THE KENT NEWS.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.....FEB. 25, 1893

THE Kent railroad made excellent time this week notwithstanding the snow and sleet.

SEVERAL FLOCKS of ducks numbering nearly 100 went up Chester river beyond the bridge Thursday. The "Fishermen" predominated.

THE merchants of Chestertown are to be congratulated on the general observance of Washington's birthday. But two or three stores were open!

THE PUBLIC ROADS.—The county commissioners propose to have their road work specifications ready by March 7, when they will advertise for proposals to do the work. Jas. A. Pearce, Esq, in response to a communication, says the law clothes the board with full authority to inaugurate the system proposed.

Drawing the Jury.

The Cecil *News* states that Judge Stump spent the day at the court house in Elkton Monday, selecting jurors for the March term, under the recent decision of the Court of Appeals. He first caused the poll books of the nine districts to be brought into the private office of Mr. Graham, the Clerk, and then had a list of male taxpayers of the county furnished him by Mr. Smith, Clerk of the County Commissioners. From these he proceeded to select his list of 200 names. He began at 9 A. M., took a recess for dinner and finished his work about 4 o'clock. The 200 names, selected by the Judge, are taken from the different districts in proportion to the number of residents in each.

Senator Gorman's Warning.

In the United States Senate on Monday last Senator Gorman again sounded a note of warning against the reckless extravagance of the present Congress. Mr. Gorman being a member of the committee on appropriations is in a position to know whereof he speaks. In his belief Congress had exceeded the point which it ought to go. There was already eleven million dollars authorized to be expended for public buildings. "We are," Mr. Gorman continued, "in front of a condition serious and alarming, and which had brought senators together last Saturday to provide against disaster.

"I am a firm believer that we have only touched the borders of this trouble, and that the real trouble is that the revenue laws do not produce sufficient money to pay the expenses of the government as now fixed; and I believe that before July next extraordinary action will have to be taken by the men who control the financial establishment of the government to meet the emergency, or else Congress will have to reassemble, and meet it by making adequate provision.

"This body, in opposition to the earnest recommendations of the Committee on Appropriations, increased the appropriations for rivers and harbors nearly four million dollars, swelling the bill, that already amounts to $44,000,000.

"The pension appropriation bill contained appropriations to the amount of $165,000,000. As sure as the sun would rise on the first day of July next there would be a deficiency of from $13,000,000 to $15,000,000—no man could tell how much. He therefore submitted that it was time to halt and to say that the matter of pensions should terminate at some point short of absolute bankruptcy of the treasury.

"The party with which he was connected would come into power with a depleted treasury. There seemed to be a desire on the other side of the chamber to pile up the obligations of the government until the democratic party would have no escape from having to increase the taxes of the people.

Is Phrenology an Ally of Witchcraft?

Among the latest arrivals from the outside world was one who announced his whereabouts by distributing over the town a little sheet telling where he could be found and the nature of his business. It also mentioned his limited stay and those who might buy of his mystic wares must take it red-hot. This distinguished individual was a rather long, lean, lank-shinned personage, minus the most of nature's covering for his magical cranium, and eyes the color of the Union Jack. He wore a dimple in his chin capacious enough to hold every tear of the most gushing young maiden's first disappointment. His mouth was brimful of the handicraft of a dentist's office, and when it opened and shut would make a dredge hang its head and wilt with envy. His step was light and fantastic and evidenced that the silken tissue of his mighty brain was not to jostle against the walls of its chamber by the ups and downs of our uneven pavement. His stock in trade consisted, principally, of "taffy," with a side amount of motive charts, a chromo and "Our Flag" in his coat pocket. His replies to questions were yes or no, to be taken as the questioner's inclination might desire, which was clear he did not propose to build a fence around himself without a gate at every other panel, that he might get out without a long chase. But one thing was certain, you must pay 25 cents if you "dipped into the future" under his guidance, and 50 cents if you got a chart and went alone. His customers he made great men mostly and it seemed for a time as if the colleges and "varsities" were doomed. It looked as if nature had given all her gifts to his followers and so impoverished herself that a receiver might be necessary to take charge of her depleted assets. A run on her treasury would have surely followed if a notice had not been posted, an occasional dummy is found! This maker of great men has left, but disappointment reigns supreme. The director of fleeting time wants to go to building Brooklyn bridges. The grower of the luscious peach wants to run the War Department, while a retired farmer insists on growing record breakers. Nor is this all, some try to impress you that they are unfit for roasters, while another, with the frosts of many a winter hanging to his earnest face, tries to impress you with the idea he is either a spring chicken or the greatest of gay Lothario and our genial insurance broker wants to usurp Whitney's place as a politician. But such is life. The truly great have their ups and downs as well as others. May healing time with her softening balm of love dip them deep in the Lethean stream and restore them to their former places.

Baltimore City Market.

The following quotations are from the Baltimore papers of yesterday:

Wheat, Longberry	73c.@77c.
" Fultz	74c.@77c.
Corn, White	50c.@51c.
" Yellow	48c.@50c.
Oats	37c.@38c.
Eggs	22c.@24c. per doz.
Butter	29c.@33c. per lb

SEND THE LIGHT!

Missionary Anniversary—News About the Churches.

The McKendrian Missionary Society, of the Chestertown M. E. Church, held its anniversary last Sunday afternoon. The church was neatly though not elaborately trimmed with flowers for the occasion, and the program was quite interesting. The exercises opened with singing "Send the Light" by the school lead by Mr. Jos. W. Downey, chorister, followed by prayer by Mr. J. B. McIntyre. Then came a pretty anthem by the choir with solo parts taken by Missess Annie and Sue Lambert. The president, Mr. R. S. Thomas, next announced a short address by Dr. C. W. Reid. This noted educator chose these three words for his text "Do your best," but did not know where they could be found. He divided the sermon into three parts, viz., *do*, *your*, and *best*, and for twelve minutes he held the closest attention of all the scholars by his bright and interesting talk. He spoke in such language that the tiniest scholars could understand him. It was excellent. After singing came the collection by classes, the most important feature of the occasion. Misses Bessie Stuart and Maggie McKaig acted as secretaries. While the officers were counting the collection Mrs. Tompkinson made a short address to the children illustrating her lessons on the blackboard. She is a very pleasant speaker. Miss Bessie Stuart read the reports of the classes for the year and it was decided that the class taught by Miss Idel Baker was entitled to the banner, having raised nearly $20 during the year and doubling its nearest rival. The total amount raised during the year was announced to be $124.-64. In some appropriate words Prof. C. W. Proctor, superintendent, awarded the banner to the successful class. This was followed by another anthem by the choir composed of Mr. Jos. W. Downey, Misses Annie and Sue Lambert, Nettie Gooding, Anna M. Downey, Minnie Peregoy, Clara Downey, Messrs. M. W. Thomas, J. F. Davis and James Parrott. The exercises closed with the doxology.

Mrs. Tompkinson, of Wilmington, spoke in the M. E. Church Saturday night and also addressed the W. M. F. S. Sunday night. She is an energetic and christian lady and her visit to our town was highly appreciated.

Rev. D. L. Greenfield, supported by his members, will begin a series of meetings on Sunday evening in which the christians of the community are cordially invited to participate. Why not have a big revival in town? Moody and Sankey are not necessary to accomplish this end. Isn't it needed?

Rev. Mr. Keigwin is laying plans for building a Presbyterian church in Church Hill. He already has raised a neat sum of money and the edifice proposed will be an ornament to the town and a credit to the denomination.

Rev. Fred E. McKinsey is having a grand revival at Golt, one of the appointments on his charge. There have been ten conversions and others are still seeking. Last Sunday evening the pastor received nine into the Church, two by certificate, one from probation to full relation and six on probation. The church is much encouraged.

Annual M. E. Missionary services will be held at Galena next Sabbath, Feb. 29th, morning and evening and at Locust Grove, March 5th, afternoon and evening.

Rev. Henry C. Turner, who has been serving the church at Oxford, has accepted the proposition to take Clayton Station next year.

WEDDED A BEAUTY!

A Quaker Neck Young Man's Marriage to a Jewess.

In the NEWS last week the wedding of Mr. W. Hadaway to Miss Ella Hamburger was announced, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. W. Easley. The following from the Evening News, of Baltimore, will no doubt be interesting: Among the many pretty young ladies whose homes lie under the shadow of the marble shaft erected to the memory of Wells and McComas, at Gay and Aisquith streets, there are none more noted for beauty than Ella Hamburger, whose home is on Monument street, near Gay.

The home is a pleasant one, and all that a mother could do was done to make it attractive for the daughter, but Cupid, that inveterate foe to the most cherished plans of parental advice and forethought, gained the mastery over Miss Ella's heart, and the young lady is now an absentee.

In this instance the Cupid in question is not a native of Baltimore, but had his berth and attained his growth on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. His name is William Thomas Hadaway, so quickly and insidiously has love worked in this case that the relatives in Baltimore of Miss Hamburger were until she became Mrs. Hadaway in ignorance of her lover's name.

In the beautiful county-seat of Kent county, Chestertown, lives the man who has won the heart and hand of the belle of Jewish society on Monument street.

A week ago last Thursday, Miss Hamburger, who is 26 years old, left her mother's house and went down to Chestertown. She left somewhat hurriedly, but this was not deemed strange, for the reason that the young lady has an impulsive disposition and has been accustomed to her own bent. Again, her departure did not occasion much surprise from the fact that she had often before visited friends in and near Chestertown. The fervent manner in which Miss Hamburger kissed her mother goodbye on leaving home is the only feature of her departure to which any importance was attached.

It was during former friendly visits to Chestertown which Miss Hamburger made that Cupid let fly his little dart. When she and her Eastern Shore sweet-heart determined to wed, the young lady visited Kent for the last time as a single lady, she and Mr. Hadaway talked it all over, and on Wednesday last, the latter procured the necessary license and engaged the services of the Rev. Mr. Easley.

Mrs. Hadaway is a sister of Mrs. Louis H. Fisher, whose husband, Professor Fisher, is the well-known leader of the orchestra at Ford's Grand Opera House this city.

COLEMAN ITEMS.

Our farmers do not seem to be at all alarmed about the prospect for fruit.

The wheat in the neighborhood is looking unusually well.

On Monday afternoon Mr. James T. Ireland's house was seen to be on fire, and it might have been serious, had it not been for some of our stout-hearted young men who climbed to the blazing roof, and with the aid of the bucket brigade succeeded in extinguishing the flames with but little damage.

We have had quite a number of social dances this season in our neighborhood. Mr. Clarence Greenwood capped the climax at his home at Coleman, and all seemed to enjoy themselves exquisitely. The march began at 8 30 sharp, which was led by Mr. and Mrs. David Cannon, who stepped to the sweet strains of music furnished by the Coleman's string band. Dancing was indulged in until 12 o'clock. Then came an intermission of one hour for refreshments, which consisted of ice cream, cake and lemonade. Dancing was then continued until a late hour. Among those present were noticed Mr. and Mrs. David Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cannon, Misses Sadie Bostick, Cecelia Taylor, Nora Wheeler, Zelda Coleman, the two Misses Ryland, Mrs. E. D. Crew, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Owens. Messrs. Clarence Greenwood, Wm. Rabin, Jos. Briscoe, W. B. Greenwood, James P. Sutton, Jr., Harry White, Calvin Coleman, Thos. and Ed. Crew. RAMBLER.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

Full Account of the Storm's Damage—Wrecked Vessels Ashore, Etc

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS:

ROCK HALL, Feb. 22, 1893.

One of the most terrific wind storms ever known here reached us last Sunday night at about 10 o'clock, and lasted until Monday morning. Many persons were so alarmed that they vacated their bedrooms and took refuge in the lower rooms of their dwellings. One substantial dwelling was considerably moved from its foundation. The wind was accompanied by thunder, lightning and snow. A great deal of damage was done to the oystering boats, which falls very hard on many of our people and nearly all the large vessels were blown ashore in the harbor. Taking into consideration the severe winter, the repair of damages, the very short spring's work, and the long closed season to follow, the outlook here is very distressingly gloomy.

One of the misfortunes of the storm was the blowing ashore on Swan Island bar the schooner Express, from Rappahannock river, Va. Early on Monday morning a signal of distress was seen in the rigging of the vessel, but it was impossible to go to the rescue, owing to the complete jam of all boats in the harbor, until late in the day, when Jos. and Wm. Apsley, Wm. Urie, John Walmsley, Frank Hartman and B. Coleman succeeded in getting a canoe rigged up from the debris and pushing her under the steamboat wharf to clear water, the trip was made by those brave young men to the suffering crew of the stranded schooner, who had been watching their approach, and as soon as the canoe rounded up alonside, the two men and two boys were found already to jump in without waiting to secure anything they had, except a gun and valise. The captain stated had 400 or 500 bushels of oysters aboard, purchased in the lower bay and were bound for Baltimore when the storm struck them between North Point and Fort Carroll. It was so severe that they were compelled to stand before it. The waves in the bay were so high that the yawl-boat on the davits was shivered to atoms. When they found they were going on the bar they hoisted the jib for the purpose of driving the vessel on as hard as possible, to prevent thumping; the vessel sprang aleak and there was about twelve inches of water in the cabin. As soon as morning dawned sufficiently to sight the shore, they put in the rigging a sign of distress, and prayed and waited in great suspense for relief. The water made such headway in the cabin that they had to raise the stove up on boards to keep the fire alive and save them from perishing. They had burned all the wood they had and were compelled to tear out the after bulkhead for fuel, and just as the rescuers had reached them the last available stick of wood was placed in the stove, and had they not been taken off when they were, would have perished. The trip was the first they had attempted to make, as they had just bought the vessel. The captain, an old man, said he had been on the water for many years, and had witnessed many severe storms, but the one of Sunday night was the worst he ever saw. The young men of the rescuing party deserve great credit and praise for their heroic service. The rescued were kindly cared for during their stay here.

The ice pack here during the week has been almost as bad as it has been the previous two months, so far as the oystermen are concerned.

Your Piney Neck correspondent of last week seems to have been a little too previous with the red-bird and balmy spring story. Blizzard follows blizzard, and on Wednesday we had winter in all its glory, snow, sleet, sunshine and a howling wind. The scene was picturesque indeed.

The Knights of Pythias representative from the lodge here to the late session of the Grand Lodge, came home on Saturday last brim-full of interesting items in his report to the local lodge, among which is noticed that the lodge here is honored by having as a nominee for an important Grand Lodge office, one of its own Past Chancellors, to be voted for at the next session of the Grand Lodge. Also, that a subordinate lodge, regularly incorporated under the laws of this State, in order to sue or be sued, must have in its board of trustees at least five members. Heretofore the laws of the order only allowed three, and to meet this new requirement an election must be held for the other two members, resulting in the choice of Henry Urie and J. R. Ryan. That the Grand Lodge, at its session last week, voted to tear down their present Pythian Castle on the corner of Gay and Lexington streets, which has been made unsafe by the cutting through of Douglass street, and erect on the same site a new hall not to cost more than $70,000. The last session of the Supreme Lodge of the world created for subordinate lodges a new office, known as Master of Work. The lodge here, therefore, at its last meeting elected L. I. Whaland for that position. The last Supreme Session also adopted a revised "Ritual," which is not by any means relished by many of the State and local jurisdictions, for the reason that it must be memorized by the workers, and must be written in the English language, which is a great hardship on the German lodges in the city, who have done as much for the upbuilding of the order as their American brethren. As to memorizing the ritual, we don't think there should be any cast-iron rules in relation to the ritualistic work. With many busy people the ritual of Pythianism is only a very unimportant thing compared with the principles of "Pythianism." With many shallow-pated men, with plenty of time on their hands, the ritual is all important and the principles of "Pythianism" is of less account. When a fellow has learned to rattle off his piece he ought not to blow about the absolute necessity of every other fellow doing the same thing. We have known some of the very highest-standing officers, including the founders of the order, of being compelled to refer to the written work occasionally when they have been exemplifying the same. We have known many good men to be more impressive in their delivery of the charges, &c., by reading from the book than those of equal standing who could rattle it off from memory. However, the lodge here is determined to do their level best along the line of memorizing. The Knights of Pythias Anniversary on Monday night was an enjoyable affair, notwithstanding the intense cold, which prevented many families from participating, a goodly number were present. A sumptuous supper was served early in the evening, after which music, song and dancing were indulged in until past midnight.

The dredgers seem to be determined to make up for lost time during the freeze by raiding Swan Point and Chester River. Captain Hyland is doing his best to protect both places, but finds himself unequal to the task. It is reported that he contemplates calling on the board for assistance in the use of one of the steamers.

The oysters are dying very fast, owing to the severe cold weather, and it will be a great pity if the bars cannot be thorougly protected the remainder of the season. R.

RAT SHOOTING.—Of all the sports known to man muskrat shooting is said to be the best. Chas. Johnson killed a white one several nights ago. So exciting is the fun that several young fellows started out Monday to have some fun. Failing to kill a muskrat they came across a very large house rat and in a very little while they had killed him. They then skinned the rat, cooked him and ate him. If the reader wants to know how it tasted ask "Lightning."

MR. W. W. DUYER says he don't see how the Chester river steamers can run as when he visited the bay Monday ice was piled several feet high clear across to Poole's Island. They have the will and make the way.

MILLINGTON NOTES.

The protracted meetings at the M. E. Church are still in progress, and in spite of mud, snow and bitter cold weather the meetings are well attended. They are having success.

On Thursday evening at the M. E. Church, the Epworth League celebrated Washington's birthday by reading sketches of his life, relating the old cherry tree story, repeating quotations from different authors, singing national hymns, &c.

The M. E. Sunday school will hold their missionary anniversary next Sunday evening, and no doubt the program will be an interesting one as it is prepared by some of the best talent of our town.

Mr. C. L. Severn has added a barrel-head machine to his saw mill and basket factory, which will enable him to run the factory all the year round. The machine arrived here on Monday last, and was set up by a practical machinist, and is ready for operation.

Lenten services in North Kent Parish: Week days—Millington, Wednesday at 2 30 P. M.; Massey's, Fridays at 3 o'clock P. M. Holy Week—Daily service in Millington at 10.30 A. M. until Good Friday. Good Friday—Divine service and sermon at Massey's 10.30 A. M.

Mr. B. Frank Vansant represented our Algonquin tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men, to the great council held in Baltimore on the 15th inst.

Miss Addie Clark, of Kenton, Del., spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Cynthia Nelson.

Mr. John P. Ahern spent Sunday, with his father at Towsend, Del.

Mr. Frank H. Cooper, of Baltimore, spent a few days of this week with a friend in town.

Mr. Samuel Moffett, son of Mr. Richard Moffett, who has been quite ill for the past three weeks is much better at this writing.

Miss Ethel Taylor is quite ill at her father's home with typhoid fever. H.

SOCIAL AT GALENA.

Among the social events of the season we shall not forget to chronicle the pleasant evening spent at the residence of Mr. H. J. Gray near Galena, Wednesday the 15th. The handsome residence was beautifully illuminated and presented a grand appearance. The evening was spent in playing games and various amusements. One of the most prominent being the "donkey play." There were three prizes awarded, the first being a handsome watch case which was won by Miss Etta Hicks, of Galena; second by Mr. Wm. Cleaver, of Kennedyville; third by Miss Grace Miller. Refreshments were served about 10.30 o'clock and consisted of all the delicacies of the season. Among those present we noticed the following: Misses Annie and Nealie Walmsley, of Fredericktown; Maggie Caphir, Chesterville; Winnie Wallis, Etta Hicks, Mary Walters, Grace Miller, Dora Todd, Linda Redding, of Galena; Lizzie and Maggie Haves, of Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gray, Still Pond; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spry, Sassafras. Messrs. John Hurlock, Wm. Cleaver, of Kennedyville; Elmer Jarman, Chesterville; Clarence Scotten, Locust Grove; Eugene Scotten, Georgetown; Harry and Robert Dempsey, Joseph Ireland, Edward Walters, Wm. Meredith, Harry Redding, Galena; Wm. Stradley, Sassafras.

BETTERTON ITEMS.

The moderation of the weather has thawed the roads somewhat and made the same frightfully muddy, so much so that it has made traveling in places on foot almost impossible.

The bay ice has all left and the Sassafras river is discharging her cargo to the bay in great quantities as well as the Susquehanna.

Some of our young ladies were very highly honored on St. Valentine Day with quite a number of very pretty valentines especially one who received fifteen.

The large foot prints recently discovered Sunday morning in the snow leading from the kitchen over the back fence, have been identified.

Our hostess, Mrs. Anna T. Spry of the Betterton house, contemplates enlarging and beautifying her house early in the spring. We wish her all the good luck imaginable.

Mr. Lockard has built himself a large and commodious hen house and is going into the chicken business on a large scale.

One of our young pupils viz. Master Geo. Young who is but ten years of age received an average of 100 in the Betterton school which was the highest average attained. Taking everything into consideration this is a remarkable average and we sincerely hops that some of our older scholars will follow little George's foot steps. NERO.

LATER.—The recent cold spell has formed new ice in the bay, but it is not very thick. Wednesday brought sleighing but it was very poor. We had very little outward signs of patriotism here on that day, but we have as much as any body just the same. NERO.

PINEY NECK ITEMS.

In old and antiquarian times one of the noted modes of amusement was that of the festival, far different from those of the present day. They were the occasions for the commingling of costly wines and other alcoholic beverages, and oftimes the scene of the gladiatorial show, resulting in the shedding of much blood and scars, which were the grave-marks of many victims. But, however, as time is ever on the wing, it has eventually wrought a change, resulting in the downfall, or overthrow of such notorious festivities, bringing to pass those of a more milder kind, such as are held at our churches and private homes. It was at the home of Mr. John Ashley that a few of the members (other than relatives) of this vicinity, were united to partake of the good things of this hospitable gentleman. Among those who were blessed with the privilege of partaking were Mr. Wm. Rollison and wife and their sons, Miss Cornelius, Messrs. John Glenn and Wm. Ashley, Miss Minnie Glenn, Rev. W. M. Lister and Mrs. W. Glenn. After the old homestead clock had announced the hour of five the guests were asked to walk into the dining room, where a table was heavily laden with a sumptuous repast. Dinner is known as the "chief meal" of the day, but by all means supper must have been the 'chief meal" of many of us last Saturday, who feasted upon the nicely prepared turkey, which was set before us. Mr. Ashley was fifty-four years old last Saturday, 18th. And has a father eighty-one years of age, who can read the KENT NEWS by either candle-light, or day-light, and that without the aid of glasses.

A few days ago Mr. Edward Beck, while gunning for water fowl, got the bee line on a crane, pulled the trigger, brought it to the ground and brought it home. It measured six feet from tip to tip.

The first oysters caught after the freeze by the Piney Neckers, were not in as good condition as those caught before; glad to say, however, that they are daily getting better.

The songs of the birds last week and the appearance of spring were suddenly obliterated by last Friday's snow storm.

Owing to the muddy conditions of the roads for the last two or three weeks, the mail has been an hour late in arriving at Crosby.

Revs. Robert Roe and W. M. Lister are to exchange pulpits tomorrow. Mr. Roe will administer the Lord's Supper at Piney Neck, at 2 o'clock P. M. Mr. Lister will preach at the same hour in Rock Hall.

KENNEDYVILLE LOCALS.

Washington's birthday, 1893, will long prove a pleasant memory to the Loyal Legion of Kennedyville. In the evening a large audience gathered in the town hall to enjoy the beautiful and effective object lesson about to be presented. The hall was beautifully decorated with wreaths of evergreen, flags and bunting. In front of the stage, in gilt letters, was the motto "Tremble King Alcohol, for we are growing up;" while a large banner bearing the words "For God, Home and Native Land," showed the object of the cause. The ornamental lettering was the work of the Messrs. Weer. The bright, new curtain kindly furnished by the Hall Co., added much to the scene and was highly appreciated. The faithful and efficient organist, Miss Lula Van Dyke, had charge of the music. With the first notes of the march fifty-two girls and boys formed into line and marched to their positions on the stage forming a beautiful picture, as with blithe voices they sang "Happy, Hopeful Children We;" this was followed by the opening address, Master Geo. Medders; chorus, "Temperance boys and girls are we;" after which came "Only a baby," Purnell Newcomb;" "What I like," John Hessner; solo, Miss Katie Weer; "Who made the speech," Miss Lizzie Hessner; "A little boy's speech," Webster Hague; "Good advice," Geo. Lipscomb; motion song, "Picher or jug?" Harry Lipscomb; "The golden chariot," a solo, Miss Eva Busick; "A little girl's declaration," Miss Emma Shafer; duet, Misses Elma Lewis and Katie Vanl Dyke; "What I think," James Weer; doldrill, Emma Hessner, Annie Seeney, Katie Weer, Emma Shafer, Stella Lane, Lizzie Hessner, Annie Shuck, Blanche Stouffer, Marguerite Kennedy and Mollie Roberts; recitation, "Be polite," Jesse Medders; "Choice of trades," Clifton Nickerson, John Newcomb, Will Seeney, Herbert Kennedy, Norman Faulkner, Robert Kennedy, Eddie Pennington, Willie Startt, Harry Meredith and Harry Kennedy. The Japanese fan drill was beautifully and gracefully executed by the following young ladies: Misses Acca Van Dyke, Carrie Hessner, Katie Van Dyke, Katie Hessner, Dora Pennington, Jennie Meredith, Clara Redmile, Susie Johnston, Nellie Barwick, Elma Lewis, Katie Weer and Lillie Redmile. The competent captain was Miss Eva Busick. A dialogue was nicely rendered by Misses Lewis, Barwick, Redmile and Meredith, after which "Boy's rights," by Oscar Lane received well-merited applause. During the evening Messrs. Wm. R. and Mattie McKnett entertained the audience with choice selections upon the violin and autoharp, which were greatly enjoyed. A solo, "Come home, father," was most touchingly and effectively sung by Miss Clara Van Dyke. The program closed with the chorus, "Never drink whiskey or brandy." The whole entertainment was a complete success, and the little folks we are sure, will feel greatly encouraged by the warm appreciation shown them, Lizzie Hessner, John Hessner and Oscar Lane, meeting with rounds of applause for their exceptionally well rendered selections. Miss Busick, as a colored cook, was unrecognizable, as he melodiously informed the audience that she was "Waiting for the golden chariot."

Miss Anna Taylor, aunt of Mr. Wm. Lane, fell on the ice on Wednesday morning, breaking one of her limbs.

Rev. Wm. B. Judefind has visited friends in Kennedyville this week.

Mr. Geo. O. Dewees and family, have returned to their home at Brentford.

Thieves broke into Mr. W. A. Kennedy's chicken house Friday night and into Mr. Thomas Jones' recently. From the latter was stolen a dozen fine hens. NINA.

FAIRLEE HAPPENINGS.

"Consumption," in the account of Miss Ada M. Hudson's wedding, should have read consummation, as by manuscript. This happy couple were serenaded the evening following their marriage at their home the "West End" residence. The frosty evening air was made to resound with the sweet music of the violin, &c. After one or two "airs," the pleasant and respectful company were invited in to behold the bride and groom, and to partake of refreshments. A pleasant evening ensued.

Rev. C. S. York is formulating a plan to build a parsonage here in our village, for Salem and Zion charge. Some ask: can he do it? Viewing the subject from the following stand point I say he can. 1st. It is a necessity to the welfare of the church and an interest to the village and community. By the building of the parsonage, which is urged by P. E. Alfred Smith, another adjunct may be placed with the present two churches, making it rather a desirable charge. I think a goodly number are ready and willing to lend a helping hand by contributions. I might name a half dozen carpenters that are willing to aid in the building by the donation of their mechanical skill and labor to the amount of a snug little sum. There is a one acre lot opposite the church which belongs to Mr. Thos. B. Bordley, which is an eligible location; it probably could be bought. Some say buy one of the dwellings now for sale. I say erect a parsonage as there are many advantages in having just what you want, and of the liberality of lumber merchants, hardware, lime and brick dealers, that is generally expected and extended along this line of work.

Mr. Walter F. Sparks had a little round with his horses a few nights ago. One had a very severe attack of colic, and while he had it out under treatment the other horse got caught in the stable and hurt one limb very badly.

After a fire there comes a clamor with those not insured for insurance. This has been the experience with the Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Kent county, during this year, especially in this locality, judging from the number of surveys written by the Fairlee surveyor since last April. A prominent gentleman in his neighborhood says he has had a seven hundred dollar protection in this company for a little over 20 years, and after close calculations finds that his protection has cost him a little over thirty cents a year. Does any other company offer such a cheap rate of insurance?

The patrons of Fairlee postoffice are enthusiastic in the behalf of Miss Minnie Smyth, since her announcement as an applicant for this office. Some think the other applicants will withdraw from the contest in her interest. This however, remains to be seen. WEST END.

Chester River Steamboat Company!

MONDAY, FEB. 27, 1893.

Steamer EMMA A. FORD

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Oyster Question Discussed.

B. Howard Haman, Esq., Proposes to Lease the "Barren" Oyster Bottoms.

COL. WM. HENRY LEGG REPLIES.

In the Baltimore American of last Tuesday is the following communication, which will be read with special interest by all engaged in the oyster business: Attorney B. Howard Haman, in his address before the road convention, as a solution of the problem, solved not only it, but a greater one—the oyster question—by proposing to take hold of the bottom of the bay and its tributaries, and turn them on the public roads. In his address, among other things, he said: "The Chesapeake Bay can be made to produce enough revenue to the state to keep in repair all the roads and bridges within its borders. * * * It could be gotten from the bay by leasing its bottoms fit for oyster planting, and charging a fair rental for such leases. * * The bottoms of the bay and its navigable tributaries belong to the people of the whole state. * * * I would favor a system of leasing all the bottoms of the river, including the natural beds. I would restrict the right of taking up these bottoms to tongers engaged in the industry. * * * Should this plan be defeated," he says, "I would propose to mark out all the natural beds of the bay and its tributaries, and lease the unproductive portions at a yearly rental varying from $1 to $5 per acre." He adds, in conclusion of his address, that this far-reaching and beneficial reform can only be set on foot by the western and northern counties of the state."

Here the proposition is made by Attorney Haman to lease the bottoms, for the plausible purpose of improving the public roads. The truth is, those he represents are much more anxious to obtain the oyster grounds than to improve the public roads. Any excuse to obtain the oyster grounds, good roads or bad, will answer their purpose. Whenever, if ever, the privilege is given to divide the barren bottoms from the natural beds nearly all of the natural beds will most likely be included in the lines of the "barren bottoms." Even Tangier Sound would be declared "barren," in all probability, and learned attorneys and professors would so declare.

This would have been done years ago had these advocates of oyster planting and farming been allowed. If, in their generosity and graciousness they don't appropriate all of the natural beds and bars, what may be left ostensibly for the poor oystermen "will be plowed and harrowed" by steam dredgers belonging to the oyster farmers, and, very likely, the licensed oystermen not allowed even to tong it. The few beds left for the state, when this system is once on foot, our navy and the whole of the United States Navy, its adjunct, would not, and probably could not, protect. Very many of our "five-acre lots," appropriated under the five-acre clause of the present law, have never been planted and were appropriated simply to appropriate the natural growth, and to prevent others from obtaining what they had a right to take. So it will be when oyster farming, and on a larger scale as is proposed by Attorney Haman and his followers, is once begun.

Our oyster bottoms need no cultivation and planting, except in narrow and shallow waters. The tongs, scoops and dredges are cultivating and planting, too, yearly, as time passes. This may seem incredible, it is true. Buoy Rock, in Chester river, thirty years back contained about a half acre. Long Point bar, in the same river, then probably not fifty yards in width and from six to seven heundred yards long, is now believed to be a mile or more in width and two miles long. Stony bar, in the same river, then a half acre or less, now fifty or more. Wickes' bar, on the Kent side of the river, twenty-five or thirty years back was not more than a half mile long, is now four, and its width also greatly increased. The result is the same in the Eastern Bay, and, I have no doubt, in the other waters of the state. The beds and bars in these waters have been extended and enlarged, until Chester River and the Eastern Bay have but little left comparatively of barren bottoms. The condition is the same elsewhere in all of our waters, it is believed. Bodkin Rock, Bugbees, the wild-grounds and the bars in Eastern Bay have grown and enlarged, it is believed, even more than have the Chester beds. In the not far distant future, nearly all, of our now barren bottoms adapted to the growth of oysters, will be stacked with oysters. There is no need of planting or cultivating oysters in our water, as they were planted, and for the people, by creative wisdom.

In the deep and broad waters in our state they are absolutely indestructible. In the Northern states it is widely different. The oyster there cannot be said to be on his native soil, but very few and very small natural beds were ever there. To have them at all, they had to plant them, not only plant, but cultivate them, too, as there they, the oysters have natural enemies unknown to us; to plant, and to cultivate, to lease the barren bottoms, to make, high and dry, our county roads, has one and only one object, and that is to take out of and away from the hands of the people, this great and important industry that is supporting thousands of worthy families, directly, and indirectly, thousands of others.

There are thousands of acres of barren bottoms that might be and should be planted and cultivated, if by that name it is to be called. In the narrow or in shallow tonging grounds; in the creeks and a part of some of the rivers, where the oyster shells (clutch) and all have been caught and removed from the bottoms, and the beds have thus been destroyed—there, and there alone is the field to plant. To do this, all that is necessary is to first shell the bottom with from three to five hundred of clean, dry oyster shells in the month of July, and if the ground is not near some natural bed or planted oysters, to spead fifty or seventy-five bushels of oysters over the shells, if they were not first placed. This would likely, in a couple of years, give stock enough to cover another acre or more with plants. But in our broad waters—Chester River, Eastern Bay, as well as the other rivers and the Chesapeake—the planting and cultivating, the scattering of them goes on with the working of them.

We have more oysters now in our waters than ever before, and of much better quality, too, if but given time to mature. They are scattered over twenty times the space they were thirty years ago—fifty, it is likely, would not be too much to claim It takes more gatherers to take or catch a given quantity. That does not prove there are less oysters. It only proves there are less to a given space than there were on the wildbeds. With a little more time, a little more protection, we would have a crop ten times as large, and of three times better quality than we could have had thirty years back. The beds and bars are ripe for it, and are waiting with only half a show to surprise their only natural enemies that we have in our state—the would-be buyers and leasers of our oyster grounds.

I will repeat in part what I said as oyster commissioner in '84, when it was proclaimed that the oysters were about exterminated, as Attorney Haman seems now to think; "To compel the return of the young and unmarketable oysters to the beds and bars, together with clutch, when and where taken. To make sever er and more certain the penalties for violations of oyster laws, and to further limit the time for scrapers and dredgers. To limit the size and weight of dredgers, and to prevent summer planting, or to take them from their beds for any purpose in the close season." I further said in that report "that the oysters of the state belong to the people of the state, and the true policy is to guard and protect our oyster grounds for the citizens. That the people of the state have the right to ask and expect that the legislation of the state be in the interest of the many, and not of the few: in the interest of the weak, and not of the strong, and to demand that this vast public domain—the oyster grounds—shall be held for all time to come, as it ever has been held—a great commons to be used in common by the citizens of the state, under such rules and regulations as the state may prescribe."

But Attorney Haman states figures, obtained from the comptroller's report, that are facts. No wild theory about them, but a fact that the advocates of selling or leasing—one as bad as the other—may well rejoice to present, and that should arouse and alarm every man, woman and child that is opposed to giving up and away the oyster grounds.

He says: In 1884, there was a balance in the state treasury of accumulations of the oyster fund amounting to $244,081.59, made up of money received from licenses paid by fishermen. In 1890, there was only $101,106.24, making a loss of nearly $143,000 in six years, and this due, he adds, merely to the fact that our oyster domain has been plowed and harrowed almost to exhaustion, and the net result is a great many wealthy packers, a great many flourishing and thriving commission men and a great many thousands who have lived from this industry. The figures he gives are facts and there the facts stop, except ing what he says about the packers, commission men, and agreat many thousands who have lived from this industry. Of this he hardlymeant to complain, for it is a condition to commend, rather than to complain of.

Col. McDonald, United States fish commissioner, in his report says the figures of 1890 as to the number of bushels caught, as compared with 1880, do not indicate a marked change in the condition of the oyster beds. So the loss of this $143,000 complained of is not owing "merely to the fact that our oyster domain had been plowed and harrowed."

Nor was it owing to the fact that there had been much, if any, reduction in the revenue to the oyster fund, except in fines, but is owing to an enlarged navy and increased expenses. The increased expenses of the oyster navy has about eaten up all that stood to the credit of the oyster fund. $45,000, or about that sum left at the close of the last fiscal year, last September. It now takes about $70,000 to run the navy. If the revenue to the oyster fund this present fiscal year is about what it was last, it will only leave $15,000 or $20,000 at most in the treasury of the oyster fund. If the revenue falls much less, if any. In this condition the next legislature will find the oyster fund, and the oyster question. The Northern and the Western counties, nor the Eastern Shore and Southern Maryland counties won't be willing, and won't stand, to be taxed outside to