THE KENT NEWS.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.:
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CHAIRMAN WALKER has not yet heard from Attorney General Poe on the county commissioner question.

THE silver repeal bill is dead in both Houses. When Cleveland takes his seat it will revive again.

A "BOOM" for Col. Victor Baughman, of Frederick, for Governor of Maryland, has been started in his home county.

THE latest Cabinet talk is that Judge Walter Q. Gresham, of Illinois, has been tendered the office of Secretary of State by the President-elect.

ONE of the national questions now is: Shall we annex Hawaii, the largest of the Sandwich Islands group? We say no; but don't let any other power grab it.

THE Centreville *Observer* calls Governor Brown's tax convention the "Legislative Annex," and says: "If we are not mistaken Col. E. H. Brown and Thomas G. Hayes will be there, and they will make the welkin ring on that constitutional dodge."

THE DANGER OF COAL GAS had an exemplification in Chestertown this week, as reported in another column. Every body using coal will be interested in the case. Very few people consider the danger from this universally used article. This will bring it to mind.

IN CONNECTION with the sad suicide at Sudlersville, reported in another column, is a fact which deserves special prominence. It is the treatment the old man received at the hands of Sudlersville inhabitants. He had no other claim upon them but pity. They showed it in the Christian way. They fed and clothed him, and gave him a home. The old man is dead, and probably will soon be forgotten, but not so, the beautiful charity that was ministered to him by Sudlersville. It will live forever.

IN the *American's* gossip of politics reference is made to the Senior editor of the NEWS, as a possible candidate for the position of internal revenue collector for the Eastern Shore. This is in perfect keeping with all other like statements in regard to the NEWS editor. They are purely imaginative. He has never given the position named a single thought, and is in no respect an office seeker. His newspaper business gratifies his every ambition—certainly for the present.

JUDGE ROBINSON dissented from the ruling of the Court of Appeals in the jury case and writes a strong opinion. While Judge Stump overruled the motion of counsel for W. P. Tyler on Tuesday giving reasons stated elsewhere, he took good care to depart from the old and usual custom of drawing juries and with the poll-books and list of tax-payers himself selected the 150 names from which he drew a jury for the May term.

A LITTLE CHAT with Congressman John B. Brown on the train last Monday, as he was on his way to Washington, developed the fact that Congressional life was having a happy effect upon his physical condition. He seemed in excellent health and spirits. He said his committee work was very pleasant and his associations in the House everything he could desire. He casually remarked that his term would end in a very little while, and talked about the possible cabinet, etc., but never a word about the Baltimore Custom House. It is still said, however, that he is a pronounced candidate for that place.

The "Tax Congress."

Governor Brown made most excellent appointments for Kent county to his tax convention. The list is published in another column. Mr. Harris has not been heard from, but will no doubt attend if possible. Mr. Walker has accepted the invitation and so written the Governor. Mr. Pearce states that he has business engagements for the 21st which will prevent his attending; that while he would cheerfully contribute anything in his power toward a proper solution of the question involved, he feels that he has already—formally and fully — expressed the best judgment he could bring to bear upon the subject in his report made to a State tax commission in 1888.

Ours Cost Less than $12,000.

A New Court House is the subject now agitating Caroline. The repair of the old one was thought sufficient but the architect has condemned that, and now a public meeting is called for Feb. 21st to consider the matter. The cost of a new building is estimated all the way from $15,000 to $40,000. Kent did a successful job in this line in 1860, having the advantage of a practical building committee—headed by T. W. Eliason, Esq—to manage it. It was entirely new, with vaults and county officers, beside court and jury rooms, conveniently arranged, and has answered all the purposes of the county since, and will for years to come with a small outlay for enlargement. Its total cost was a little less than $12,000. Many in Kent opposed the improvement at the time—though sorely needed—on the ground that it would cost thirty or forty thousand dollars. Judge Chambers met Mr. Eliason one day with this objection when the latter said "I'll guarantee it can be built for twelve thousand dollars!" Thereupon Mr. Eliason was asked to make his words good by serving as chairman of the building committee. He consented. The twelve thousand dollars was appropriated, and, incredible as it seemed, the building was completed for a little *less* than that amount!

Caroline might find it profitable to look into Kent's work.

THE dates of the race circuit meetings, which will last four days, are as follows: Chesapeake fair, Cape Charles City, Va., August 22 to 26; Baltimore County Fair Association, Timonium, August 29 to Sept. 1; Cecil county fair, Elkton, September 5 to 8; Delaware State fair, Dover, September 12 to 15; Talbot County Fair Association, Easton, September 19 to 22; Gentlemen's Driving Park, Baltimore, Sept. 26 to 29.

JUDGE STUMP said he had consulted four judges of the Court of Appeals as to the proper way of drawing a jury under their late decision, and no two of them agreed as to the mode.—*Easton Ledger.*

CHESTERTOWN was without water nearly all day Wednesday. One of the main pipes near Mr. J. A. Pearce's residence bursted and it required five or six hours to repair the damage.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR!

Beautiful Daughters of Kent in New Garments on the Floor—Pretty Decorations and Good Music.

The festivities of the social season reached a climax Thursday night, when the young gentlemen of Chestertown tendered their annual ball in Stam's Hall. The hall was prettily festooned with orange-colored bunting and evergreens, while the stage was a bower of loveliness, made so by rich draperies, flowers and ornamental lamps with colored shades. The music, by Weber's orchestra, was grand, and the devotees of Terpsichore bowed at his shrine until 3.30 A. M., yesterday morning. The dressing was a marked feature of the evening, and many handsome outfits were worn. The ladies appeared as beautiful as ever, while the young men were equally as gallant and well dressed. A big supper was served at midnight, the waiters being under the charge of Phil. The committee having in charge the dance consisted of Messers. John D. Welsh, Frank Gilpin, P. B. Hollis, Geo. Brice and E. F. Perkins, Jr.

The grand march was started at 8.30, led by Mrs. Allen Harris and Dr. C. P. Gilpin. One hundred couples were on the floor and at least another hundred witnessed the brilliant affair. Among the ladies present we noticed the following:

Mrs. Allen Harris, wearing a white brocaded silk, trimmed in lace, decollete; Mrs. Carole C. Perkins, pink silk and lace, decollete; Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, black tulle, striped with green; Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard, white satin and tulle; Mrs. John Brice, Jr., black cotelle silk with jet trimmings; Miss Eunice Gemmill, blue cashmere, decollete; Nannie Brice, lemon silk, decollete, and carried a large bouquet of roses; Belle Aldridge, blue cotelle silk chiffon, decollette, and carried a bouquet of ferns; Nelie Walker, white silk, lace trimmings, decollete; Daisy Brice, white silk, trimmed in green velvet; Jennie Hines, blue crepe Pon, velvet trimmings, decollete; Katie Hines, white silk lace, decollete; Mrs. Edward W. Emory, blue brocaded silk; Mrs. R. D. Hynson, pink silk, with lace, decollete; Mamie Catlin, white silk, chiffon lace; Lizzie Wilson, near Sassafras, white silk and dotted tulle; Miss Cochran, Middletown, lavender silk; Sadie Burgess, white and lavender silk; Mfs. Dr. J. L. Finley, blue silk and lace; Mamie Patterson, white polkadot silk; Morgan Beasten, Nile green silk and velvet trimmings, decollete; Mary Beck, black moire silk and chiffon, decollete; Laura Jessop, blue cashmere, decollete; Betty Wallace, pink cashmere; Annie Strong, pink silk; Willie Wickes, Baltimore, lavendor silk, velvet trimmings; Mrs. James Hill, black lace; Mary Messick, Sudlersville, white silk; Mary Willie Cavender, red cloth; Miss L. Ford, Cecil, white India silk; Mollie Alrich, white cashmere, fringe trimmings; Tenie Alrich, white silk; Mrs. LaDuc, black silk, chiffon trimmings; Mrs. Robert Wickes, Edesville, steel cashmere; Bertie Constable, Elkton, electric blue cloth, velvet trimmings; Bessie Boyer, Sassafras, white silk; Mrs. Bert. Decorse, blue cloth with silk trimmings; Anna Cacy, Millington, lemon silk with moire antique trimmings; Mrs. Thomas Trew, white silk, lace trimmings; Emma Beck, blue silk with lace trimmings decollete; Vevia Perkins, white silk decollete; Miss McCauley, Galena, white cashmere; Mary Page, Virginia, red silk with velvet and chiffon; Belle Emory, white silk; Lillian Hynson, black lace; Lottie Wickes, red cashmere; Alice Gemmill, blue silk and tulle; Mary Pascault, Easton, pink silk and tulle, velvet trimmings; Mamie Clothier, black net; Edna Strong, black skirt and pink silk body; May Janvier, white silk; Hope Wickes, corn-colored satin; Mrs. James Beck, black silk and lace; Mrs. John Brice, black silk, French trimmings and lace; Daisy Parvis, Church Hill, changeable silk and velvet; Etha Crisfield, Washington, blue moire silk and lace, decollete; Rebecca Wickes, black silk; Mrs. Walter Strong, black silk; Mrs. Jos. Rasin, black cloth; Nellie Dale, Pocomoke city, brown cloth with velvet trimmings; Mrs. George Bell black cloth and velvet; Mrs. Chas. Beck, black cloth and jet; Mamie Strong, white cashmere and chiffon trimmings; Mrs. H. W. Beck, black silk and chiffon, Mrs. Wilkin Massey, black silk and jet; Gulie Parrott, orange and black lace overdress; Maggie Bell, white cashmere and chiffon; Mrs. W. S. Walker, brown silk and velvet; Eva Connelly, gray cloth and velvet; Bessie Anderson, brown cloth; Maud Atkinson, pink silk; Mrs. Dr. S. Beck, black silk; Mrs. Dr. S. G. Fisher, black silk; Nellie Wallis, white silk; Mary Hurlock, red body and green skirt; Grace Greenwood, white cashmere; Mrs. J. F. Connelly, brown cloth and velvet; Helen Welch, black silk; Mrs. E. T. Comegys, black net; Mary Ruth, black broadcloth; Flora McCourt, black and gray silk; Ellen Fisher, green cloth and velvet; Katie Goodhand, Still Pond, black silk; Miss Trenchard, blue silk with dotted tulle overdress; Miss Fannie Bonwell, blue silk.

Among the gentlemen on the floor and those looking on the dancing we noticed the following: Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Allen Harris, Drs. W. F. Hines, T. H. Cooper, Sam'l Beck, J. L. Finley, W. S. Walker, James A. Pearce, R. D. Hynson, W. W. Hubbard, J. H. Ireland, P. A. M. Brooks, L. W. Wickes, Prof. E. J. Clarke, J. D. Welch, Geo. Brice, Frank H. Gilpin, E. Weston Welch, Wm. T. Brown, John Brice, Jr., W. W. Beck, Wm. Cacy, Page Strong, Herman Perkins, H. W. Beck, E. F. Perkins, Jr., C. C. Perkins, Wm. and John Janvier, Wm. Bell, James Beck, Bert. Decorse, Bert. Davis, Cecilton; Wood Mallalieu, Philip B. Wilmer, James S. Harris, Jr., C. A. Pennock, Coatesville, Wm. Pitts, Baltimore; Chas. Massey, Wm. Price, E. B. Polk, Dennis McCauley, Spencer Hurtt, Tommy Perkins, James Connelly, Dr. S. G. Fisher, Jr., Port Deposit; C. Cacy, G. W. T. Perkins, Cecil Atkinson, L. O. Mercer, Baltimore; H. Stansbury, Baltimore; J. B. Parrott, A. E. Reynolds and W. T. Downes, Wilmington; P. B. Hollis, T. E. W. Crew, David Ford, Tylden Brice, James E. and Chas. Beck, Bert. Gilpin, B. N. S. Wilkins, Robert Wickes, Thos. G. Wroth, Walter Strong, G. B. Westcott, George Bell, Dr. Sam'l G. Fisher, John N. Dodd, E. T. Comegys, T. S. Dodd, Chas. Brown, Thomas W. Trew, Chas. Jessop, Kid and Clifton Alrich, Joe Brice, Ben Wilson, John Comegys, John C. Sutton, Jr., Leo. Stavely, Clinton Roberts, Wm. Crow, J. E. Richardson, Leston Merrick, Lloyd Nichols, Baltimore; Woodland and Clifton Hurtt.

PRIVATE SCHOOL.—A colored man named Warner has opened a private school in the Bethel M. E. Church and has about forty scholars. He is employed by the church, the scholars paying ten cents per week.

THE meeting at Still Pond last Saturday evening for the purpose of establishing a creamery was not as successful as was hoped for. About $1500 worth of Stock was subscribed but the subscribers were divided as to location and the matter was dropped for the present.

THE Rock Hall mail was delayed one hour yesterday by bad roads.

A Whole Family Asphyxiated!

Mr. Milton Baker and family, on Mill street, Chestertown, were placed in quite a precarious position Wednesday night, but they never realized the fact until the following day. When the family retired Wednesday night the stove was carefully attended to as usual but Mr. Baker states that upon waking he smelled the gas in the room and upon arising was hardly able to walk. He gained his feet and went down stairs and there he detected gas also. He was not down stairs long before he heard a fall and upon going upstairs found his wife lying upon the floor in a semi-conscious condition. Miss Fannie Baker, the daughter, tried to go to her mother's assistance but also fell, overcome with the irrespirable gas. Mr. Elwood Baker, although he did not fall, was very much affected and for awhile was dazed. The windows were soon hoisted and fresh air dispelled the gas. Dr. Cooper rendered medical assistance.

Mrs. Baker in falling bruised her forehead considerably and was in bed Thursday. The remainder of the family could feel the effects of the gas yesterday. Mr. Baker cannot account for the occurrence except it be that the gas escaped by some means from the stove. But for his early rising fatal consequences would have followed.

Death of Wm. H. Pennington.

Mr. William H. Pennington, of Galena, this county, died at the residence of his brother, Mr. Ol. Pennington in Fredicktown, Cecil county, on Saturday last. He had been in bad health for some months—suffering, it is said from Bright's disease—and finally had an attack of pneumonia, which was fatal. He was about 54 years of age, and never married.

For many years Mr. Pennington has been conspicuous in the political events of the county, especially of the first district. He has frequently served as a judge of election and mingled freely with the people. He has for a long time had a monopoly of the hotel business in Galena—his house there having a reputation unsurpassed probably on the shore for its superior table, which was supervised by his sister. He strenuously opposed the local option law, but when it was passed he strictly obeyed its provisions, and wherever the hotel is known the expression has frequently been heard: "You'll never get anything to drink at Bill Pennington's." He discontinued the hotel business last year and since has spent most of his time at his brother's in Cecil. He held a position in the last House of Delegates and made many friends in Annapolis.

ENTERTAINMENTS!

Stam's Hall to Be Alive With Brilliant Performances.

The indications all point to a successful affair next Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Dorcas Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The object of the concert and supper is to raise funds for the poor and it is hoped that the public will give it their hearty support.

THE ladies in charge of the supper will receive donations at the hall on Tuesday from 1 o'clock to 2.30 P. M.

Supper will be served upstairs from five to seven and the tables will represent the four seasons of the year. Spring will be trimmed in green and white and will be presided over by Mrs. Richard D. Hynson wearing a costume of the same colors. Summer's table will be in rose, and will be presided over by Mrs. Horace Beck; Autumn will be in yellow, and presided over by Mrs. Edward W. Emory, while Winter will be represented by white with Mrs. Jos. Archbell, dressed in white as the presiding matron. Each table will be waited on by young ladies wearing colors to harmonize with the respective tables. Tickets will be on sale at Stam's drug store, the drug store of M. A. Toulson, Gilpin's Hotel, the office of the KENT NEWS and *Transcript*. Fifty cents for single ticket to adults, and half price for children, both to concert and supper. Two tickets, one to supper and one to concert, to same person seventy-five cts. Tickets to concert will entitle those who desire, reserved seats, to be obtained at Stam's drug store. Of course those who apply first will be first served.

The concert will consist of solos, duets, trios and choruses; club swinging by members of the Washington College Athletic Association under Prof. Burris; performance by the Harry Rickey minstrels; lecture by Henri Recardo on Spiritualism. Mr. Walter W. Chapman will direct the chorus which will consist in part of the following voices:

Sopranos—Mrs. Allen Harris, Mrs. Emma Miller, Misses Belle Pippin, Annie Russell, Willie Wickes, Anna G. Lambert, Clara B. Usilton, Anna M. Downey, Sue Lambert.

Altos—Misses Julia Thompson, Mary Beck, Marian Lusby, Hettie Greenwood, Clara Downey.

Tenors—Messrs. H. L. Dodd, Jos. Downey, M. W. Thomas, H. W. Beck, J. F. Davis.

Bassos—Messrs. W. A. Biscoe, E. J. Clarke, R. K. Pippin, E. F. Perkins, Jr., Mason Greenfield, F. G. Usilton, R. S. Thomas, George B. Twilley. Pianist—Miss Mary Hurtt. This chorus is expected to be increased to fifty voices.

The eighth grade of the Chestertown public school will hold an entertainment in Stam's Hall to-night at which the following program will be presented:

Piano solo, "Birds of Spring," Gustav Lang, Mrs Amy Russell.
Vocal solo, "Bobolink," J. W. Bischoff, Miss Sue Lambert.
Play, "My Aunt's Heiress."

CHARACTERS:

Mrs. John Smith, a lady with daughters ..... Miss Tillie Reiche.

DAUGHTERS:

Anna Maria ..... Miss Violet Beck
Jemima ..... Miss Anna DeFord
Sophia ..... Miss Pearl Shuster
Arabella ..... Miss Tannie Willis
Matilda ..... Miss Minnie Maslin
Clementina ..... Miss Amy Russell
Jane ..... Miss Susie Belle Culp
Mrs. Alexander DeCourey Smith, "A Rich Widow from India" ..... Miss Mamie Patterson
Betsy Brown, "A Poor Widow" ..... Miss Maude Bramble.
Sippits, "Servant to Mrs. John Smith" ..... Mr. Howard Fowler.
Chorus ..... "Away at Break of Day."
Piano solo, "Isaeblie," G. Bachman ..... Miss Rose Frazier.

Monday night the "Box of Monkeys" will be repeated at Stam's Hall with new attractions by amateur performers from Church Hill.

THIS is the time to trim grape vines and Mr. Fred Humbert is a skilled hand at it. They will not bleed if trimmed this month. They should be attended to every year if you expect to grow grapes.

SHUCKED OYSTERS BY THE TON.—Mr. Jerome S. Jones "struck it rich" last week. He found a hole in the ice over a splendid oyster bar and commenced at once to realize on his find. He had the oysters gathered, hired a lot of shuckers, and navigation being closed, sent his product to Centreville, and had them shipped to Baltimore by express. The charges were quite heavy, of course, but we hear that he realized from $1.25 to $1.50 per gallon for his goods. At that price the "find" paid him quite handsomely. For several days his shipments amounted to over a ton a day.—*Observer.*

A SAD STORY!

An Old Man's Misfortunes Lead Him to Commit Suicide.

Charles Temple, aged about 70 years, committed suicide in Sudlersville about six o'clock last Tuesday evening. The deceased was of excellent family and well educated and 25 years ago was doing a thriving business in Smyrna, Del. From there he went to Camden, Del., and met with misfortune, finally becoming quite poor, when Mr. James R. Sudler, a half brother in Queen Anne's, gave him a home. After Mr. Sudler's death he lived at Peters' Corner until about ten days ago when he made his appearance in Sudlersville, where he had long been favorably known. He was in a sad plight—a poor old man, without money or home. To the great credit of that town the citizens cared for him. They gave him clothes and paid his board for a month in advance in a comfortable home. The old gentleman, however, seemed unhappy in thus taxing that generous community, and put an end to his existence in a singular though effective manner. He went into a large barn, in the town of Sudlersville, and taking a halter he made a loop of one end and putting it around his neck fastened the other to a staple; then simply sitting down he choked his life out! When found one knee was almost upon the floor; the least effort upon his part would have prevented injury. Mr. Pinder, the town bailiff, discovered the body and promptly released it, and Coroner Hacket held an inquest, rendering a verdict that death was caused by strangulation at his own hands.

In Close Quarters.

When Officer Kelley arrested the colored men charged with stealing chickens many were of the opinion that the right ones were safely in prison but it seems that there are some others who ought to be placed there. When Mr. H. W. Vickers' colored man reached home Monday night he found a colored man in the carriage house who immediately made a quick retreat across the field. He went in and told Mr. Vickers what he had seen and in about an hour the chickens were heard cackling. Mr. Vickers gave his man a revolver and told him to shoot low at the thief. Accordingly the colored man went forth towards the chicken coop armed with a revolver. The thief was clearly seen about the coop and the pursuer shot but as quick as a flash the chicken hunter made a dash into the orchard while the pursuer shot four times at the retreating man. In the morning the poultry was counted and found all right not one having been stolen.

Mr. D. A. Bacchus had a ham and shoulder stolen from his store recently.

Mr. Thomas Hurlock's poultry yard near Chesterville was raided a few nights ago by thieves, but were frightened off leaving their prey behind.

LOCAL POLITICS.—A few other names have been added to the list of "possibilities" for county candidates talked off and published in the NEWS two weeks ago. Mr. J. W. Ivens is the latest name mentioned in Worton, for legislature honors, but it is just possible that Mr. Ivens himself has never given the matter a single thought. A correspondent in another column advocates Sheriff Plummer for Legislature and Mr. Ray Bowers for commissioner. In Chestertown Mr. D. A. Bacchus has been spoken of for sheriff, but he states that he is no candidate. Mr. J. K. Aldridge has also been named as a very proper man for county commissioner, but he will not listen to any such suggestion. He could not be induced to enter the political arena for that or any other office.

PROPERTY SALES.—H. H. Barroll, Esq., as trustee, sold Tuesday, three acres of land in Quaker Neck adjoining the lands of Jerry Denny, George Elias and others to Mr. W. N. E. Wickes for $290. Also one-fourth acre of land with improvements in Still Pond to John W. Hall for $325. The latter property adjoins the lands of Lewis Johnson, John F. Beeks and others.

DEBT CASE.—W. W. Wood & Co., merchants at Melitota brought suit against the Sassafras River Steamboat Co., for amount of goods stolen from the ware house at Buck Neck. The case was argued before Squire Thomas Thursday afternoon, but the justice withheld his opinion. Jas. A. Pearce, Esq., appeared for the steamboat company and H. H. Barroll, Esq., for the plaintiff.

The Justice yesterday awarded Wood & Co. the amount of claim, about $27.

ACCIDENTS.—In driving home from Bond Church Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Trew's carriage collided with another and when asked if anyone was hurt he replied "no, but you have smashed my carriage to pieces." He managed to get home without any serious trouble.

Miss Lizzie Reed, the eldest daughter of Mr. Caleb Reed, near Millington, met with a very painful accident a short time ago. She was carrying a pail of boiling water, and stumbled over a cat and scalded her face and arms. Dr. Jacobs is attending her and reports her case as being an exceedingly bad one. She is much better at this writing.

A most singular accident happened to Mr. Smith, a young man from Philadelphia visiting friends in Crumpton, several days ago. He attended church with a young lady, and approaching the church door discovered that he was on fire. A spark from his cigar had fallen in his bosom and set fire to his clothing. Assistance was promptly rendered, but he was painfully burned about the breast and neck before the fire was put out.

TUESDAY was a bad day for walking and many persons chose the road. It was laughable to see the children and men, too, slipping and sliding and in many cases falling. A colored man opposite the NEWS office fell and spilled a whole bucket of milk which he was carrying, and Eugene Lucas spilled his yeast and broke his pitcher. There were many other such occurrences but we only recall these as a sample.

ABSENT MINDED.—A laughable freak of absent mindedness occured near Chestertown a few days ago. The head of the house started up stairs about 4 P. M., to get a book. Upon arriving in his room he undressed, prepared for bed and was about to get in the bed when it dawned upon him what he was doing! He dressed, secured the book and came down stairs and told his wife what he had done.

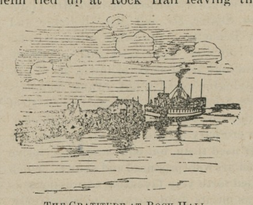
RELEASED FROM HOUSE CORRECTION.—Sheriff Plummer went to Baltimore last Wednesday and received the two prisoners Rash and Wood—released from the House of Correction by order of the Governor on the ground of mental weakness. Mr. J. H. Greenwood says they are almost as "crazy as bed bugs," but are perfectly harmless. The question now is, what shall be done with them?

THE STEAMERS ARRIVE!

The Gratitude, Corsica and F. C. Latrobe Battle Against Ice a Foot Thick—Rock Hall Reached.

As reported in the NEWS last week the Chester river steamers started from Baltimore Tuesday at 8 o'clock. But they had no idea that such a battle was to be fought or they would not have started. The Gratitude and Corsica preceded by the ice boat F. C. Latrobe steamed down the Patapsco breaking ice from two to four inches thick. This ice was easily broken but the tug of war came when they reached the Chesapeake. There the ice stretched from shore to shore and appeared to be impregnable. It is estimated that it was *eighteen* inches thick! Again and again did the Latrobe run upon the ice and break it by her great weight, but at times it was impossible for the other two boats to get through and finally they were taken in tow by the ice-boat. At Love Point the ice was piled up nearly to the top of the light house.

It was about one o'clock when the brave little steamer with Capt. Taylor at her helm tied up at Rock Hall leaving the



THE GRATITUDE AT ROCK HALL.
From a photograph by the NEWS artist.

Corsica outside. Here it required an hour to unload the freight and the people were glad to welcome the boat. The Corsica stopped at Kent Island without much trouble. At two o'clock the trio started to Chestertown. When near Hale's point the Latrobe went back and left the other two boats to fight the ice the balance of the journey. The river was fairly clear of ice until near Rolph's wharf, where the ice became very heavy. The Gratitude left the Corsica there, came to Chestertown and then returned and helped the Corsica. The Gratitude reached Chestertown at 8 P. M. Capts. Wm. Vandyke and McConnor were on board the Corsica. They state that they have never had such a trip nor saw the ice thicker.

The steamers left Chestertown at 6 A. M. Wednesday morning and many persons who were desirous of making the trip were left behind. The Latrobe waited for the steamers off Bogle's wharf and assisted them to Baltimore. No landings below East Neck River were made and new ice had formed in the bay. Twelve inch ice is packed on the eastern side of the bay and great masses of ice could be seen on all sides. The city was reached about two o'clock. The next trip will not be made before the bay is freed of the heavy ice as it is dangerous to the boats and officers to attempt it in such condition as it was Tuesday. The NEWS congratulates the Chester River Company and its unequalled officers and employes for their indomitable pluck and enterprise.

THE ERICSSON STEAMERS.

Battling With the Ice—Told by a Kent News Reporter on Board.

The steamers H. L. Gaw and Richard Willing, of the Ericsson Line, left Baltimore Thursday morning, Feb. 2d, for Philadelphia, accompanied by the American Towing Company's powerful tug, Hercules, but found the ice at Pool's Island and above, so heavy they returned, and left again on Saturday morning at 4 o'clock, hoping the condition of the ice by that time was such as to allow them to make their trip without serious interference. They found no ice, however, except in the Patapsco River, of any consequence, until they reached Worton Point, or a little above it, at about 11 o'clock A. M. The ice from there to Chesapeake City was found to be solid from shore to shore, varying in thickness from 8 to 12 inches. The Hercules fought the ice manfully until Sunday afternoon, 2 o'clock, but had not yet reached the mouth of Elk River, when the ice-boat, F. C. Latrobe, arrived and broke the track to Town Point Wharf, arriving there about 5.15 P. M. Very heavy ice was encountered in the mouth of Elk River, and notwithstanding the powerful efforts of the Latrobe, she was compelled several times to back off and start at it afresh. While going up the bay past Betterton the boats made such slow progress that quite a number of young men went out to see them break the ice. So hard, indeed, was the ice that they stood within 20 feet of the boats as they passed without the slightest danger of receiving a cold bath.

Eating Peaches!

Mr. James Groves brought to the NEWS office Tuesday five or six peach twigs that were in full bloom. He had carefully nursed the buds for twenty days and upon examination but two or three were dead. Commissioner Rodenhizer was shown the twigs and taking out his knife cut out the peach and *ate* it, for fear he would not get any more next summer! Mr. Groves says he has examined quite a number of buds and finds them in excellent condition.

Mr. John Z. Clarke was in our office Wednesday and stated that he had examined nearly *three thousand* buds and every one was all right; Mr. Clark's arm is getting much better now and his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

At a largely attended meeting of the fruit growers of Smyrna and Clayton vicinity the following resolution was passed: *Resolved*, That we will not ship our fruit to any commission merchant for sale who will not obligate to guarantee return of our standard crate and slats or full pay for them. Also, that copies of the above be printed and forwarded to the different markets.

RALPH BINGHAM and sister Ruth appeared before a large audience at Bond M. E. Church Tuesday night. Ralph delighted every one by his recitations, songs and violin music. His sister is a sweet-faced young lady and added very much to the entertainments by her accompaniments and recitation. His story of the discovery of America was too strange to believe, although he said it was an old true story taken from the newspaper.

LENT begins Febuary 15th and ends with Easter Sunday, April 2d; Washington's Birthday, Febuary 22d, is on Wednesday; inauguration of the President, Saturday March 4th; St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, on Friday; Fourth of July on Tuesday; Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 4th; Christmas, December 25th, on Monday.

ALWAYS AT WORK.—Mr. George E. Leary was in town Tuesday for the first time in several months. He states that while the mill is shut down he has been busy all winter cutting timber and hauling it across the ice.

CONCERNING THE CHURCHES.

Items Picked up Here and There by Our Church Reporter.

Rev. S. C. Roberts selected for his subject Sunday evening a question that has been up for discussion the past month in many circles in Chestertown and elsewhere. It was in reference to the probation of man—whether his probation ceased in this world or whether it was continued in the spirit world. He chose for his text in arguing that it ceased in this world, the following words "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still and he who is filthy let him be filthy still." The reverend gentleman spoke for twenty minutes and gave convincing proof from God's word of the reasons for his belief. The speaker exhorted his hearers to prepare for the future while time and opportunity is given them.

The M. E. Church, Chestertown, has a live organization in the Epworth League. At the prayer service Sunday evening the meeting room was filled to overflowing. The meeting was in charge of one of the ladies who talked on "No neutrality." It is the rule of this organization that the members shall take turns in leading the meetings. The president arranges a program each month appointing the speakers and the subject. This society is doing a good work for the church here.

Rev. J. D. Kemp, pastor of Still Pond M. E. Church, has commenced a series of sermons on the "Prodigal Son." He preached the second sermon of the series last Sunday evening to a fair audience. Next Sunday night his theme will be "The Means of Extricating Himself."

At an adjourned meeting of Christ Church Sunday school, held last Sunday afternoon Wm. B. Usilton was elected superintendent of the school for the ensuing year. There were thirty teachers present. The Juvenile Home Missionary Society selected a committee to act with a committee from the Sunday school who should have charge of the program for the missionary anniversary to be held at an early day.

The congregations at Bond Church have been increasing in size until now a fair audience turns out every Sunday. Last Sunday morning the members were very much disappointed when Rev. Mr. Mowbray announced from the pulpit that he would have to change his field of labor at the next conference. He spoke in very loving terms of his work while in Kent and was going to leave for the good of all. He could not possibly stay but one year longer and he thought it best for the congregation now to make the change. He thought it his duty to apprise the people of his purpose so that they might have time to look about for a pastor. Rev. Mr. Mowbray has received a call from Smyrna M. E. Church and it is probable that it will be his next field. Such an offer evidences the fact that other places appreciate the popular pastor.

High Mass was observed at the Church of the Sacred Heart Sunday morning and was largely attended. Vespers were held at night. Candlemas day was observed by Low Mass.

On Wednesday evening of this week a number of ladies and gentlemen who are members and friends of Salem M. E. Church at Fairlee, met at the home of Mrs. M. A. Greenwood for the purpose of organizing a Ladies Mite Society. After partaking of supper the company adjourned to the parlor where the need of such a society was discussed. The gentlemen were informed that they could retire to another room. After which the ladies proceeded with business matters and formed a society. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Elizabeth Kline, president; Mrs. Clara Bramble, vice-president; Mrs. Agnes Kendall, treasurer; Miss Minnie Smyth, secretary. The order of business was agreed upon and a plan of action mapped out for future work. The purpose of the society is to do organized work for the Lord and his church militant in the earth, so that when they are called to the church triumphant above they will not meet the master empty handed, but will receive the blessed greeting, "She did what she could." After singing "God be with you till meet again," the society adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Agnes Kendall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, at 7 o'clock. All the lady members and friends of the church are invited to be present and join the society.

Presiding Elder Alfred Smith has made Salem and Zion M. E. Churches a circuit under the charge of Rev. Chas. S. York.

A chapter of the Epworth League with forty members has been formed in Janes M. E. Church.

A choir of 400 voices is rehearsing in Baltimore, under the leadership of Prof. Harry Sanders, to sing at the Moody and Sankey meetings soon to begin in the Cyclorama Building, corner of Maryland and Mt. Royal avenues.

Catholic regulations for Lent were promulgated Monday as follows:

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Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent falls on the 15th day of February.

1. All the faithful who have completed their twenty-first year, unless exempt by dispensation or some other legitimate cause, are bound to observe the fast of Lent.
2. They are to make one meal only a day, except on Sundays.
3. The meal permitted on fast days is not to be taken till about noon.
5. A small refreshment, commonly called collation, is permitted in the evening.
5 The following persons are exempt from the obligation of fasting: Persons under twenty-one years of age, the sick, nursing women, those who are obliged to do hard labor, and those who, through weakness, cannot fast, without great prejudice to their health.
6. The faithful are reminded that, besides the obligation of fasting imposed by the Church, this holy season of Lent should be, in an especial manner, a time of earnest prayer, of sorrow for sin, of seclusion from the world and its amusements, and of generous alms-giving.

II

By virtue of an indult to the United States, dated August 3, 1887, the following special dispensations are granted:

1. The use of flesh meat is permitted at all meals on Sundays, and once a day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with the exception of the second and last Saturdays of Lent. But flesh meat and fish are not to be used at the same meal during Lent, even on Sundays.
2. The use of butter, cheese, milk, and eggs is also permitted every day in Lent.
3. It is allowed to take in the morning some warm liquid, as tea, coffee, or thin chocolate, made with water, and with this liquid a mouthful of bread.
4. Those for whom the hour of noon may be an inconvenient time for dinner, may invert the order and take their collation in the morning and their dinner in the evening.
5. Persons exempt from the obligation of fasting are free to take meat more than once on those days when its use is granted by dispensation.

III

The paschal time extends from the first Sunday of Lent till Trinity Sunday, during which time all Catholics who have attained the proper age are bound to receive worthily the holy communion. The holy season of Lent is a very proper time, also, for children to make their first confession, which they ought to do generally at about the age of seven years. Parents should see to this.

LOST, A LAP-BLANKET,

In front of Bond M. E. Church on Tuesday night. The finder will receive a reward by leaving it at this office. KENT NEWS,
1t. Chestertown, Md.

FOUND:—In Chestertown yesterday morning a LAP BLANKET. The owner can learn of its whereabouts by applying at this office. 1t.

WANTED:
FIRST-CLASS FARM HAND,
a white man, that can do all kind of Farm Work. Good House. Apply to or address
THOMAS C. PARSONS,
f11-3t. near Chestertown.

FOR SALE:
TEN THOUSAND CHOICE BARR'S MAMMOTH ASPARAGUS CROWNS.
HENRY BROWN,
COMEGYS BROWN,
f11-tf. POMONA, MD.

$25 REWARD.
The Board of County School Commissioners offer a reward of TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who have broken into the Honewell School House.
f11-3t. By order, E. F. PERKINS, SEC'Y.

GENTLEMEN'S SUITS
CLEANED AND REPAIRED
on Water street, at his father's residence by
CHARLES ESTES, JR.,
f4-4t.* Chestertown, Md.

WANTED:
PERMANENT and TRANSIENT BOARDERS.
The undersigned is prepared to accommodate several Permanent Boarders with furnished rooms, etc. Transient Boarders will be accommodated in the best style at moderate prices. OYSTERS in all styles. MRS. JOHN SHUSTER,
f11-3t. Chestertown, Md.

Chestertown New Roller Mills!
Have now plenty of water and am turning out FIRST-CLASS WORK. Customers accommodated at once without returning for their grist. Our FLOUR and FEED STORE has been removed to the building lately occupied by Dr. Cooper, on Main street, where we keep on hand FRESH FLOUR, MEAL and GROUND FEED, direct from the mills, at extremely low prices. Call and examine for yourself. Flour, retail, at Store or Mill, per barrel, $4.60, guaranteed first-class. Goods delivered at short notice in town.
f17-3t.* JOHN W. WRIGHT.

PINEY NECK SUPPER.
Without further notice the friends of Piney Neck Charge will hold an OYSTER SUPPER in Pythian Hall, beginning at 7.30, on the evenings of FRIDAY and SATURDAY, March 3d and 4th. Proceeds for the benefit of the church. Come one, come all. 11-4t.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.
The patrons and friends of the Chestertown Public School are invited to attend the Entertainment to be given by the class of '93, in
STAM'S HALL, SATURDAY EVEN'G,
FEBRUARY 11, 1893,
beginning promptly at eight o'clock. Proceeds to defray expenses of commencement, and for the benefit of the school library. Ticket, with reserved seat, 25 cents.

STAM'S HALL!
MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 13, 1893,
The delightful little Play, entitled:
"A Box of Monkeys!"
will be given by the ladies and gentlemen of Church Hill, to be followed by
AN ATTRACTIVE FARCE
especially amusing. Every effort will be made to make this entertainment as interesting as any amateur performance ever held in the hall. Reserved Tickets can now be secured at Stam's Drug Store. Price 35 cents; general admission 25 cents. Enjoyment promised to every one.

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