THE KENT NEWS.

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KENT WAS THERE!

Citizens of Kent Enjoy the Sights at Washington — What They Did.

The contingent from this county to the inauguration was quite large and included persons from nearly all sections of the county who were intent upon seeing the finishing act of the grand victory. In the words of Shakespeare or some one else—they were right "in it" all the time from the moment the boat left Chestertown. Even the ladies enthusiastically started for the capital. Two young ladies from Lynch's, however, had the advantage over their friends. They were traveling *free* as the result of a bet with a prominent contractor of that vicinity, and seemed to be enjoying the treat fully. In the scramble for dinner one young gentleman from Chestertown went down stairs head foremost, but fortunately he was not hurt. The steamer struck ice fully four inches thick near Rock Hall and Queenstown but she nobly broke through it.

In Baltimore the Maltby House was the rendezvous for scores, while others scattered. Rev. J. S. Bowers entertained the following at a shad supper that evening: Messrs. Chas. L. Dodd, A. I. Dugan, J. L. Parsons, T. D. Bowers, J. W. Chapman, Jr., M. E. Baker, W. B. Usilton, Jr. Mr. Wm. H. Hodges entertained Messrs. H. W. Beck, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, H. M. Brown, W. W. Beck and L. W. Wickes at a delightful supper. When the party sat down to breakfast at 6 o'clock the next morning it was very evident that they did not *all* attend Moody and Sankey's meetings the previous night.

"And the next day it snowed." Donned in rubber shoes, overcoats, etc., the crowds directed their footsteps to the depot where the 7 o'clock train was boarded. After repeated halts Washington was reached at 9 15. From this time until the President appeared the visitors walked aimlessly about the corridors of the capitol, halting here and there for a few minutes' talk with fellow-Kent countians and then continuing no one knew whither. Many took a stand near the president's as early as 11 o'clock, and from that time until he appeared it was like packing figs in a box. It seemed as though the crowd was not satisfied with their position and at frequent intervals there was a swaying to either side and a jam that would take one clear off his feet. Scores of rubbers were pulled off by the tramping, and it was impossible to get them on again. Mr. T. E. W. Crew's arm became fastened in his neighbor's watch chain and when he succeeded in raising his arm there hung a gold watch. Towney says "Mister, is this your watch?" "Yes, what are you doing with it." "Don't know," remarked Towney, and before they could say anything further the crowd swayed, and it was all that one could do to keep on his feet, much less talk. So hard was the pushing that one felt sore all over, occasioned by the continual rubbing and elbow punching. Mr. John H. Aldridge was fortunate enough to be pulled up on the inauguration stand, and followed the President to his carriage. Others from Kent heard the message distinctly as they were only about five yards off.

After the address the Kent boys got separated, and wandered off by twos and threes to various places on the route of procession. One young man from Chestertown got too far out in the street and was ordered back by a mounted police and not noticing the horse until nearly upon him struck the horse with his umbrella. Another officer grabbed the young man but his friends came up and induced the officer to release him. Another similar case happened a short time afterward with an older citizen of Kent. Among the commanders of the various companies we noticed Lieutenant Morris K. Barroll, whose brigade marched in elegant style. Our Governor created as much enthusiasm as any man on the route, while the appearance of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was hailed with a continuous shout of applause. Gov. Russell and Gov. Flower were also noticed in the parade. Drum Major Wm. Smith was noticed at the head of the noble fifth, directing the drum corps. The favorite tune with all the bands was "My Maryland." Quite a number of our people boarded the 5 o'clock train and reached Baltimore in time to take the B. S. Ford, while those who left at 6 P. M. missad the Ford by eight minutes and had to remain over Sunday in Baltimore.

But we know of a company of ten who remained in Washington until Monday, and they report a most delightful stay. Sunday morning was a perfect Cleveland winter day, and after reluctantly paying twenty-five cents for a shave the party put on their "kids" and started on a jaunt. The Ebbitt House was the first stop and upon inquiry they were shown to Vice-President Stevenson's room. "This is a delegation from Kent county, Maryland," said the spokesman, "and would like to see our new vice-president." "Take a seat, gentlemen, and I will call the General," said the secretary. It was not long before the General came in and gave the Kent countians a hearty hand-shake and a cordial invitation to visit him when in the city again. He recalled several Marylanders whom he had met and said he always felt warmly towards them all. His popular wife and beautiful daughter, Julia, were also admired by the callers. After this visit the party went to church and heard Prof. Bischoff, the blind organist, and a choir of fifty cultivated voices, and an address by Rev. Dr. Newnam.

All day Sunday the various companies, clubs, societies, etc., were marching about the city, and the bands were serenading at various hotels and dwellings. The streets were fairly swarming with strangers, while the hotels were packed. The Kent delegation next visited the home of Senator Brice, of Ohio, who was holding a reception to the Duckworth Club, of Cincinnati. He of course, the boys said, wished to be remembered to his cousin, John Brice, but did not ask how George was getting along at football, nor how young John's fox hounds were. He reviewed the difficult drill by Ohio's crack band, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the grand music. The musicians in the Kent delegation were charmed.

Senator Arthur P. Gorman was the next noted individual to greet the Marylanders. He pressed each one's hand and expressed himself as highly pleased to meet his Kent county friends. It is said that when the Senator remarked that he would not have known the gentlemen if they had not made themselves known, the *politician* of the party was surprised and said "why, Senator, don't you know ME? I have met you once or twice before!" The Senator said he would love to have them call at his home, but his family had removed to the country and he was boarding. When speaking of their visit to the vice-president the Senator took occasion to remark that *he* was a Democrat that would cut off Republican heads very quickly if he had the opportunity. He was looking very well, and expressed himself as perfectly healthy. Cleveland's apartments at the Arlington were next visited, and as the Doctor seated himself in a beautiful chair, he remarked "I guess Mrs. Cleveland sat in this chair." The apartments were magnificent and were well worth $450 per day to those who could afford it. While part of the company were admiring the Cleveland parlors, etc., the other part were having an interview with ex-Senator Palmer, of Illinois.

At night the delegation heard Rev. W. R. Graham preach one of his characteristic sermons. He had a large congregation, a splendid organ, and the music was directed by Mr. Cook Orrell, cornetist, formerly of Chestertown. Of course the delegation received a hearty welcome from the reverend gentleman and his family.

Monday the delegation divided, some going home, the others remaining to shake hands with the president. Mrs. Cleveland was seen by a few of the company and those who saw her say her beauty far excelled that of any other lady in Washington. Her dress at the ball was magnificent. Read the NEWS' first page for description.

Among the number of Kent countians who started for the inauguration and who were seen enjoying the sights were Messrs. Samuel G. Lee, H. H. Barroll, Thomas D. France, Samuel Hicks, J. Welch Crew, Geo. S. Biddle, L. C. Justis, Jr., James Blackiston, Wm. Burgess, John Hadaway, Benj. Coburn, Charles Wood, Frank Coleman, Frank Stevens, Alex. Kennedy, Wm. Crow, T. E. W. Crew, Edward Hepbron, Robert G. Nicholson, Sol. Startt, Thos. G. Wroth, Wm. R. Aldridge, John Archibald, J. Herman Ireland, Frank H. Howard, John W. Silcox, John H. Aldridge, Walter T. Morris, Wm. T. Nicholson, Charles L. Dodd, Wm. Howard, E. Weston Welch, James Dixon, D. Arthur Bacchus, John N. Dodd, Walter Goodhand, James W. Chapman, Thos. D. Bowers, Dr. H. L. Dodd, Jefferson D. Bacchus, Amos B. Kelley, W. B. Usilton, Jr., Clarence W. Perkins, J. Lloyd McFeely, Walter U. Lusby, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Lewin W. Wickes, A. I. Dugan, W. W. Beck, J. Cordray Loud, Edw. Jones, M. E. Baker, Ellsworth Bowers, James Russell, Wm. J. Elliott, Josiah Massey and son, Marcus Asher, J. L. Gale, George M. Smith, Wm. Pennell, Jesse G. Duyer, Wm. Malin, John Stokes, Tilghman Shafer, Charles McKee, James T. Brice, Wilbur H. Morris, Edward Crew, C. C. Wood, Jesse H. Usilton, Capt. Geo. W. Moore, Harry Willis, Horace F. Brice, Walter Skirven, Capt. J. Nicholson, Wm. DeFord, Profs. E. J. Clarke and J. S. W. Jones, J. S. Owens, J. F. Carey, Jeremiah Wilson, T. V. Simpson, Grover Scotten, James T. Crew.

Temperance Work.

On Friday, March 3rd, the quarterly meeting of the Kent County Woman's Christian Temperence Union met in the lecture room of the M. E. Church, of Chestertown. The president, Mrs. John Corey presiding. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read by the secretary, Miss Ida Crew; and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. N. Usilton, reported that the local unions of the county were in a healthy condition. Plans of work were considered and the claims which temperence work has upon the young was discussed. It was reported that a new union with eighteen members and a Loyal Legion of between thirty and forty members are at work at Locust Grove.

In the evening a public meeting was held in the audience room of the same church which was well attended. The program consisted of a prayer by the pastor, music, an essay by Miss Annie Roeder, of Still Pond upon the subject The Bane of our Nation, and a lecture from Miss Elizabeth U. Yates, of Maine. Miss Yates considered the demand for alcoholic liquors a hydra-headed monster, comparing the efforts of the temperence workers to the labors of Hercules, but encouraging them to renewed efforts by telling them of past victories.

On Sunday evening she spoke in the same church with equal earnestness and eloquence, impressing upon her hearers the importence of the temperence cause, its relation with personal religion, and the lessons that may be learned from considering its history.

WORK OF THE SCHOOLS.

The averages of Masseys school for the month of February follows: Sixth grade—Michael Dunn, 97; Essie Loller, 95; Joseph Dunn, 94; Agnes Roe, 92. Fifth grade—May Roe, 97; May Maslin, 86; Courtland Hudson, 84; Wilbert Hudson, 72; George Pierce, 75. Fourth grade—Dudley Crossley, 95; Elsie Malsberger, 94; Hannah Ware, 94; Samuel Tibbitt, 92. Stephen Pierce, 90; Mary Cannon, 90; Lizzie Hemphrey, 85; Pearl Dunn, 78. Third grade—Harry Malsberger, 90; Clifford Hudson, 90; George Wallace, 81; Clarence Maslin, 70. Second grade—Gilbert Clark, 97; Agnes Clark, 93; Frank Everett, 85; Clarence Downs, 83. First-second grade—George Gorman, 97; Hiram Everett, 96; Raymond Everett, 95; Henry Ware, 94; Clarence Pierce, 94; Jake Allen, 92; Blanche Johnson, 91; Thomas Gaunts, 90; Emma Crossley, 90. First grade—Carlton Roe, 97; Bertha Wallace, 93; Herbert Pusolo, 96; George Gaunts, 95; John Pierce, 93; Nellie Malsberger, 85.

The following are the averages of the pupils of Urieville school for the month of February: First grade—Florence Melvin, 97; Grace McKnett, 93. Second grade—James Shinn, 88. Third grade—Blanche Stouffer, 91. Fourth grade—Kent McKnett, 95. Fifth grade—Eddie Stouffer, 82. First-sixth grade—Willie Shinn, 67; Mattie Stouffer, 60. Second-sixth grade—Mary McKnett, 86; Annie Loud, 81; Bertha Hendrickson, 79. Seventh grade—Laura McKnett, 89.

The following averages of the pupils of Flatland school during the month of February; Sixth grade—Nellie Vansant, 98.5; Horace Nicholson, 98; Sallie Bigelow, 97.2; Charles Bigelow, 95; Walter Fowler, 91. Fifth grade—Ruthie Wood, 99; Bessie Nicholson, 97.5; Hattie Lecates, 95.7; Paul Vansant, 91.7; John Ellason, 84.4. Third grade—Chas. Coleman, 99; Mary Nicholson, 95.4; Elwood Fowler, 93; Thos. Fowler, 91.8; Ella Bacon, 99.2; Page Hickman, 91; Pierson Bigelow, 88; Katie Fowler, 86.5.

The following are the averages for Chesterville school: Eddie Wallis, 89; Willie Roe, 92. Second-sixth grade—Irving Hurlock, 83; Clarence Roe, 95. First-sixth grade—George Jones, 100; Nannie Toulson, 100. Fifth grade—Lizzie Pennington, 100; May Jones, 94. Fourth grade—Alice Howell, 93. Third grade—Annie Roe, 81; May Toulson, 77. Second grade—Harry Toulson 80; Bessie Hurlock, 100. First grade—Sallie Roe, 100.

A GUEST at the Sylvanus-Kelley wedding writes that the bride and maid of honor were attired in a costume of a delicate shade of tan trimmed with cream lace and ribbons. After the reception the bride changed her gown for a costume of light green cloth with gloves and hat to match. They took the afternoon train for a trip to the northern cities and were accompanied as far as Townsend by several of her lady friends.

ON THE ICE ALONE!

Capt. Cecil R. Atkinson Has a Thrilling Experience in the Bay—His Companion Drowned.

It is impossible to describe the feelings of Mr. Cecil R. Atkinson, of near Chestertown, who, for nearly three hours was adrift on the crumbling ice while a big snow storm raged about him. His story is a most remarkable one and the NEWS is fortunate in being able to give the story as told to its reporter by the captain. He said: Capt. James S. Hill and myself started from Baltimore at 1 P. M. Friday on board the schooner Wishton-Wish, on which we had 34 tons of phosphate in bulk consigned to Beck & Walker, Chestertown. The schooner was able to carry 42 tons. "We made but little progress during the day as the wind was light and when night came we were only as far as seven foot knoll. We had not apprehended any ice and did not encounter any until about midnight. We were then about five miles from Love Point and our boat struck the ice with terrible force. The captain and I ran forward and made an examination but could detect no damage. Capt. Hill then retired for a rest while I was to keep watch. In about twenty minutes I heard the water gurgling and tried my pump but could not find the leak. I could see the water coming in the cabin so I immediately called my companion but before anything could be done to stop the leak I saw that the boat was sinking! I ran for the yawl but the davit falls were frozen stiff and before we could get a knife our boat suddenly went down with a lurch, and, advising Capt. Hill to jump clear of her suction, over we jumped midst a raging snow storm, and in what direction we knew not. Among other things that drifted off the boat were several oars which we grabbed. I suppose we swam at least one hundred yards before we struck the ice. It was very rotten and I broke through several times in my efforts to get up. I finally succeeded in getting on a cake to hold me and repeatedly called encouragingly to Capt. Hill. At one time he was able to float on a large cake of ice by lying on his stomach with the water nearly covering him. I secured my oar and tried to reach Capt. Hill, but after breaking through the ice several times he began to grow very weak and said that he would have to give up. I tried to cheer him up by telling him that he was almost safe and for him to hold out a little while longer. He then commenced to tell me what to tell his wife but the ice again broke with him and I never saw him again. He remarked several times that if he did not drown he would certainly freeze to death. The storm was now very severe and I could not see but a little way ahead of me. I placed my oar across the cakes of ice and scuffeled along and when I thought I had reached a heavy cake I took my coat off and wrung the water out several times; while wringing the water from my clothes I went down but threw my clothes ahead of me and scrambled upon the ice. At one time I thought the end had come certain. I was trying to get off my shirt and was in the act of pulling it over my head when down I went into the water, but I fortunately managed to get up again.

"I suppose I had been on the ice about two hours or more when I saw the pole light of a tug. She was coming toward me but the noise of her machinery prevented her from hearing my repeated calls. But when about 100 yards from me the ice was too much for her and she stopped. It was then that they heard my voice and wanted to know where my vessel was. I told them my position and they threw me a line, but before I reached it I fell through several times. I was finally successful, however in reaching the tug's deck. An effort was made by the captain to find the sunken vessel but it proved fruitless. I was taken down the bay and brought to Baltimore Sunday afternoon where I was kindly treated by the officers of the B. S. Ford."

Mr. Atkinson returned to his home Monday looking quite pale and exhausted from his long exposure. He was met at Emory's wharf by his father and he was welcomed home with rejoicings. He is a remarkably wiry young man, and but for his athletic training and wonderful nerve he would have been where Capt. Hill is. Mr. A. thinks that the captain had on rubber boots which helped to thwart his movements. The Wishton-Wish was owned by these two gentlemen, but was to have been sold the next trip for $800, and a larger boat purchased. Messrs. Beck & Walker's loss will amount to about $500. It is not thought that the vessel will be raised because of the great cost necessary to accomplish it.

Capt. James S. Hill, the drowned man, was a son of Geo. W. Hill, of Media, Pa., and was 32 years of age. In 1885 Capt. Hill accompanied Lily Pusey with a large company to Baltimore and when the party returned from sight-seeing Capt. Hill announced that he and Miss Lily had been married. He bought a small farm near Hayden's, Queen Anne's county, where he has since resided. Miss Pusey is the daughter of the late Joseph M. Pusey, of the firm of Pusey Bros., Wilmington, who had a cotton yarn factory, and is at present visiting her mother on No. 1116 King St.

Mr. Jacob Pusey, brother-in-law of Capt. Hill, came to Chestertown Tuesday to learn the location of the boat so as to make a search for the body. He offers $100 reward for its recovery. Capt. Hill is supposed to have had $250 in his pocket.

It was the tug boat Sidney, of Baltimore, Capt. Alfred E. Collins, that rescued Capt. Atkinson. She was bound for Annapolis.

A very sad drowning affair occured in the spring of '91 which many readers of the NEWS will be reminded of by the above. A number of boats were fishing off Pool's Island. One of these was named by Wm. Vane, John Murray and William Travers. A sudden wind squall struck this boat and it was upset off Handy's Point, about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The three men succeeded in getting upon the bottom of the boat and a fearful struggle for life followed. They were repeatedly knocked off by the rough sea and finally Murray and Travers went down and were drowned. Vane hept up his struggle—all through the afternoon of that day and the long hours of the night he battled with the waves and at daylight his boat had drifted opposite Tolchester and his cries were heard by Mr. L. Zenker, and he was saved. What a frightful position for so long! *Fifteen hours* in the very jaws of death. Mr. Vane yet lives to rehearse the scenes of that time.

Mr. Atkinson's Coat Found on an Ice Floe in the Bay.

A dispatch from Annapolis to the *Sun* of Thursday says: George Linthicum, an oystermen, found floating a mile below Hackett's Point today a double-breasted coat, in the pockets of which were a penknife, two silk handerchiefs and a card addressed to Thomas H. White & Co., Norfolk. On the back of the card was written this memorandum: "Detrick Fertilizer Company, 35 tons or less, for Messrs. Beck & Walker. One of the handkerchiefs had on it the initial "A" and the other the initials "C. R. A." The coat is supposed to belong to Capt. Cecil R. Atkinson, of the schooner Wishton-Wish.

MILLINGTON LOCALS.

Some few weeks ago we chronicled the sad disaster of one of our highly esteemed Millingtonians, Mr. Stephen M. Thomas, who was paralyzed in H. S. Cook's store while transacting some business with Mr. T. J. McWhorter. This time it is our sad duty to report his death. As he was going home from Mr. Cook's store on Thursday night of last week he was stricken down by the second stroke of paralysis just two doors from his domicile and expired at 9.30 o'clock on Friday morning. Mr. Stephen Thomas was formerly in partnership with his brother, John H. Thomas, doing a hotel business at the brick hotel of this town. John died Oct. 19th, 1886, since that time Stephen has been living with his niece, Mrs. Addie W. Pippin, and was head of the family. The deceased was born Oct. 29th, 1837. He leaves four brothers and one sister, all of whom are located in Philadelphia. The funeral took place at 2.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, interment in the Millington cemetery in the presence of a great many of his former friends and associates, the majority being from this town. Rev. E. E. White, officiated. Mr. Thomas was a good citizen, a loving and devoted uncle, kind neighbor, clever and congenial gentleman. He possessed rare business qualities. Considerable regret as well as sorrow has been occasioned in this town and community by this sad and sudden death.

Rev. E. E. White will preach his last sermon here to morrow night for this conference year. Dame rumor has it that Rev. A. P. Prettyman, of Delaware city, has expressed a desire to be our next pastor, and that E. E. White will leave the Easton district. It is also reported that the stewards and trustees of our M. E. Church are going to ask to be made a station, as several of its members and a few outsiders have already pledged themselves to increase their assessments and some more than double.

Here of late working the roads seems to be the leading topic of conversation, but if road supervisors would work more and talk less the county would be better off. The road from Cacy's corner to the P. E. Church, is in a terrible condition. We sincerely trust that our county and town commissioners will attend to this important matter as soon as possible. Oyster shells are cheap, but not so cheap as talk, and why can't our commissioners buy a car load or two, and have our roads and streets to compete with our sister towns.

The annual election of our town commissioners will be held this Saturday afternoon in the office of Wm. M. Johnson.

Mr. W. W. Freeman, of Wilmington, Del., has opened a first-class barber shop in the building formerly occupied by Dr. F. A. Walls. Mr. Freeman has one of the finest shops south of Wilmington.

Mr. Wm. N. Donavon, of Kenton, Del., has accepted a position as manager of J. B. Messicks & Co. store, on Cypress street, of this town.

Miss Nannie Pardee, of Sudlersville, is visiting Miss Annie Gillespie.

Mr. Chas. Comegys, of Baltimore, spent a few days this week with his father, Dr. N. Comegys. H.

WORTON NOTES.

While there is so much said about politics in the third district, allow me a few words. I read with interest the last two letters from Worton, but I don't exactly agree with either while I think well enough of part of both. Now I will ask how will this ticket suit our district, Thomas Gale, Legislator; G. W. Rodenhiser, county commissioner, provided Mr. Poe says so, but he hasn't yet decided, and I think it would be well if the old board remained as it would give them an opportunity to try the workings of some of their new plans, such as shelling the roads &c., and making such changes as would be necessary for the good of the people. The present board have been doing everything in the county's interest that could be done and I believe it would be better to have no change, in the third district at least.

What we most need at Worton Station is a school house. We have 45 scholars in and around the village without going over 50 yards north of the railroad, and it seems we cannot get a public school. The only thing for us to do is to start a private one. Two men who are interested say that they will give seventy-five dollars between them towards it. The examiner and school board ought to visit the school premises now and we think that they would be convinced of our needs.

There are quite a number of aspirants for the postoffice at this place. We don't know who will get it.

We ought to have a cannery and also a milk separator here. Both would pay well. The farmers need some thing of the kind here.

I noticed in last week's NEWS a suggestion was made for an electric railroad from Chestertown to Rock Hall. Why not extend the route as was first suggested viz.: Centreville or Church Hill, in Q. A. county, to Chestertown, then to Worton Station, Melitota, Fairlee, Tolchester, Rock Hall. Such a road would be of service to other parts of the county than those named last week. The road could also be extended through the upper part of the county. It has been reported that several thousand dollars have already been subscribed in Queen Anne's county and also in other localities looking to the building of this road. Let us see it done. L.

Massey Briefs.

Our pastor will attend conference on the 15th of this month at Middletown, Del. We would be glad to have him sent back to this appointment.

The mite society was held at Mrs. John Loller's on Monday evening last.

Miss Bertie Maslin has returned home after spending a very pleasant time with friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. Carty has returned home after spending a pleasant time with relatives in Chestertown.

Mrs. Westerwood spent last Tuesday with her friend Mrs. Coleman.

Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Galaway who have been quite sick is convalescing and will soon be out again.

Miss Martha Shaw spent last Wednesday with her sister Mrs. Webber.

Mr. James McClements, of Philadelphia, spent a few days in this neighborhood the guest of friends.

Mrs. Thomas Roe, near Massey's, has been quite ill, but is slowly improving.

Mr. John Rowen, of Massey's spent a few days with his parents in Cecil.

Mr. Issac Paridee, of Wilmington, spent last Monday with his sister, Mrs. Loller.

Miss Saddie Loller spent last Friday with her relatives in Sudlesville.

ORPHANS COURT, present Judges Harris, Moffett, and Burgess. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Henry Graves, were granted to William Graves, and Victor Hendrickson and Enoch N. Roland were appointed to appraise said estate. Sarah A. Hurlock was appointed guardian to Author C., Warren C., Mary B., Frank A., Harry D., Addie S., Gaylord V. and Eva P. Hurlock.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of Samuel G. Meridith were granted to E. Blackiston. Walter H. Hadaway and Wm. H. Greenwood were appointed to appraise said estate.

THE new baseball rules makes the pitcher stand five feet further back than last year.

STILL POND NOTES.

The Still Pond Sunday School will hold their missionary anniversary to-morrow night, March 12th, commencing at seven o'clock. We will have with us a Japanese student from Johns Hopkins University who will speak on the missionary work. He will wear the costume worn by his countrymen.

Mrs. Wm. G. Rasin's Sunday school class of boys will give an entertainment in the hall this Saturday evening. Admission twenty-five cents for adults and 15 cts. for children. This entertainment promises to be one that all can enjoy. The boys have worked faithfully and need encouraging.

Mr. A. Levine, the jeweler, packed up his goods and left for Baltimore on the B. S. Ford last Friday. He says that possibly he may return if there are any peaches.

Mr. Louis Lambourn spent a few days with his family in Still Pond the past week. He is with the Stewart Fruit Co., of Baltimore. During his absence the postoffice is managed by his popular wife. She gives perfect satisfaction to all patrons of the office and Postal Agent Lambert says the mail from her office comes to him in better shape than from any other office.

Mr. George W. Davis, president of the new creamery company has appointed the following committees: E. M. Bonwill, R. T. Turner, Jr., Harry Davis, building committee; Joseph W. Harper, C. H. Price, R. A. Bowers, road committee. The latter have been before the county commissioners and a satisfactory agreement made by which a public road is made to the creamery. May 1 is the day it is expected to begin operations.

Mrs. Wm. Rasin entertained quite a large phantom party Tuesday evening. All enjoyed a pleasant time and not until a late hour did they disperse for their homes.

Mr. George Howard attended the inauguration and returned Tuesday.

Master Maxwell Starkey gave a birthday party last Friday evening to his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Cowgill Allston, of Middletown, made a visit of a few days to her father, Mr. George W. Covington. BONNIE.

MR. HAMAN REPLIES.

He Quotes Col Legg Against Col. Legg—His Position.

To the Editor of the American—Colonel Willam Henry Legg wrote a letter to your journal, which was printed in the issue of February 21, criticising what he stated to be my proposition regarding the leasing of certain portions of the bottoms of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Col. Legg has a bad habit, which he should endeavor to be rid of at once. He ought not to take out important clauses from a proposition which he made and insert asterisks in place of such clauses. This method of excision and insertion is valuable only to such people as desire to misstate facts and misrepresent opinions. Col. Legg, of course, would not willingly do either of these unpleasant things.

In order that I may not be misunderstood any more by Col. Legg, I have mailed him to-day a copy of the pamphlet containing the address to which he alluded. He will be surprised on reading it to find that he not only is one of my "followers," but he was the first man in Maryland, so far as written records show, to advocate the plan which I elaborated in this address.

I have made as assertion which will astonish the genial statesman from Queen Anne's, and which does, indeed, seem strange at first sight. I will now prove the correctness of this statement.

Colonel Legg was, as is well known, the third member of the commission, of which Prof. J. W. Brooks and James I. Waddell were the other members. This commission presented a report to the legislature in 1884. This paper was entitled, "Development and Production of Oysters in Maryland."

A minority report was presented by Col. William Henry Legg. In this minority report, Colonel William Henry Legg uses the following language, which I will quote, without the aid of asterisks, omissions, or insertions:

"The undersigned agrees with his colleagues in the importance of oyster-planting and oyster-farming, as a means of increasing our oyster supply, but is uncompromisingly opposed to the leasing or selling of any of our natural beds and bars to any person or persons for any purpose or purposes. In Connecticut and other Northern states that have increased their oyster supply so largely by these means, one restriction has always been jealously insisted upon, viz, that natural beds or bars should not be set apart or designated for planting or cultivating oysters. Some of these states have gone so far as to refuse to set apart land for these purposes, if there has been on it natural beds and bars for ten years past. If any oyster commissioner allows the appropriating or designating of natural beds and bars, they are visited by heavy fines and penalties, and the grants declared invalid. We should do as they do go that far and no farther; grant, under proper restrictions, bottom lands suited to the cultivation and growth of oysters for bedding and farming purposes, but none that have any natural beds or bars. We have many thousands of acres in our waters barren of oysters, as well or better adapted to the growth of oysters and their cultivation as can be found in New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, or elsewhere, and it is here we should plant and farm, and nowhere else. By this means we would utilize waste land, greatly increase our oyster supply and the state's revenue.

If Col. Wm. Henry Legg will take the trouble to read the pamphlet I have mailed to him, and then compare the plan I proposed for oyster culture in Maryland with the suggestions which he made in his report eight years ago, he will find that they coincide exactly, so far as concerns the acres proposed by us for planting oysters.

My proposition, in brief, regarding oyster culture, which has been repeated by me over and over again, is as follows: "Leave the natural beds to the boatmen, but plant upon the barren bottoms."

Col. Wm. Henry Legg should be careful in future not to be so severe, or sarcastic, in speaking of my imaginary "followers," lest he himself be included in that unhappy number. I will, however, relieve him from such a dark contingency by admitting that I should perhaps rather be called a "follower" of Col. Wm. Henry Legg—a sort of private in rear rank—led on by the light of his first utterance, rather than by such nonsense as he allows himself to descend to in his letter to *The American*.

I do not intend in future to occupy my time and the valuable columns of *The American* with answers to such "arguments" as are usually advanced by persons who oppose oyster culture.

I could not, however, this times resist the opportunity of showing the beautiful inconsistency of such writers.

Col. Wm. Henry Legg could not have written more foolishly if he had been endeavoring to hold up the olive branch to possible future constituents in Queen Anne's county. This, however, we all know he would not do, unless he believed his position to be sound.

If Col. Wm. Henry Legg were one of the insincere opponents of the great coming industry, I would be inclined to quote the homely remark that is ascribed to President Lincoln: "You can fool all the people sometimes; you can fool some people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." Very truly, yours,

B. HOWARD HAMAN.

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Baltimore City Market.

The following quotations are from the Baltimore papers of yesterday:

Wheat, Longberry	72c.@76c.
" Fultz	74c.@77c.
Corn, White	46c.@48c.
" Yellow	47c.@49c.
Oats	37c.@41c.
Eggs	18c.@20c. per doz.
Butter	25c.@30c. per ℔.

ROCK HALL ITEMS.

Marion Dashiell, a young man who kept store at Rock Hall from '89 to '92 and was succeeded by Mr. R. S. Crew, was drowned in Wicomico river last Saturday. The young man left his home in a boat to go to White Haven, and his little craft was capsized. The boat was found, but the body had not, at last accounts, been recovered.

The oystermen are much pleased with the suggestion of Comptroller Smith, "that an additional boat be placed on this beat for the protection of the tongmen" but we are sorry that so many silly reports are circulated by the city dailies of the depredations of the dredgers on the domain of the tongers and that the latter threaten to get out their guns. While there may be infringements on the tonger's rights, yet there has been no occasion to resort to guns. Had it not been for the fact that dredging is permitted within 1½ miles of Swan Point bar, which is contrary to the wording of the law, Capt. Hyland would not have half the trouble he has. The present week Hyland has been assisted by one of the steamers, which has been highly commended by the oystermen and it has been a great help to Capt. Hyland and crew.

Oysters took a fall in price here this week. Now that the democracy has full control of affairs, it is hoped that the prosperity and happiness so long promised will be realized throughout our entire country, and that one of the first steps to that end will be such an adjustment of the tariff so that it will be as applicable for good at home as abroad. Let the tariff be so fixed that the common people will understand it, that they may rejoice and be glad.

Misses Belle and Carrie Coleman and Eva Gresham started for the inauguration but the weather prevented them from going further than Baltimore.

For several weeks past our plaintive plea has been

Come, gentle Spring! ethereal mildness, come!
And from the bosom of yon dropping cloud,
While music wakes around, veiled in a shower
Of shadowing roses, on our plains descend.

And on Wednesday of last week March was ushered in with such lamb-like appearance that we concluded that our hopes were about to be realized. A general rush was made for the oyster bars that had so long been locked, and with buoyant spirits the tongs and hammers of the oystermen were plied with vigor while the following lines from our lips went forth:

And see where surely winter passes off
Far to the North, and calls his ruffian blasts.
His blasts obey, and quit the howling hill,
The shattered forests and the ravaged vale;

But alas! on Saturday morning our song was changed to these lines

See! Winter comes,
Sullen and sad, with all his rising train,
Vapors and clouds and storm.
Tis done! Dread winter spreads his latest blooms.
How dead the vegetable kingdom lies!
How dumb the tuneful!

Saturday's blizzard completely locked up the creeks and harbors, putting many oystermen to great inconvenience and trouble in securing their boats Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Wm. H. Ayres, of Pomona, has been visiting his relatives here during the past week and on Wednesday night was an honored guest at the I. O. O. F., lodge. The lodge was well entertained by Mr. Ayres in a well directed address. R.

Galena Locals.

Traveling has been greatly impeded in this neighborhood, especially during the past week on account of the snow. Some of the roads leading to this place were entirely filled up with snow and impassible. Rev. Mr. Sutton started for Shrewsbury on Sunday morning last; after he had driven a mile or so he had to return to his home on account of the very deep snow in the roads.

The large United States flag that the Democrats of this place bought last Oct. was stolen a few days before the 4th of march. It was kept in the Odd Fellows Lodge (third story Town Hall.) The party who stole it must have had a key to the outside door. Any person that would be guilty of stealing an American flag must be unpatriotic or very bitter partisan. The flag had the names of Cleveland and Stevenson attached. I suppose it was taken to prevent the Democracy from showing their pleasure at the change of Government by throwing it to the breeze on the 4th, but they were disappointed. The Democrats expect in a few days to offer a large reward for the flag.

Rev. Mr. Nelson intends starting for conference on Wendesday next. The church collectors are making every effort to raise money enough to pay off the ministers salary before he leaves. We hope they may be successful. P.

SANBORN 3045,

(Record 2.36 1-2.)

—AND—

EDGAR DUDLEY, 7940,

(Four-year-old Record 2.29 1-4.)

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Sanborn Boy!

FOALED JUNE 15TH, 1888,

Son of Sanborn 3045; Record 2:26 1-2; and Lady Patchen, Trials 2:50.

He is a Dark Bay, 15½ hands high, and will weigh 1100 pounds. This colt has never been trained, but is a natural trotter; could trot a mile in 3 minutes the day he was two years old. He is also a great road horse, with perfect disposition.

He will travel this season, commencing March 15, in the vicinity of Galena.

For further information address

J. FRANK BISHOP,
Galena, Maryland.

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HOAXER, JR.

A FINE YOUNG, THOROUGHBRED BAY HORSE, will travel in Kent this season. Persons desiring information will please notify me as soon as practicable. WM. H. MCKEE.

fe25-3t.* Chestertown, Md.

NOTICE:

The Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, give notice that no articles or supplies o any kind for Kent County, purchased by any County Officer, Supervisor or Agent will be recognized by the board unless such purchase or purchases have been made upon the written order of the County Commissioner of the district in which the party purchasing such supplies or goods may reside.

T. J. SHALLCROSS, Pres't.
ROBET. C. MORGAN,
GEO. W. RODENHISER,
JOHN A. GROVES,
HORACE WILLSON,
Commissioners.

Attest:—T. W. RUSSELL, Clerk. dec19-tf.

DIED.

In Norristown, Pa., Feb. 25th, 1893, at the residence of her son, Mrs. ELIZABETH A. STAATS, in the 57th year of her age.

Near Chesterville, March 7, 1893, after a lingering illness, EARLE PENNINGTON, son of S. J. and Jennie Coppage, aged 5 years and 11 months. Interment at Galena Cemetery.

A Silent Home.

In loving remembrance of our dear little NANNIE RUTH, infant daughter of J. W. and Annie M. BOYER, who died at Rock Hall, Feb. 8, 1893, one month ago, aged 1 year, 3 months and 14 days.

Nannie Ruth thou art in heaven and we on earth
And this one hope delights us:
That thou will hail our second birth,
When death shall reunite us,
Where worlds no more can sever
Parents and children forever.—PARENTS.

SALEM M. E. CHURCH, March 12th.—Preaching at 10.30 A. M. Subject: The Christian's Legacy. Class after preaching.

ANNIVERSARY at ROCK HALL M. E. CHURCH Sunday Evening, March 12.
ROBERT ROE, PASTOR.

ZION M. E. CHURCH, March 12th.—Sunday-school at 2 o'clock. Preaching at 3.15. Missionary Service at 7.30. Readings, Duets, Solos and Choruses. All are welcome.

NORTH KENT PARISH—BISHOP ADAMS will (D. V.) preach at ST. CLEMENTS CHURCH, Masseys, on the morning of Wednesday, March 15th; and at the CHAPEL OF THE HOLY C