" we dispute the claim. Albert T. Story and Harry Newnam, also of our sister county, had good hustlers and gave many of our best horses a hard fight. Tommy M. was on the track for a short time only. Jake Crowding, J. Ford Caulk, T. D. France, Carle Westcott, Frank Toulson, William Evans, Wm. Kendall, Robert Hatcherson, S. Hicks and W. W. Beck made one of the most exciting races of the season.

Dr. T. H. Cooper, in his stylish black stallion, has a fine little goer, and no one handles him better than Capt. J. A. Russell. Nellie, the pretty colt of W. W. Hubbard, is a beautiful mover, and when driven by Jockey John Startt can travel up with some of the fast ones. Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs and Mr. Richardson also had fast horses on the track Tuesday. Comptroller Smith has a fine little goer, but when he tackled the above crowd he found it hard to reach the goal a safe winner. Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, Mrs. J. D. Urie and Miss Clare Vannort showed their skill in handling the reins behind fast horses and came out winners at the finish more than once.

Among the handsome two-seat cutters was that of Mrs. M. A. Wilkins, to which was harnessed a spanking pair of bays. A. M. Brown's two-seat cutter was another beauty and was drawn by a pair of sorrel horses. Lewin Wickes drove a fine pair of horses to a two-seat sleigh, as did also J. H. Todd. Miss Nelie Walker showed her ability as a driver by her skillful management of two horses among the scores of sleighs on the street. Mrs. R. D. Hynson rode behind a pair of fine drivers in a double sleigh. Miss Belle Aldridge drove one of the handsomest double teams on the turf—a pair well matched blacks to a cutter. J. Herman Ireland vied with the best with a splendid pair of grey horses, and John Evans drove a spanking pair of large bays. Wm. E. DeFord drove a pair of fast horses, as did also W. W. Newcomb.

Among the many others noticed enjoying the sport were Mrs. Wilbur Eliason, driving a handsome black; Rol. Hurlock, behind a large, dark bay; Mrs. C. T. Westcott, H. H. Barroll and wife, Mrs. T. W. Eliason, Jr., Philip G. Wilmer, William Howard, Wm. T. Nicholson, Romie Byron, Walter T. Morris, Dr. H. L. Dodd, Hydie Thompson, D. A. Bacchus, John G. Roland, Miss Katie Smith, Miss Clara Usilton, Miss May Hurlock, Mrs. C. C. Perkins, E. T. Comegys, G. S. Biddle, George Brice, Wilbur Morris, Walter Lusby, Henry Thompson, George B. McWhorter, H. C. Collins, J. S. Vandegrift, Herbert Lusby, Frank Gilpin, "Judge" J. Evan Thomas, William Cooper, Jos. Trew, Jr., Allie Loud, William Brown, C. J. Reiche, Wm. Bell, John McCloud, J. Nickerson, John McKee, Harry McWhorter, Harry Willis, B. N. S. Wilkins, Henry Hurtt, John Gruber, Joseph Watson, Murray Smith, S. G. Lee, R. C. Smyth, J. C. Wood, C. Whiteley, Charles F. Rich, C. C. B. Rasin, Cyrus Howard, J. H. Aldridge, Tom Toulson, Edw. Armstrong, Wm. Shinn, Walter Maslin, L. B. Russell, H. L. Boyd, Thos. G. Wroth, Jos. Massey, Will Titter, Wm. Robinson and a host of others. Sheriff Plummer was out with a fast little sorrel yesterday.

It might not be out of place to state that some of the sleighs were the more attractive for the presence of the "fair sex." A certain Miss —— was greatly admired by many lookers-on. Certain others also came in for a full share of attention. Still Pond was well represented by Miss —— and Queen Anne's by Miss ——.

It is remarkable that not a single accident has occurred on our streets during the week. It requires a good driver to avoid a collision amid the crowd of sleighs that are continually crossing, re-crossing and passing one another.

A SINGULAR ACCIDENT.—Mr. John Lewis, of near Fairlee, is suffering from a singular accident that happened to him on November 14. He was at work making a change in his stable when a piece of steel from a nail hit him in the left eye. He has been under the treatment of Dr. Chisholm four weeks and is now suffering very much from the hurt.

A VENTURESOME PARTY.—Five men left Oxford Thursday morning and walked on the ice across Eastern Bay to Chester river and from thence up the Chesapeake to Tolchester. From Tolchester they went to Miller's Island and from thence to Harford county.

THE "Y" met in Fairlee Hall Monday night. Prof. Judefind gave a lesson in voice culture. Next Monday evening every member is expected to make suggestions for Y work for 1893.

SOCIAL LIFE.

Chestertown seems to be waking from its long sleep and surely has rubbed its eyes and decked itself in evening costume.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris was enlivened by a crowd of merry-makers Tuesday evening of last week, it being the fifth marriage anniversary of the host and hostess. Wooden articles of various kinds were presented and refreshments in abundance were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Walker gave a supper last Wednesday evening to Miss Hallie Beck and a number of her friends.

Miss Annie Russell was given a surprise Tuesday evening by a small company of friends and the evening was spent in various kinds of amusements.

Dr. C. P. Gilpin and others, gave a reception last evening between seven and nine o'clock to Miss Hallie Beck and Mr. Allan Harris, at his parlor on High street.

Miss Baker will entertain Miss Hallie Beck and friends this evening between four and six o'clock.

The young men of Chestertown will give an elegant supper at the Voshell House tonight in Mr. Harris' honor.

Misses Hallie and Mary Beck gave a yellow tea, on Tuesday afternoon between the hours of four and six, to Mrs. LeDuc and Miss Barrenger, of Philadelphia, the friends and guests of Miss Rebecca Wickes. The receiving party were all in full evening dress, and consisted of Mrs. LeDuc, Miss Barrenger, Misses Hallie and Mary Beck, Mrs. Horace Beck, Miss Idel Baker, Miss Rebecca Wickes, the Misses Jennie and Katie Hines, Miss Nelie Walker, Miss Ellen Fisher and Mrs. Spencer Harris. A vast number of friends called during the afternoon and the tea was a most enjoyable affair. In the evening, the ushers who will act at the marriage of Miss Beck on the 25 inst., were received.

A very enjoyable dance was given in Stam's Hall Tuesday night by a committee of young men including Messrs. Wm. Pippin, S. Startt, C. T. Howard, J. G. Roland, H. Thompson, J. S. Vandegrift and others. About thirty-five persons were present and dancing was kept up until after midnight.

The young people of Still Pond and vicinity held a most delightful dance in the town Hall Thursday evening. The attendance was remarkable and about forty persons pronounced the event one of rare enjoyment. The invitation committee was Messrs. S. C. Cacy, Clifton Hurtt, G. E. Parrott, Howard Turner and Woodland Hurtt.

AN OYSTER FAMINE.

Frozen Rivers Cause a Big Tilt in Prices.

The prevailing freeze-up on the bay, which is the most extensive known for years, had the effect of detaining a number of oyster vessels in the bay, and this has rendered the supply of bivalves unusually scarce just at present. If the ice embargo should continue for a week or two longer it is the general opinion of local dealers that the oyster handling business in Baltimore will be practically dead. Mr. T. R. Williams, one of the best-known Hollingsworth street oyster dealers, said:

"I regard the present situation in the oyster business as unparalleled here for 22 years. I have been in the oyster business in this city for 30 years and have not seen anything like it since 1871. Oysters that I usually sell for $1 per bushel, I am now compelled to sell for $1.25. This is for standard oysters. Selects I am selling for $2 per bushel. These I usually sell at $1.50. If the cold snap should continue I will have to raise these prices still higher, or perhaps, go out of business temporarily, for I will have no supply to draw on. I have a lot of good oysters on the water that I hope will get here tomorrow. If they come I am all right if they do not. come, I will be on my back. You can see how it is when you consider that only four oyster vessels came in to-day from below and their entire cargoes would not aggregate 500 bushels. I offered the owner of one of the vessels $1.25 per bushel, but he declined, saying he preferred to wait. I do not suppose that there are more than 2500 bushels afloat, that is, in vessels bound up. That amount is a mere bagatelle—a drop in the bucket. They are not catching any oysters now, it is too cold, and the men cannot work.

"Even if the oysters now afloat could be brought up it would not give any steady relief to the market, and nothing can give relief but a break up of the cold snap. The scarcity applies to both Maryland and Virginia oysters."

Thomas B. Schall & Sons expressed themselves in the same way:

"Oysters," they said, "are selling 50 cents dearer in the bushel than during ordinary seasons. The quality that usually sells for $5 per barrel now brings $7. Oysters that brought $1 per bushel now bring $1.25. We buy oysters now at $1.25 per bushel and sell at $1.30; so you see we make but little. Out of the 5 cents profit we have to pay our shuckers.

"If the freeze-up continues we shall have to close up our place, as we will have nothing to do. We predict that every packing house in the city will close up in a week unless the weather breaks."

COURT.—The January term of the circuit court for Kent county was held last Monday, Judge Wickes presiding. During the session the judge, lawyers and attendants were alarmed by seeing smoke as if arising from the floor. Several ran down stairs hurriedly, while others commenced looking for the fire. It was soon ascertained that a crack in the chimney allowed smoke from the freshly built fire down stairs to escape, and the court settled down to business again.

MAKING SHOES.—Joshua Baynard, Louis Benson, Henry Hurtt and Charles S. Emory, whose sentences were commuted by Governor Brown to imprisonment for life in the penitentiary, were put to work Thursday afternoon in the shoe shop. Dr. Theodore Cooke, Jr., physician to the penitentiary, said they were not physically able to engage in hard labor and that this is why they were assigned to work in the shoe shop. Warden Weyler told a *World* reporter Monday, that, considering their ignorance, they were doing better than he expected. News of the outside world in prisons travels quickly and, although shut out from the world by the thick stone walls, the boys, who were saved from the gallows by Governor Brown's clemency, are now aware that their companions have been launched into eternity, and now occupy their felon's graves. They feel grateful that their lives have been spared and feel happy even though they must spend the remainder of their lives in prison cells, that they were spared the agony of death by a slow-tightening noose at Chestertown.

THE BIRDS.—Partridges and rabbits are great sufferers from the recent snow and cold. Hawks are playing havoc with the birds and the prospect for next season is very poor. We noticed several boys going hunting after rabbits Tuesday. Don't do it, boys, it is murder to kill the poor animals during this weather.

WANTED FOR CASH!

150 CANS COUNTRY LARD,
100 COUNTRY HAMS,
850 BASKETS WHITE POTATOES,
nothing but LARGE Potatoes wanted.
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Order of Publication!

Thomas E. Mander, Plaintiff,
versus
Anna R. Mander, defendant.

In the Circuit Court for Kent Co., in Equity.
No. 1021.

THE object of this bill is to procure a divorce, "*a vinculo matrimonii*" of the complainant from the defendant.

The bill alleges that on the 25th day of December, 1878, the complainant, Thomas E. Mander, was married to Anna R. Mander, the defendant in this cause, and that the complainant and defendant lived together in Kent county, Maryland, until the first day of January, 1881.

The bill states that the complainant behaved himself as a chaste, faithful and affectionate husband toward the said Anna R. Mander, providing for her comfortable support and maintenance.

The bill further states that the said Anna R. Mander on divers days and times since said marriage, to wit: between the first day of January, 1881, and the filing of this bill, has been untrue and unfaithful to her marriage vows, and that she left the plaintiff and took up her abode with one Charles Mander, and with others, unknown to complainant, and that the defendant is now living with the said Charles Mander, in the State of Pennsylvania.

It is thereupon ordered by the Circuit Court for Kent county, as a Court of Equity, this 19th day of January, 1893, that the complainant, Thomas E. Mander, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of four successive weeks before the 20th day of February, next, give notice to the said non resident defendant, Anna R. Mander, of the object and substance of this bill, and warning her to appear in this court in person or by solicitor, on or before the 10th day of March, next, to show cause, if any she has why a decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

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