The Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.....JAN. 21, 1893

WEDDED IN MIDWINTER.

A Number of Engagements of Well-Known Persons.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Lucy Hansford Wall, sister of Mrs. George Bell, to Mr. Benj. Glenn Aitken, of Pittsburg, Pa., Thursday, Jan. 26, 1893, at 10 o'clock, at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, this county. Rev. Mr. Wall, brother of the bride, will officiate.

The marriage of Deputy Sheriff T. Frank Seward and Miss Kate Milby, daughter of the late Henry Milby, is announced to take place at 7 o'clock next Wednesday morning, at the M. P. Church, Centreville.

Cards have been issued to the marriage of Mr. Joseph M. Brown and Miss Sadie E. Wilson, at the M. E. Church, Hillsborough, Jan. 25, at 6 o'clock P. M.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized in Baltimore Tuesday, at 1.30 P. M., the contracting parties being Mr. JOHN BRICE, JR., of this county, and Miss LAVINIA HARVEY, one of Baltimore's prettiest belles. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard Harcourt, at the residence of the bride's parents, in the presence of only the immediate friends of the interested parties. The bride was attired in a pearl dress, with hat to match, and carried a bouquet of roses. Mr. George Brice, brother of the groom, was the best man, and Mr. Howard Harvey stood up with the bride. After the ceremony the bridal couple left for Philadelphia, and returned to Kent county on Thursday. A warm reception was given the couple at their home, on Grey's Inn Creek, Thursday.

Union M. E. Church was crowded Wednesday evening with friends and relatives of a popular young couple to witness the ceremony that would join them together for life. The interested parties were Miss MAMIE CREW, daughter of Mr. B. F. Crew, and Mr. ALBERT S. TURNER, the efficient operator and agent at Worton Station. The wedding party entered the church promptly at 7 o'clock, and proceeded to the altar to a pretty march rendered by Mrs. John P. Nicholson. Here they were met by Rev. Mr. Merritt and the solemn ceremony performed. The ushers were Mr. Harry Conaway, of Philadelphia; Mr. Harry L. Chew, and Messrs. Charles and Clarence Crew. The bride was dressed in blue Lansdowne, with angel sleeves, trimmed in silk, and carried a lovely bouquet of roses and smilax, while the groom wore the conventional black. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents and a delightful evening was spent by each one who called. The number of elegant and useful presents they received evidence the esteem in which they are held. The "United Y," of which the bride and groom are members, were invited as a body, and a large number were present to add to the joy and pleasure of their fellow co-workers. The present from the "Y" was a handsome family bible. They left the paternal home at a late hour amid a shower of rice and old shoes and took up their abode in their home at the station.

The first Adventist wedding that has yet been solemnized in this section took place Wednesday at Winchester. Dr. JOHN H. NEALL, of Townsend, Del., was married by Rev. Mr. Franke to the handsome and stylish Mrs. IDA A. ROBINSON, the organist at the church.

SURPRISERS SURPRISED.— Rev. Dr. J. L. Mills, pastor of St. James M. P. Church, was enjoying the warmth from a hot fire at his home Monday evening when he was surprised by about forty members of his congregation in their own gallant and elegant style. They brought poultry, meat, flour, groceries, etc., etc., and filled his pantry with the neccessaries and luxuries of life. Mr. S. Vannort made a neat presentation speech which was answered in the pastor's own admirable manner. But the surprisers were surprised more than they astonished Pastor Mills because when they walked in the parsonage parlor with quacking ducks and cackling chickens there before the preacher stood a couple in the act of being married! Of course the company enjoyed it and looked with curiosity on the strange occurrence. The bride was Miss Ella LeCompte and the groom was Mr. Charles J. Thompson, both of Worton. Those present will not forget the occasion.

ENLARGED. — Mr. Percy T. McFeely has rented the large basement adjoining his furniture store, and made a paint and oil room of it, which gives him the whole of the other building—three full floors—for furniture and carpets. Communicating doors between the new quarters and the old have been provided, so that he has now as convenient, commodious and well-stocked warerooms as can be found on the shore. He has recently added to his line of goods—purchasing direct from manufacturers—and will now sell, in competition with city dealers, all kinds of furniture—full suits, sets, single rockers, chairs, tables, pictures, etc., etc.,—the latest and prettiest styles of carpets, rugs, etc., etc.,—the best paints, oils, varnishes, etc., etc. Call and see him, nearly opposite the Voshell House.

College Notes.

Examinations will begin on February 1 and close an Saturday, February 12. The students are doing some close study in preparation for them.

The attendance during the cold weather has been excellent. The young ladies have not been frightened by snow drifts and have evinced considerable pluck in making their way to the college halls.

Mr. Anderson, of Queen Anne's, matriculated last week.

The baseball team has received a communication from Western Maryland College asking for dates. The association will accommodate them.

The old pump was put into working order this week and is a great convenience.

Mrs. Dr. Reid has returned from Milford, Del., where she has been visiting since the commencement of the Christmas holidays.

The Mount Vernon Literary Society, at its regular meeting on Saturday evening, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, E. A. Robinson, '93; vice-president, E. G. Williamson, '95; recording secretary, Norman Perkins, '94; corresponding secretary, Howard Clymer, '97; treasurer, Hirons Clifton, '96.

The Philomathean Society elected the following officers: President, W. F. Burns, '93; vice-president, R. Merriken, '95; recording secretary, H. V. Holloway, '95; corresponding secretary, J. D. Cowman, '97; treasurer, J. A. Richards, '97; chaplain, J. M. Holmes, '96; sergeant-at-arms, W. E. Stevens, '95.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. W. Vickers, went to Elkton on Friday afternoon last and returned on Tuesday. He said he was glad to get away from the disagreeble events that had just occurred here. His friend Albert Constable, Esq., of Elkton, has opened a law office in Wilmington.

Miss Hattie Elliott, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Allie Shuster.

G. Oldham Massey, Esq., and wife of Chesapeake City, are visiting friends in town.

Mrs. S. J. Wickes, of Rock Hall, is spending the winter in Baltimore.

Miss Emma Parks returned Tuesday from a visit to friends in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carter, of Smyrna, have been guests of Mrs. Robert Kemble on Washington avenue.

Mr. George. W. Davis was thrown from his sleigh Tuesday and dragged a short way in the snow. He fixed himself comfortably in his sleigh before leaving home but had not gone a mile before his horse shied and threw him out in the snow.

Dr. G. A. Jarman, of Chestertown, attended the big sale of fine bred horses in New York last week.

Mrs. LeDac and Miss Barringer, of Philadelphia, are guests of Miss Rebecca Wickes on Front street.

Dr. T. H. Cooper has installed himself in the Dr. Beck house and has four rooms devoted to his own use. One room is for medicine, another for an office, another for a reception room, and in the second story he has a bed room. Notice his change of office hours announced elsewhere in the NEWS.

Miss Hicks, of Galena, has been the guest of her uncle, Mr. Samuel Hicks, this week.

Mr. Henry Crusen, of Still Pond, has been badly poisoned from inhaling smoke of burning sumack, but is now much better.

Mrs. J. Fletcher Rolph, of Centreville, who was recently married, was badly burned by an explosion of gasoline from a stove. Mr. Rolph, who was present, immeditabtely extinguished the flames.

Miss Maud Bramble, of Centreville, is the guest of Mrs. C. J. Rechie on High St.

Miss Lucy Wall fell on the ice recently and sprained her arm and is yet suffering from it. She expects it to be well before next Thursday.

Miss Annie Usilton, daughter, of Lieut. Edw. L. Usilton, of Philadelphia, is visiting her uncle, Mr. Thos. A. Hudson, on Chester river.

Miss Jennie Davis, of Baltimore, but formerly of Kent is now the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Toulson, of Chestertown.

Mr. Benj. F. Perkins was elected president of the Chestertown Epworth League Thursday evening.

Sheriff Plummer, who has been confined to his room for the past three weeks, was able to be out y esterday.

Walter Wright has won the Vandegrift-chewing-gum prize—a Swess watch. He had used up about 40 cents worth of the "gum" before he got the full alphabet. How much other boys used is not reported. Some have bought enough to stock the town!

EXCITING FIRE.

Mr. W. W. Hurlock and his Child, of this County, Barely Save Their Lives.

The ten-inch snow which fell on Tuesday night, together with the cold weather attending it, caused much suffering among those who were not prepared with comfortable homes and warm firesides proved a blessing in preventing the spread of a conflagration which, had it not been for the white coating which covered everything combustible, would, in all probability, have resulted in razing to the ground the entire town of Snow Hill.

At 1.30 o'clock Saturday morning, the blowing of the electric light whistle and ringing of the church bells brought every one to see the cause. People were running in every direction and ladies screaming at the top of their voices. The fire proved to be at the residence of Mr. W. W. Hurlock, on Market street, which was then almost gutted. Very little is known about the cause of the fire, but it originated in the lower front room of the building used as a sitting room, and it is supposed resulted from over-heating the mantle-piece which surrounded the large fireplace heater.

Mr. Hurlock was aroused from his slumbers by the smoke in his bedroom which almost stifled him. He at once aroused the rest of the household and then commenced to save his furniture.

While working away at this his wife informed him that their little three-year-old child, whom Mr. Hurlock had delivered to the custody of a servant girl, could not be found. Mr. Hurlock again went up stairs and hearing the screams of his child in the servants bedroom in the rear of the building, hastened to rescue it from its perilous position. He had hardly gotten out of the room when the ceiling fell in behind him. As he reached the street he fainted with the child in his arms.

Lookers-on, for it was now too late for work towards saving the building, at once picked up him and his child. They were taken across the street where a physician was summoned and relief administered.

The building, which belonged to Mr. George W. Covington, was entirely consumed and a larger part of Mr. Hurlock's furniture, silverware, jewelry and clothing were also burned.

Miss Justis, daughter of Mr. Louis Justis, of Kennedyville, who has been visiting Mr. Hurlock's family for several weeks, escaped with her life, while all her clothing and jewelry were burned.

DEATH OF THOMAS MELVIN. — Thomas Melvin died in Denton last Tuesday night, aged 76 years. He was one of the most widely and favorably known men in the county, having lived within its borders all his life and always aggressive in movements looking towards its advancement. The members of his family were the pioneers in establishing the Methodist Protestant Church in Caroline county, and have furnished the Maryland Annual Conference some of its best talent, notably Rev. T. H. Lewis, D. D., and Rev. A. D. Melvin, of Westminster, and Rev. Walter R. Graham, of Washington, D. C., nephews of the deceased. Among his children are several of the best editors of the State—James F. Melvin, editor of the *Ellicott City Democrat*; Howard Melvin, of the *Denton Journal* and Geo. T. Melvin. W. A. Melvin, a student at Washington College, is a distant relative and Mr. Willard Melvin, our deputy clerk, and several brothers, are nephews.

QUAIL love potato bugs as an article of diet. One of these birds was recently opened which had 101 of these farmers' pests concealed in his crop. It will pay the average potato grower to have a flock of trained quail among his other live stock.

A BOY'S LIFELONG SENTENCE. — Hanse Anderson, the fourteen-year-old boy who murdered a man named Homerfeldt recently, has been sentenced to the Wisconsin State prison for life. The boy exhibited no emotion when sentence was announced. Only at the mention of his mother's name did he show any signs of sorrow.

Millington Locals.

The extreme cold weather continues in this part of the 1st district of Kent county. The thermometer here, on Mallalieu's corner, stood at 15° below zero at 6.30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the coldest spell we have had for many years, but we reconcile ourselves with the thought that we are now only evening up for the immunity of the past. One gentleman said in the postoffice on Tuesday night that the river is frozen to the bottom, and that the bottom is actually getting dusty! We don't vouch for the truth of his statement.

The most noticable advance in any article of food caused by the cold weather is that of eggs, as some of our merchants are paying as high as 38 cents per dozen, an increase of 12 cents per dozen in the past ten days.

The topics of the day in this community are the execution of the Hill murderers, censuring Gov. Brown for insulting the inhabitants of our community and our highly esteemed friend Mr. Samuel Hill; discussing the coming peach crop, and talking about the extreme cold weather.

Mrs. Wm. E. Tomkinson, of Bellevue, Del., addressed the M. E. Church congregation here last Sunday morning and evening. Mrs. Tomkinson's mission here was to revive the interest in the Millington Auxiliary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. In spite of the bitter cold weather the church was well filled both morning and evening.

Miss Lilie Talbot, of Baltimore and Miss Annie Talbot, of Centreville, are visiting their mother in this town.

Dr. Wm. M. Pippin, and wife spent a few days of the week with friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Go. Lees, of Smyrna, Del., spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. E. V. Lees.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Collins, of Centreville, spent a few days with Mrs. Carrie E. Crane.

Messrs. Feddemen and Collins and Mr. H. S. Cook are taking advantage of the cold snap and are busily engaged in taking their annual inventory of stock.

Measels are still epidemic here and so far over 50 cases have been reported.

OLD TIME WINTER.

Never within the recollection of "ye oldest inhabitant" has Chestertown experienced such a protracted siege of ice and snow and cold as we have been having now for the better part of four weeks. The present remarkable weather began on December 21, 1892. The minimum temperature registered for that morning was 20 degrees, and everybody was shivering. From that day to this—31 days—the mercury has never gotten as high as freezing point but twice. On the first day of the year a warm rain set in, melting the snow and ice which then lay on the ground, and ran the mercury up to 47 degrees. This lasted for two days only, and then Jack Frost took charge again, and the freezing weather has continued without abatement until now, and without any sign of abatement. The lowest temperature reported by the Weather Bureau here during all this time was 5 degrees on Wednesday morning of last week, the lowest previous to that being 12 degrees, on the day before Chestertown has seen much colder weather than this for a short time, but it was never protracted as this has been. The mercury dropped below zero in the winters of 1872, of 1876 and '77, of 1880 and '81, and of 1885 and '86.

The lowest temperature ever reported here was on January 2, 1881, when the minimum temperature was 7 below zero. Two days before, on December 31, 1890 it was 3 below, and the cold smap at that time was the severest one we have ever experienced since the formation of the Weather Bureau, until the present date. It will be remembered that the cold weather at that time lasted only a short time, a week or ten days at the outside, while the present one seems likely to last until next summer.

Monday the thermometer registered two degrees below zero in Chestertown; Tuesday it was four above; at ten o'clock Monday night it was two degrees below; Wednesday morning at sunrise the mercury stood at six degrees below; Thursday the theremometer stood at 16 degrees above.

The Chestertown plumbers have been busy as bees this week as nearly every pipe in the upper part of town bursted. Most of the pipes outside the houses have frozen tight and many persons were compelled to go to neighbors for water.

A well-known plumber said yesterday: "Much of the trouble caused by the cold weather is primarily due to bad plumbing work. The mild winters in recent years have caused less care to be taken in the arrangement of the water pipes in houses and their construction so as to drain properly. Water pipes are provided with stop and waste cocks. To prevent freezing of the water and bursting of the pipes both the stop and the waste faucets should be opened. The opening of the stops allows the air to enter and force all the water out through the opening of the waste cock. It is impossible to get all of the water out of the pipes unless they are built so as to drain. Water-pipes are frequently put in places where they are liable to be frozen. If this is the case the pipes should be drained, removed to a warmer place or be wrapped. The best way to wrap water-pipes is to use two or three thickness of asbestors paper and cover the paper with a wrapping of felt. Felt wrapping, with nothing else, will not do much good."

Nine inches of ice was measured on Chester river off Chestertown Wednesday and the bay is frozen over clear to Baltimore. Nine men crossed the bay early Wednesday morning andreached Tolchester at 8 o'clock. They started from the Harford shore and found the ice from eight to ten inches thick all the way across. A party of fifteen men walked from Crisfield to the lighthouse Tuesday without any mishap. Persons in Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot exchange visits quite frequently and cross the river with perfect ease.

Among the fleet of ten bay vessels in the ice in Old Road bay, an offiing that washes the south shore of Sparrow's Point is the oyster police schooner Anna B. Smith, commanded by Capt. Thomas W. Hyland, Jr. The schooner was compelled to put into Old Road bay last Tuesday on account of high winds, and before she could get out again she was frozen motionless in the ice. The offing is frozen entirely over the channel and across to North Point. The crews of the vessels caught in the freeze pass away the idle hours by walking on the ice from one vessel to another exchanging visits. In the same way fuel and provisions are obtained from shore. Sunday many of the residents of the Point walked out to the boats. A few venturesome ones walked two miles across the ice to North Point.

NEW FIRM.—Mr. Frank Wright's card will be found in this issue. He is well-known in Kent county and promises to give his whole attention to selling wheat, fruit, etc. His office is at No. 121 Light St., Baltimore.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

The Chesapeake Locked in Ice—Persons Walk to the Village from Eastern Bay.

One of the most easy-going and contented men in this section is our friend J. B. B., "Robinson Crusoe," the loan fisherman of the point. As he looks out upon the broad expanse of the locked waters of the Chesapeake there is nothing in his countenance to denote disappointment or worry. He has long ago learned that the best tonic for discontent was to take matters as they come, without muttering. Crusoe has one of the best outposts for a dwelling place of any of our fishermen. As one passes in close proximity to his abode the smoke may be seen winding its way up among the cedars as an ever welcome invitation to call in and partake of his hospitality. He is ever watchful of the interests of Mr. Wm. Stevens, the owner of the point, and Mr. S. realizes the value of his occupant.

Mr. Wm. Porter, while in Chestertown on Monday last, had a valuable horse injured by the careless driving, he says, of another, by being run into. The horse's ankle had a gash cut into it about four inches long. Mr. P. drove the animal home after having the gash sewed up. He seems to be doing very well at this time.

Rev. Mr. Roe has been engaged in revival services for the past three weeks. Owing to the unskillful engineering of some one, the services were temporarily discontinued during the present week, coal having run out.

Captain Hyland, it is reported, is frozen-in at Steelton. A very good place, as he can get out as soon as the dredgers can.

Capt. Jacob B. Downey, being a firm believer in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, has become a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge here. The first and second degrees were conferred upon him at the last meeting. Jake is a close observer and knows a good thing when he sees it, hence his new espousal.

The fellow, who about Dec. 1st, predicted a very mild winter has kept himself very scarce during the past four weeks, he finds that he has made the greatest miscalculation of his life.

Among the pastimes to relieve the monotony of these wintry days, is trying the speed of the noble horse, in which the residents take special delight. R.

Religious News.

Rev. J. D. Rigg is reported considerably better and this news is received with pleasure by his numerous friends in Kent.

The twenty-first annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia will open in this city to-morrow afternoon.

The annual session of Wilmington M. E. Conference will be held at Middletown, beginning March 15th.

The celebration of the anniversary of the Educational Society will take place March 14th, the night preceeding the opening of the conference session, and the Rev. J. P. Otis will represent the society.

During the session there will be aniversary celebrations and services as follows: Wednesday evening, March 15th, Church Extension Society, the Rev. A. J. Kynett, D. D., representative; Thursday afternoon, March 16th, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; Thursday evening, missionary, the Rev. C. C. McCabe, speaker; Friday afternoon, March 17th, Woman's Home Missionary Society; Friday evening, Epworth League; Saturday afternoon, March 18th, Historical Society, the Rev. B. F. Price, representative; Saturday evening, Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, the Rev. John W. Hamilton, D. D., representative; Sunday afternoon, March 19th, temperance; Sunday evening, the veterans, the Rev. J. Benson Hamilton, D. D., representative; Monday afternoon, March 20th, memorial service; Monday evening, Sunday-school Union and Tract Society.

Presiding Elder Smith announces his appointments for Easton district as follows: Quarterly conference—January 20th, Chestertown; January 21st, Still Pond and Union; January 28th, Pomona and Salem; January 30th, Rock Hall and Piney Neck; February 4th, Hillsboro' and Jumptown; February 5th, Greensboro'; February 10th, Easton.

Father Sargent, of Westminister, preached in the P. E. Church, last Sunday.

Rev. H. G. Appenzeller, who has been for several years a missionary to Cerea, will preach in the M. E. Church, Chestertown, Sunday morning at 10.30. He was a classmate of Rev. Mr. Easley and it is on this account that the people of Chestertown will have the pleasure of hearing him. Presiding Elder Smith will preach at night.

Poor Prospect!

The NEWS has heretofore spoke of the proposed railroad extension to the heart of Chestertown and the following letter written to Mr. Joseph Turner by Frank L. Hall, president of the B. & D. B. R. R. Co., will explain itself:

B. & D. B. R. R. Co., PRES'T. OFFICE, NEW YORK, Jan. 10, 1893.

JOSEPH TURNER, ESQ.—*Dear Sir:* At a conference between Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Stacy and myself, held on Thursday last, it was decided that we would extend the B. & D. B. R. R. from its present terminus in Chestertown, Md., to the dock on Chester river, provided reasonable assurance could be given us that freight amounting to at least two carloads per week day will be delivered to us by yourself, or the persons or corporation who propose leasing the mill for a period not less than two years, for transportation over our line.

We should also expect that the right of way through the lands belonging to the heirs of John N. Usilton, be granted to us without cost.

Upon this being done, we should change our Chestertown depot to Cross street, in said town. Very truly yours,

FRANK L. HALL, President.

The Baltimore *Herald* in speaking of the above improvements editorially says: A project is on foot in Chestertown which means much for that beautiful county-seat. It has never been well-provided with railway and telegraph facilities. The depot is at the head of High street, a considerable distance from the business part of the town. Only a single telegraph line runs into Chestertown, and that is in regular use on routine railroad work. The improvement looks to the remedy of both these defects.

The Baltimore and Delaware Railway Company proposes to extend the railroad to Chester River, and to build a new depot on water-front. This will bring the station to a point near the boat landing and adjacent to the business streets. Merchants and others will be close to the telegraph office, and larger use of the lines will necessitate better service. The new railway terminel will lead to the establishment of new industries, a planing mill being among those projected.

Chestertown is fortunately located to become a prosperous manufacturing site. By means of the Chester River it has direct water communication with Baltimore, while its railway connection gives it markets in Philadelphia and New York. The town is a delightful place for residence, and conditions are favorable for its indfinite extension over as fertile and picturesque a country as exists in Maryland.

What Chestertown needs is a good beginning toward development and expansion, and it would appear that the new railway terminal on the river is about to open the way wide for that beginning.

We wish that it was true!

Galena Locals.

Rev. E. H. Nelson returned home on Tuesday last. He left his father somewhat improved.

There was a quiet wedding here on Monday morning last, Mr. N. Huey was married to Miss Sallie Meredith at 7 o'clock A. M., at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Mr. Nelson officiated. After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Huey took the train for a trip to Philadelphia and other places.

Sleighing has been good here for a week or so, the thermometer ranging from 6 to 8 degress below zero.

For the first three days of this week the Galena and Sassafras Creamery paid for December milk $1.30 per hundred.

Some of the guards that were summoned to the execution last week have about gotten over it and say it is the last hanging they want to see.

Mr. Dan Cochran lost a valuable horse Monday. It fell dead along the road. Various reasons are assinged for the horse dying.

Mr. Anthony Johnson had two fine colts injured Thursday night. They got to kicking in the night and injured each other fearfully.

Miss Hicks is visiting her uncle in Chestertown. The public school here has been very well attended, considering the bad weather. P.

Piney Neck Items.

Mr. James Glen started home from Chestertown last Friday evening but before reaching home the basket came off the sleigh leaving him in the road. Mr. Howard Rollison caught the horse and held him until the owner arrived with the basket. He arrived home safely.

Prof. Judefind has a flourishing singing school in this section. The class meet in the church.

Mr. Lewin Hyland killed a very large crane in Lawyer Cove Thursday. It measured six feet from tip to tip.

Mr. Spencer Wickes while out sleighing last Friday evening lost a valuable glove. He offers a reward of one dollar for it.

Mr. John Crouch walked on the ice from Hale Point up the middle of the river on last Saturday. He was gunning but did not get a shot.

Mr. Page Strong met with an accident last Friday morning while on his way home from Eastern Neck Island. He upset his sleigh throwing two pretty misses in the snow. No serious damage resulted.

There was no preaching in Piney Neck church last Sunday, our pastor, Rev. Mr. Lister, having gone to visit his parents in Caroline county. He will be at his post Sunday.

Mr. D. W. Crosby's valuable bird dog, Sport, froze to death last Monday night.

Mr. Edgar Hyland had fine sport with doves Monday.

Capt. Hyland says, notwithstanding the ice, fishermen at Swan Point are making big hauls of fish from sink nets which have only recently been used in Chester river. Rock and perch are caught in large numbers, and this new mode of fishing has so far proved profitable to those engaged in it.

The recent freeze has caused much suffering among oystermen, and a number are reported to be in distress. For a week or more they have been without employment, and if the present cold days continue the suffering among them will be intense. The freeze has caused a scarcity of oysters. Large numbers of dead fish, supposed to have been killed by the freeze, are reported floating in the bay. They are mostly white and yellow perch and croakers. E.

Death's Doings.

Mr. J. S. Bradley, of Chestertown, received word Wednesday of the death of his father. He lived with Mr. Thomas Bradley, near Kennedyville, and for a short time has been visiting friends in Mt. Pleasant, Del. Wednesday morning he was stricken with paralysis and was taken to Mrs. N. J. Vandyke's home where he died. The body was brought to Chestertown yesterday and will be interred in Chester Cemetery this morning. He was about 72 years of age.

Mrs. Mollie Trenchard, wife of Thos. W. Trenchard, of Church Hill, died at her home in that town on Tuesday last from cancer. She was a daughter of the late Edgar Plummer, and a consistent member of the M. E. Church.

Got It Wrong.

In the reference to the Cosden murder made by so many papers in recounting the incidents of the recent Hill case—many errors occurred. The Cosden murder took place Feb. 27, 1851. Four persons were murdered in cold blood, namely: Mr. Cosden, his wife, his sister, and his wife's sister. The brutes thought they had killed one or two children, but they escaped. The dwelling of the murdered family was situated about two and a-half miles from Galena, adjoining Swantown mills. It was not burned down, but every other indignity possible was added to the horrors of the murder. The bodies of the four murdered ones were interred in Chesterville Cemetery—the services being conducted by Rev. J. W Pierson—and a multitude of people were present. Three murderers, Shelton, Taylor and Murphy, were hung on the 8th day of August, 1851, on the hill adjoining Chester Cemetery, near Chestertown. Thousands of people were present but the very best order prevailed. Eyewitnesses say it seemed like an immense funeral, and Chestertown never presented a more quiet and grave appearance. The excitement was all gone with the last days events, though the horror of the murder der has never ceased to be discussed.

In our issue of Jan. 30, 1892, we gave a full account of the Cosden murder, the trial and execution, from the KENT NEWS files of 1851.

To Fruit Growers.

The New York Fruit and Produce Trade Association, has issued a circular, notifying growers and shippers of berries and small fruits, that in the future they must provide themselves with non-returnable or gift crates for shipment to the New York market. They say: It has been the custom of the commission men in the past, when selling berries, to demand the return of the empty crate, and to insure this, required a deposit from the buyer. This custom can no longer be enforced. The organized and unorganized buyers have determined that they will no longer endure the losses which the system of returning crates has inflicted upon them. When berry crates were expensive we could enforce our demands for a deposit, but now there are several available styles of gift crates, and sales in the future made for the return of the crate will require a sacrifice in the price of the fruit.

The gift crate will make but little, if any increased cost to the shipper, when are taken into account the cost of the returnable crate; the percentage of crates lost; the cost of repairs; new cups; the decreased freights; the disadvantage of marketing fruit in old and dirty cups and crates. With non-returnable crates will come more extended markets, increased consumption, and better prices from the use of new and clean packages.

Press Comments.

We gave in our last issue extracts from all the city papers containing editorial comcoments on the excting events in Kent last week. Below will be found expressions of opinion from all the county papers which have come to hand, most of which, it will be seen are favorable to the Governor's action. In Kent the expression of opinion has been against the Governor:

Centreville Record: That the Governor acted for what he deemed the best for the community and fair fame of the State is accorded him by all unprejudiced and unbiased citizens. In other words his motive like his legal right cannot be justly questioned. The wisdom of his course, under all circumstances, is an open question, and can and should be discussed calmly and reasonably without impugning the motives of the Farmer Governor. It s very doubtful if any great good can result in the commutation, when the brutality of the crime committed and the speedy conviction which followed is considered.

Wicomico News: We believe there are enough law abiding citizens in Kent to have carried out the commands of the Executive and delivered the prisoners to the State authorities in open day, and saved the Governor the trouble of taking them under cover of darkness.

Cecil Whig: All can readily understand why in the excited state of public feeling now existing in Kent county, the Governor's act is also emphatically condemned. He has seen fit to lean to mercy's side in discharging his official duty, and in view of the facts of the case, and the youth of the prisoners, his humanity and courage are to be commended. The dignity of the law is amply vindicated in Kent county by the hanging of four men, and no public good would have been subserved, by the unwelcome spectacle of eight dangling criminals on the gibbet at Chestertown.

Cambridge Chronicle: It strikes us forcibly, without having heard the testimony in the case and without an intimate knowledge of it, that the younger and less guilty of these criminals are fit subjects for executive clemency, and Gov. Brown finds just ground for a commutation of their sentence. Such wholesale judicial slaughter is revolting to public sentiment, and public justice would be amply satisfied by the execution of the arch-conspirators in the murder, and the imprisonment of the boys.

Calvert Journal: The citizens of Kent county are indiguant over this action of the Governor, but he must be presumed to have acted in accordance with his best judgement and conscience in the matter. It was a constitutional function that he was bound to exercise and it is far better that he should err on the side of mercy than the contrary. The Governor was in a better position to determine the matter after his investigation than others whose opinions are formed from a general and passionate knowledge of the case.

Annapolis Republican: In the locality of the murder, the Governor's action is severely criticised, elsewhere, opinion appears to be divided.

Baltimore County Journal: No doubt the citizens of Kent will abuse Gov. Brown, but the Governor acted from the highest conscientious motives, and he need have no fear that the conservative people of the State will not sustain him in his course. It is generally believed that time will show that whilst the boys were present they did not actually touch Dr. Hill whilst the horrible murder was being committed. They were no doubt participants in the eye of the law, but it is not thought that any one of them attacked Dr. Hill.

Baltimore County Democrat: Gov. Brown has commuted the sentences of four of the negroes sentenced to be hung at Chestertown for the murder of Dr. Hill in April last. For this act the Governor is being severely censured by the people on the Eastern Shore, as well as by many in other sections, who are familiar with the brutal murder of Dr. Hill. Many others commend him for his action, and some who condemn him now, will, upon calm reflection, think his action, under the circumstances, was just.

Baltimorean: The action of Governor Brown in commuting the sentence of the four boys who were accomplices in the Hill murder, will meet with general approval. Of the guilt of the boys there seems to be no doubt. But in consideration of their age and their lack of education, it was probably the wisest that life imprisonment should in their case be substituted for the death penalty.

Cecil Democrat: We give Governor Brown the credit of having done what in his judgement was best in the matter of the Hill murderers, but we think he has made a grievous error.

Marlboro' Gazette: But to meet such cases would it not be better that we had a Board of Pardons, composed of at least discreet persons who should act in a like circumstance. The State of Pennsylvannia has such a Board. and it surely would relieve the Governor of a most unpleasant duty, besides giving a securer method of getting at the real merits of each case.

Easton Ledger: Governor Brown did right in commuting these sentences, because there was a difference in the degree of crime between those who plotted and executed this most atrocious murder, and those who abetted it by their presence, and concealed it afterwards,—especially when these were youths belonging to a race in which the young are easily led and persuaded. This is not sentimentality. Law and punishments are neither sentimental nor vindictive.

Cecil News: after a careful survey and xamination of the whole case from the eeginning to the end, all just and right-thinking men must acknowledge that the Governor acted wisely and well.

Mrs. J. H. Hill, wife of the murdered man, wrote the following letter to Gov. Brown in December last.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16, 1892.

GOVERNOR BROWN—*Dear Sir:* There is in circulation a petition soliciting the commutation of the five boys implicated in the murder of Dr. J. Heighe Hill. As a widow of the murdered man, the mother of his orphan child, and one who has suffered most by their act of outlawry, I implore you not to commute the sentence passed upon them.

They were tried and found guilty before an impartial Court of three Judges, and assuredly deserve the severest penalty of the law. And their attorney states they are all older than represented. While the forfeit of their lives cannot recall my dead or restore me to a happy home and associations, I realize as the one most interested I would not be enacting my part or doing my duty in behalf of my assassinated helpmate if I did not make this request for justice. Hoping and trusting my insignificant letter may receive your attention and approbation, I remain most respectfully, MRS. J. H. HILL.

Since, referring to the commutation the sorrow-striken wife has said: "I think that Governor Brown has outraged the motherhood and the womanhood of the State of Maryland. I have no desire for the death of any one, but as a mother and the widow of a man who was foully murdered I think that his execise of his Constitutional prerogative in the present case was uncalled for. When I first heard of the efforts for executive clemency being made for the younger of the convicted men, I appealed to Governor Brown to let the law take its course. No one but myself can realize the emotions that passed through my heart on that fatal morning when I saw my husband dying and bleeding in his carriage."

"He left home that Saturday night about 10 o'clock in the perfect flush of a happy home. He kissed me goodbye and gave the last kiss to the little baby. All was happy when he went away. He told me he was only going down to his drug-store and would not be gone long. At midnight he did not return, and I began to grow uneasy. I kissed my little baby and dressed and stood by the window waiting for my husband's return. About four o'clock in the morning I heard the sound of his carriage, I knew that my husband had returned and my heart grew light again. I waited with joy for my husband to come into the house, after he had, as I supposed, put his horse in the stable. I waited a long time. Finding that he did not come, I went downstairs and passed out into the yard. I cannot tell what I then thought. I thought that I wouldie. Before my eyes in his carriage was the insensible and bleeding form of my husband. He could not speak. I ran up to him and saw that he had been murdered.

"As a woman who has passed through this ordeal I protest against the action of Governor Brown in commuting the sentence of four of the persons who had a hand and who took an active part in the murder of my husband.

"I appeal from his action to those of the State, who love the sanctity of the home and who honor the names mother and wife, and who protect the name orphan. Without any cause whatever I am made a widow and my child an orphan. Three judges of unquestioned ability and integrity sat in trial and found guilty all the men. The law was then applied and death for each one was the inevitable result."

Mr. John H. Greenwood and his little son have received the following letters, which will explain themselves.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Jan. 14, 1893.

MR. GREENWOOD—*Dear Sir:* With this I send the Memoris of John Howard, the celebrated philanthropist, who spent most of his life among prisoners, and to whose efforts America and Europe are indebted for prison reform. Will you please present the book to your honored and noble son, who, although so young, has shown the disposition of Howard.

Very respectfully, ANNIE SEMPLE.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Jan. 14, 1893.

BENNY GREENWOOD—*My Dear Boy:* I was greatly pleased to learn of your kindness to the poor, ignorant men, whose lives were taken for the dreadful crime they committed. The blessings of God rests upon you. Jesus our Saviour, says: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me." I send you the memoirs of John Howard, which I think will interest you. Wishing you a long and useful life, - I am your friend,

ANNIE SEMPLE.

CHESTER ALLIANCE will meet on THURSDAY, Jan. 26, at 2 P. M., at the residence of Mr. Geo. S. Biddle. All members are requested to be present.

By order, BEVINS MORRIS, PRES'T.

CHRIST M. P. CHURCH.

REV. D. L. GREENFIELD, pastor.

Divine Service in the Warm Lecture Room at 11 A. M. and 7½ P. M.

Morning theme: "He Descended into Hell."

Sabbath-school at 9.45 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.

MARRIED.

On Dec. 30, 1892, by Rev. D. W. Bates, D. D., at his residence, near Edesville, CHARLES H. HUDSON and Miss EMMA E. CROUCH, all of Kent co., Md.

At the parsonage, Galena, Md., Dec. 29, 1892, by Rev. E. H. Nelson, GEORGE W. WALMSLEY and Miss MILLIE V. WATTS.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Galena, Md., Jan. 18, 1893, by Rev. E. H. Nelson, ISAAC N. HUEY and Miss SALLIE MEREDITH.

Jan. 16, 1893, at St. James Parsonage, by Rev. J. L. Mills, D. D., CHARLES J. THOMPSON to Miss ELLA LECOMPTE.

In Memoriam.

In Roxborough, Philadelphia, Pa., BJAMINEN F. HENION, aged 77 years.

He was a strict member of St. Paul's P. E. Church of that place, for many years; was kind to one and all of his friends, and by his hospitality and genial disposition, was liked by every one who knew him, even those differing from him politically. He leaves a large estate in Pennsylvania and Virginia.

In Philadelphia, Penn., on Christmas eve, Mrs. ANNIE POWELL, widow of the late Dr. William Powell, of the same city, aged 84 years. She is a sister of Mr. Benjamin Henion and a first cousin of the late Robt. Rouse of Kent county, Md.

In Memory of William N. Ayres, who fell asleep in Jesus, Dec. 22, aged 36 years.

Like Mary we weep for the loved one gone o'er
The unseen way to the beautiful shore,
Where the ransomed sing in praises sweet
While casting their crowns at the dear Saviour's feet.

Our brother's life with his word did accord;
How blessed the dead who die in the Lord.
Though he may rest from his labors today,
His works follow on for aye and for aye.

His courage was firm and his faith too was strong,
O'er buffeting waves he was carried along.
Whatever trials he had to endure,
He always said this, His promise is sure.

He started life the Master to love