The Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., APRIL 1, 1893.

Dredging Season Over.

Yesterday closed one of the poorest seasons for dredgers that they have ever had and from the present outlook it would appear that the tongers have met with the same luck. Capt. Thomas Howard, of the Governor Thomas, has been helping Capt. Hyland the past week and reports very few dredgers at work. Many oysters that are caught in our waters go chiefly through the canal to New Jersey for planting purposes. Capt. Hyland states that he has much difficulty in always distinguishing the line at Swan Point and is very anxious to have it changed. Comptroller Smith will urge the board of public works to rescind its order, adopted about five years ago, by which the oyster bar known as "Tree" bar, within a mile and a half of Swan Point, was thrown open to dredgers. It had been heretofore included in the exempted territory, and is said to be a fairly good oyster ground in which tongers are very much interested.

Terrapin Suppers.

One of the most delightful social events of the week was the birthday supper given by Mrs. Edward J. Plummer to her husband, Sheriff Plummer. It has been the custom of Mrs. Plummer to celebrate her husband's birthday in this manner and on this, the 41st anniversary, she excelled all her previous efforts. The guests began to arrive eaaly in the evening and Sheriff Plummer showed his skill as an entertainer, each one feeling perfectly "at home." The event of the evening was the sumptuous supper in charge of Mrs. Plummer. The table presented a rich and luxurious appearance while the menu was tempting indeed. It consisted of terrapin with wine sauce, fried and scalloped oysters, turkey, roast beef, ham, chicken salad, potato, etc., etc., and was served by experienced waiters in a most delectable manner. Several toasts were given in honor of the sheriff and his estimable wife, and to the deputy sheriff and his bride. Mrs. Plummer was the recipient of a fine sliver water pitcher from Mr. Robert J. Fagan, of Baltimore, and Capt. Cadwallader presented the sheriff, and his wife with a dozen silver napkin rings of unique design. The ring imitated a broken shell on the side of which was a chicken while the whole rested on a wishbone of silver. On each one was inscribed "with best wishes" and the name; Leo and Elsie also received presents.

Among those who partook of the sheriff's hospitality were Capt. Cadwallader, Detectives Pumphrey and Seabold and Robt. J. Fagan, of Baltimore, R. D. Hynson, H. H. Barroll, C. L. Dodd, R. C. Smyth, John Brice, Ellsworth Bowers, T. E. W. Crew, Alfred Stavely, Frank Greenwood, Samuel Mann, Dr. George Perkins, C. C. Hopper, Thos. W. Wickes, Joseph E. Gilpin, Thos. S. Dodd, Jervis Spencer, Snowden Thomas, J. Hall Denny, W. W. Duyer, James Ringgold, Richard Wilson, Raymond Bowers, Wm. Lusby, W. W. Newcomb, J. B. Jones, Robert J. Carter, Wm. B. Plummer, Herbert Lusby, John N. Dodd, John H. Aldridge, John Z. Clarke, J. V. Pote, George H, Biddle, Josiah Massey, W. H. McFeely, Officer Amos B. Kelley, Thomas C. Maslin, Thomas Storkes, John H. Greenwood, Frank Gilpin, Wm. E. Deford, W. T. Plummer, Bates Hendricks, B. F. Beck, Jr., and representatives of the NEWS.

Mr. Wm. E. Deford and wife, of near Chester bridge, Queen Anne's, entertained about one hundred friends at a terrapin supper Thursday evening. Mr. Deford is one of the most clever men in Queen Anne's, county while his wife is a perfect lady, and has no superior as director in the culinary department. The supper on the evening named was prepared with the skill of a French cook and the terrapin as served by Mrs. Deford would make our friend Gibson envious of his noted reputation. Fried oysters, salads, turkey, slaw, biscuits, celery, etc., etc., were served in fine style and in abundance. Kent and Queen Anne's sat around the festal board as one family and did honor to the host and hostess by enjoying the good things set before them. Among those who partook of Mr. and Mrs. Deford's hospitality were Messrs. J. Biddle Hossinger, R. D. Hynson, Dr. H. L. Dodd, L. C. Justis, Jr., T. E. W. Crew, John Brice, Dr. George Perkins, Wm. Goodhand, Edw. J. Plummer, Thos. D. France, T. S. Dodd, George S. Biddle, Jervis Spencer, W. H. McFeely, A. I. Dugan, Fred Fountain, Lawrence Thomas, Wm. McKee, John H. Aldridge, J. N. Dodd, Snowden Thomas, Edward Lusby, Amos B. Kelley, R. C. Smyth, Wm. Lewis, John Rasin, Wm. O. Dugan, Frank Jester, Sam'l Hicks, John Harding, W. W. Newcomb, Ray Bowers, Jos. E. Gilpin, all of Kent; Messrs. Rol. Hurlock, Dr. J. L. Findley, Charles Rich, Woodland Finley, Peter Parvis, Wm. D. Gould, John Friel, John Evans, Edward Brown, Capt. Wm. Riggin, Bert and Louis Evans, Arthur Reed, Capt. J. Nickerson, Samuel C. Rolph, J. Brown, W. Slagle and others, of Queen Anne's; Messrs. Frank Wright, R. Nelson Stevens, R. J. Fagan, James Louer, of Baltimore.

THE meeting of the United "Y" on Monday evening last was a very pleasant one. A well prepared program followed the order of business and bible reading. On motion it was decided to hold an oyster supper in Fairlee hall, Monday evening, April 3d, from 6 to 8 o'clock; Price, 35 cents. The following program will be rendered:

Music.....“Y” Chorus.
Organ Voluntary.....Miss Grace Hatcherson.
Reading.....Mr. William Willis.
Music.....Miss Smyth and Mr. Usilton.
Reading.....Mrs. Angeline Skirven.
Music.....Chestertown M. P. Choir.
Recitation.....Mr. Stockton Startt.
Solo.....Miss Julia Trompson.
Reading.....Miss Della Lee.
Solo.....Mr. Charles skirven.
Game.....“A Penny for Your Thoughts.”
Prizes awarded to most successful.
Music.....“Y” Orchestra.

The Delaware Conference.

The thirteenth annual session of the Delaware Conference adjourned Tuesday morning. Wilmington was selected as the place for holding the next conference. Bishop Walden announced the following among other appointments, after which the benediction was pronounced and the ministers left for their homes:

Chestertown District.—L. Y. Cox, P. E. Centreville, T. B. Coleman; Chestertown, B. A. Queely; Church Hill, N. B. Snowden; Coleman, P. M. Shelton; Denton, M. W. Moore; Easton, D. J. Brittingham; Farlee, J. H. Johnson; Greensborough, J. J. Abbott; Kent Island, M. H. Horsey; Melitota, P. J. Adams; Oxford, J. D. Elbert; Pomona, L. E. Toulson; Queenstown, M. L. McKinsy; Royal Oak, F. J. Lee; St. Michaels, J. W. Bond; Skipton, L. H. Martin; Still Pond, C. H. Hutchison; Tolbot, J. H. Griffin; Trappe, C. A. Horsey; Williston, J. H. Cooper, Witman T. Scott.

THE CORPSE STOOD UP.—An upset hearse, a coffin flying througa the air, an undertaker with his neck broken and the shrouded remains of an aged negro, bespattered with mire, sticking bolt upright from a mudhole in the middle of the road, was the startling and somewhat weired climax of a funeral at Bridgeville, Del., one day last week. The dilapidated hearse that had set out for the cemetery with one, corpse within, crawled back to town with two inside.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

In the death of Stevenson Constable one of the best citizens of Kent passes away He died at his home in Broad Neck at an early hour last Sunday morning, after a long illness of consumption. The disease was singularly taken from his son, Albert, who died last August aged 17. He had never had any symptom of it before that time, but the deadly consumptive germ which laid the son in his untimely grave, there found lodgement in the father's system and swiftly did its work. Mr. Constable was a son of the late John S. Constable, and would have been 54 years of age in July next. On the 17th of Nov. 1860, he married Miss Alice A. Riley, who survives him with four children, Blanche, Lillian, Stevenson and Horace. Mr. Constable always took a lively interest in politics but never held office but once, that of county commissioner-being elected in the fall of 1869, with Messrs. W. T. Hepbron and T. P. Dixon. He was a most efficient member of the board. He then lived in Worton on the farm now occupied by Mr. J. Ray Bowers. He lived for a number of years also on "Doe Neck," near Hanesville, and while there had erected the handsome residence thereon. The deceased was a vestryman of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, and was an untiring worker for the cause of religion and his chuach. Services were held at his late home on Tuesday, Revs. C. T. Denroche and S. C. Roberts officating, after which the interment was made in St. Paul's cemetery. The pall-bearers were, W. R. Constable, W. S. Walker, Dr. S. G. Fisher, Dr. S. Beck, R. W. Jones and R. Sterling Jones.

Miss Harriet Freeman Ringgold, formerly of Chestertown, Kent county, Md., died on Saturday at the residence of her nephew, Mr. Edward T. Matthews. Miss Ringgold was over ninety-three years of age, and while her home was at Chestertown, she resided for a number of years in Washington and in Baltimore. Until six months ago she resided in Baltimore with her niece, Mrs. Territt, the mother of Lieut. Territt, of the eighth infantry, United States Army. Upon Mrs. Territt's death, recently, Miss Ringgold went to Washington and took up her residence with her relatives there. She will be buried on Tuesday at Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore.

Mr. Edward Redhead died at his late residence in this place, on Monday morning last, March 20th, after an illness of two weeks duration, in the 79th year of his age. Mr. Redhead was a native of Dorchester county and removed to Federalsburg 23 years ago. He was a quiet, unassuming upright, christian gentleman whom everybody liked, and his death, although not unexpected, is sincerely regretted. His wife died in 1875 and two sons and four daughters survive him: Mr. A. P. Redhead, merchant, and Miss India Redhead and Mrs. Molly Fluharty, of this place; Mr. James O. Redhead, of American Corner; Mrs. Susie, wife of Rev. Robert L. Lewis, of Kennedyville, Md., and Mrs. Virginia Garrett, of Hartford, Conn. His remains were interred in Evergreen Cemetery on Wednesday morning. The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian Church, but that church being without a pastor, the funeral services were conducced by Rev. J. G. Smith, of the M. P. Church.—*Federalsburg Courier.*

Mrs. Martha A. Earnest, widow of Fagan Earnest, died at Sassafras, Md., on the 14th inst., in the 78th year of her age. She was formerly a resident of Elkton and her husband for many years drove the mail stage to Sassafras. Her remains were interred in Bethel Cemetery.

Carnival of Holidays.

Stam's Hall will be a scene of beauty next week and will be alive with hundreds of young people and visitors. It will be the occasion of the carnival of holidays to be held under the auspices of the Epworth League. The hall will be divided into booths, viz., "Christmas," trimmed in white and green, and at which ice-cream will be sold. Miss Anna G. Lambert has charge of this booth with the following assistants, Miss Belle Boston, Sue Lambert, Anna May Downey, Minnie Peregoy, Macy Hynson.

"Washington's Birthday" booth will show Washington encamped at Valley Forge. Peanuts and lemonade will be on sale here by Misses May Hill, May Fallowfield, Claudia Thompson, Clara Downey, Rose Frazier, Julia Elliott, Tische Easley.

"May Day or Moving Day" will be trimmed in pink and will have aprons on sale. Mrs. Joseph W. Thompson, Mrs. J. S. Vandegrift, Mrs. S. Q. Moody and Miss Etta Edwards will preside over this table.

The Easter booth will be prettily decorated with white and flowers. At this booth will be served chocolate and wafers by Mrs. W. Bradford Copper, Mrs. C. W. Reid, Misses Anna Brown, Idell Baker, Laura Thomas, Fannie Stuart.

New Year's booth will be trimmed in blue and canary colors and the following will dispense cake, Mrs. E. W. F. Simpers, Mrs. T. S. Bordley, Mrs. R. F. Parks, Mrs. J. F. Thompson, Misses Nannie Bordley, Lillie Bramble.

April First, "Lady Bountiful," will be covered with white material, and has been placed in charge of Misses Emma F. Davis, Nettie Gooding, Bessie Stuart, Mrs. Mamie Brown.

July Fourth will be gayly trimmed in national colors and here can be bought candy and fruit from Misses Belle Pippin, Ida Jewell, Mrs. F. M. Miller.

The supper on Thursday evening will represent "Thanksgiving Day," in charge of the ladies of Sewing Circle, Mrs. Dr. J. A. Perkins, president; price of supper, 40 cents.

The entertainment on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings is in charge of Misses Fannie Stuart and Laura Thomas and it promises to be a very pleasing affair. The program will include music by Miss Rose Frazier; tableau, "Search for Happiness," with following characters: Searcher, Sue Lambert; Wealth, May Hill; Wisdom, Emma Davis; Fame, Bessie Stuart; Power, Mrs. John S. Vandegrift; Music, Claudia Thompson; Painting, Ella Wilkins; Beauty, Ida Jewell; Religion, Anna May Downey. The cantata, "Aspirants for the Throne," will be performed by Elsie Fallowfield, Hallie Toulson, Maud, Josephine and Clara Thompson, Olga Hill, Ethel Coleman and Ida Downey. A hoop drill will be given by sixteen young ladies.

RELIABLE.—The Baltimore lumber dealers, Messrs. Geo. F. Sloan & Bro., can always be relied upon to do just what they say. No better house for good stuff or low prices can be found in the city. See their new card in another coulmn.

T. W. ELIASON, JR., calls attention to his popular brands of fertilizers for spring crops.

THE wire fence agents are enclosing market house green with samples of fence What will the machinists do?

PHILIPH H. TUCK, ESQ., attorney, sold at mortgagee's sale at the Court House door in Elkton, on Tuesday, the following real estate:—The farm known as "Painters Rest," containing 266 acres, 79 square perches of land, and improved by a good frame dwelling, barn, stable and necessary out-buildings, and the farm known as the Foard Farm," containing 179 acres and 91 square perches, improved by a brick dwelling, barn, stable and outbuildings, situated in Sassafaas Neck, to Lawranson Riggs for the mortgagee, of Baltimore, for $16,000.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE!

Galena's Great Loss!

THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE TOWN BURNED!

The Town Hall, Hotel, 7 Stores and Shops and 7 Dwellings Swept Away in a Few Hours!

LOSS ESTIMATED AT $30,000!

Most of the Buildings Insured!

THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE!

The business portion of the pretty town of Galena is to-day a mass of mouldering ruins. The heart of the town was wiped out of existence, leaving the remaining houses and stores like the rim and broken spokes of a wheel without a hub. The tall chimneys stand boldly out like giants, while about them are only the smoking ashes of pleasant homes, business houses and stores. It fills every one's heart with sadness as he stands and views the dread havoc which the flames have wrought in this inland town of Kent. Scores of our best citizens are to-day without places of their own to lay their heads or the wherewithal to be clothed; but this condition of affairs will not exist long, for those who have been spared the fury of the flames are doing all in their power to render assistance to those in need.

The fire originated in Mr. Henry Parr's kitchen. To a NEWS reporter Mr. Parr stated that he arose at the usual hour yesterday morning and built a fire in the kitchen cook stove. "It was not long afterwards that Mrs. Parr came down and prepared breakfast and we detected no smoke nor smell of fire up to this time. After eating breakfast I went around to my shop where I met Mr. John Voshell, the constable. I had no sooner reached my place of business than I heard my wife calling to me from the kitchen window, saying that the house was on fire. Mr. Voshell and I immediately ran to the house and found smoke pouring out from the chimney between the lathing and plastering. We soon saw that the house was doomed and after throwing several buckets of water on the fire went to work trying to save the furniture."

By this time quite a number of persons arrived on the scene and commenced removing goods from the adjoining property. It was 7.45 when the fire first started and in less time than it takes to tell it Mr. Parr's house was wrapped in flames while the roof of the big town hall was seen to catch. Willing hands went to work removing Mr. Joseph P. Ireland's stock of medicine, etc., to the hotel opposite; the telephone being in this store it was impossible to communicate with the surrounding towns for help. Operator Vansant at once saw that the town was doomed unless help was received from some place so he wired to Wilmington for an engine, but afterwards countermanded the order. Persons were hurrying in every direction carrying furniture of every description and other articles to places of safety while the flames were left to lick up the buildings at pleasure. But the hall was not the only building that caught from Mr. Parr's, for his neighbor, Mr. Asbury Ruth, had not removed all his furniture before his home was blazing. The witnesses of this awful destruction of property thought that it would be impossible for the fire to get out of this section but a cry soon rang out from a score of voices "My, God. there's Wood's place ablaze!" And it was too true. There in the north of the town was the fire fiend getting in his awful work. From Wood's went the fire to Peacock's and from the latter's buildings to Pennington's hotel and from there the flames had joined the scene of the original blaze and by this time Ruth's store, Scott's dwellings, Hicks' shops, and other places were all burning and everybody despared of saving anything so fearful was the scene. It really looked like a sea of fire! The pumps were all dry and those who had any ambition of saving the town looked upon it as a hopeless task. Every effort was put forth to save the store goods and furniture but in many cases the flames were too quick and enveloped many costly articles.

The burned buildings were as follows:

Town Hall, a three-story frame building 35x40 feet and belonging to the Odd Fellows. It was built in 1881, the lower store room being occupied by Mrs. A. E. Ireland as a drug store and another room by Mr. Henry Parr as a harness shop. The building was insured in the Kent Mutual for $3,000 and the stock has had $1,000 insurance on it, but the policy was not renewed the last year. Mrs. Ireland's loss will amount to $1500. The furniture in the hall was insured in the Kent Mutual for $75. Mr. Parr's stock of harness was insured in the Kent Mutual for $375 and a shed to the store-room at $24.

Henry Parr's residence, a two-story and a-half frame building, comparatively new. The house was insured in the Kent Mutual for $1300; furniture $300. Total loss including harness, $3,000.

Asbury Ruth's residence, a two-story frame dwelling. Insured in Kent Mutual for $2600; furniture not insured. Loss $1300.

W. T. Wood's hardware store, belonging to Andrew Woodall. Insurance in Kent Mutual for $750; loss $1500.

James W. Wall's dwelling and store, the latter not occupied. Insured for $300; loss $600.

Dr. A. H. Dickinson's drug store, belonging to Andrew Woodall, loss about $1,000, partly insured.

Jeremiah Peacock's three buildings including a well-stocked store. He was insured in the Kent Mutual for $6,000; loss $9,000.

Pennington's Hotel, a large frame building, owned by R. O. Pennington. Insured in the Kent Mutual for $2400; furniture $300; total loss, $3,000.

Frank H. Ruth's store, owned by Cornelius J. Scott, a good sized store-room and well-stocked. Mr. Ruth had his store goods insured in the Kent Mutual for $1300; loss $3,000. Mr. Scott had the building insured in Delaware Company for $1,000; loss $1500.

John Briscoe's oyster shop; loss $100, no insurance.

Thos. H. Horsey's small house, loss $25.

Miss Ella E. Parr's millinery store, loss $600; no insurance.

Miss Kate Scott's home, belonging to Mr. C. J. Scott, and which was the residence of the late Dr. Edward Scott. The value of this old homestead is hard to estimate. It was insured in the Delaware Company for $700; loss $2,000. There was no insurance on the furniture; loss $300.

Mrs. A. B. Briscoe's residence, a two-story frame dwelling. Loss, $1000, no insurance.

Hicks & Brother's wheelwright and cabinet shops, property of George W. Jacoby. Loss $750, no insurance.

Pierce's shoe shop, owned by J. W. Walls; Loss $250, on which there is some insurance.

C. J. Scott's granary, carriage house and meat house near the old homestead. Insured in the Delaware Company for $260; loss $500.

Mrs. M. H. Nickle, of Baltimore, an unoccupied store house. Loss $200, no insurance.

Messrs. C. J. Scott and Thomas H. Horsey estimate the total loss at about $32,000, insured for about $20,000 in the Kent Mutual and $4,000 in the Delaware Co.

The large store of Mr. Horsey was badly scorched and it was only by persistent effort that the store was saved. If the old building that adjoined him had not burned a few weeks ago his store would have been burned. The paint was scorched and it was impossible for any one to stand near the store.

Mr. Robert C. Morgan in a noble effort to reach Miss Kate Scott's residence had his face and neck badly burned.

Mr. Horsey lost about $50 in benches that were burned in the hall.

Constable Voshell lost his overcoat which contained some very valuable papers.

Mr. Scott succeeded after a hard effort in saving his corn crib with 500 bushels of corn.

The postoffice made a narrow escape and was only saved by keeping wet blankets applied to the sides and roof and by removing C. E. Lane's butcher shop into the the main road.

Miss Ella Parr lost a trunk containing all her clothing and money.

The people who were burned out have been provided temporary homes by their neighbors and friends. About one-half of the furniture was lost in the flames and the balance has been scattered about wherever a storage room could be found.

Many will rebuild.

Galena has about 300 inhabitants and this fire cuts quite a slice out of the resident portion of the town. The nearest station is Lambson's on the Kent railroad, Chestertown being sixteen miles distant.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

Live Items from the Bayside Town from The News' Reporters.

Prof. Howard Ramsey, of Baltimore, engeged to give one of his celebrated entertainments in Downey's Hall, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows of this place on December 9th and 10th last. Nothing was heard from him, from late in November until last Friday night, when the writer's son brought from Mr. Downey's store a package; on being opened it was found to contain 300 admission tickets, about 200 hangers and dodgers and a note from Prof. R., stating he would be here on December 9th, and giving advice as to the entertainment. The note was dated Dec. 2nd, '92. It seems that the package has lain in the freight room of the steamboat wharf at Deep Landing from Dec. 2nd to March 24, and no one connected with the entertainment knew anything of it. The question now arises what became of Prof. Ramsey and his company? The failure to have the entertainment was a great disappointment to many who have been aware of its coming. Mr. Downey's Hall had been engaged and no doubt he has been puzzled to know why the affair did not take place. As Prof. R. is highly spoken of by the press of this and various other States, and there is no doubt that had his entertainment taken place it would have been a grand success and of great benefit to this section.

Capt. G. T. Sewell, of the Bugeye IXL, has made eight trips with oysters from this place to Baltimore during the month of March, landing over 3000 bushels. Tom is a hustler and believes in running small lots, taking the market prices without parley and keep his vessel constantly on the go. By so doing he has made money, while nearly every other buyer has lost more or less money. The market here and in the city is still very dull, with no prospect of it being any better the remainder of the season. It seems many of the packers can now buy all the oysters they need from the country already shucked and landed at the wharf in the city for 30 cents per gallon. They say this mode of handling oysters will be entered into more and more each succeeding season, until in the near future oysters in the shell will be a thing of the past in Baltimore. All indications point to the fact that the feast which the oystermen have enjoyed for a number of years past is now at an end. The oystermen are loud in their praise of the efficient protection we have had for some time past by the steamers aiding Capt. Hyland.

Your question in last week NEWS "wouldn't it pay the oystermen to furnish a boat to protect Chester river? We answer yes, and many oystermen have so expressed themselves during the past year or so, and are willing to make the effort, but alas! the constant antagonism among ourselves upon all questions of interest to us, seems to be an insurmountable barrier.

It is reported that our worthy blacksmith, Mr. K. Whlenski, is about to leave hers for Chicago, where he intends entering a more lucrative business. R.

Piney Neck News.

The people of this vicinity are more busily engaged in their vocation than they have been since the opening of the oyster season. This is partly due to the near approach of the end of the season, and partly due to the bad weather. "Without controversy" this has been the hardest time for oystermen for half a century. There is quite a number even of this neighborhood, who, in the past, have made as much as $600 and $800 in former seasons, who have not as yet made $300 this season. It was conjectured by many that after the memorable freeze was over oysters would be a good price, ranging from 75c. to $1 per bushel, but alas! They say they have yet to receive it; they are flat at 50 cents, and not very plentiful at that. Were it not for the fact that oysters attain a size fitting them for table use in about one year and a-half, they would soon become extinct in the waters of Chester river, if not the bay.

Owing to the imclemency of the weather on the evenings of the 24th and 25th of February, the supper announced proved a failure, therefore the ladies of the church anticipate holding another oyster supper in the near future.

Miss Annie Crouch has returned from a visit to friends at Rock Hall.

Our young and estimable pastor, Rev. W. M. Lister, has returned for another year. Before Brother Lister became our pastor Piney Neck Church was classed by some as a notorious place, but by his gaining the sympathy of the people, good order prevails.

Mr. Harry Hudson and wife are on a visit to friends in Baltimore.

Crouch & Co. are doing a capital business in the mercantile line.

Mr. Wm. Crouch, desiring to discontinue store keeping, is selling out at cost.

APRIL WEATHER.—Prof. Hicks, the weather man, announces the following weather for April: About 2nd, expect a sudden change to very warm, with electrical storms from that date to 5th. Sleet with some snow, may result to the north. A sharp cold wave will follow, giving way to warmer, stormy weather about 9th and 10th. From 14th to 17th expect a series of violent disturbances. Many causes will conspire to bring dangerous results at this period. Frosts and freezing northward, will result about 16th to 19th. Watch and see. Very warm, with lightning, rain and hail on and about 21st and 22nd. From 29th to 28th, look for much the same results as during the last two periods. Venus equinox on the 19th will effect storms and temperatures all the month.

Public School Averages.

Teh following are the averages made by pupils in the Chestertown public school and other schools during the month of March:

EIGHTH GRADE.

Maud Bramble	92	Tillie Reiche	89
Annie DeFord	92	Mamie Patterson	89

SEVENTH GRADE.

Mamie Carroll	99	Percy Hendrickson	92
Amy Russell	98	Eddie Boston	89
Mamie Thompson	98	Julia Elliott	84
Minnie Peregoy	96	Pearl Shuster	83
Tannie Wallis	95	May Fallowfield	80

SECOND-SIXTH GRADE.

Georgia Thompson	96	Mamie Kirby	88
Frank McWhorter	99	Allie Wright	88
Lillie Crow	95	Dora Staats	86
May Hill	95	Maggie Joluer	84
Carrie Reiche	91	Bessie Cannan	83
Harry Anthony	90	Emma Greenwood	83
Fred Russell	90		

FIRST-SIXTH GRADE.

Waters Russell	96	Susie Culp	91
Grace Whaland	96	Frank Smith	91
Owen Crow	94	Sue Ford	90
Harry Fallowfield	94	Annie Brice	89
Sallie Beck	93	Bruce Carroll	89
Katie Shuster	93	George McFeely	88
Bertha Bryan	92	Sadie Hendrickson	88
Robert McWhorter	92		

SECOND-FIFTH GRADE.

Mary Brown	99	Raymond Simpers	88
Adele France	98	Lemont Thompson	87
Sophie Rose	97	George Bryan	82
Freddie Strong	96	Mamie Copper	81
Ethel Perkins	95	May Pennell	80
Clauda Thompson	88	May Cannan	80
Manie Barnes	88		

FIRST-FIFTH GRADE.

May Crow	95	Ollie Hill	89
Josephine Thompson	95	Charlie McWhorter	89
Dollie McWhorter	94	Arthur Bradley	88
Bessie Coleman	93	Claude Parks	86
Hallie Toulson	92	Zoa Elliott	85
Nellie Eareckson	92	Barba Anthony	83
Bessie Wheatley	92	Harry Barnes	81
Glenn Howard	92	Frank Hines	80
Blanche Cox	91		

FOURTH GRADE.

Nora Boston	98	Wilkins Elliott	89
Benia Dill	96	Faunie Smith	88
Olive Beecham	96	Lizzie Quelette	88
Lottie Blackway	95	Maud Thompson	86
John Chilcutt	93	Ada Barnett	86
Staunton Brown	91	Blanche Dugan	86
Florence Green	91	Lula Downey	83
Dora Thompson	90	Charlie Frazier	84
Pearl Hendrickson	89	Carl Russell	84

THIRD GRADE.

Ethel Coleman	99	Lillie Greenwood	94
Gussie Friedman	98	Leo Plummer	94
Burtie Burchinal	98	Iris Anthony	93
May Jones	98	Earle Barnes	93
Hallie Connelly	98	Godfrey Westcott	92
Mabel Toulson	96	Ida Downey	91
Bessie Twilley	96	Jesse Willis	87
Effie Lynch	96	Wright Dill	87
Mabel Comegys	95	Susan Copper	83
Polk Bramble	95	Frank Joiner	83
Blanch Elliott	95	Jack Duyer	83
Allie Elliott	95		

SECOND GRADE.

Jennie Hines	96	Elmore Wright	89
Louise Usilton	96	Allie Lambert	89
Elsie Fallowfield	95	Arnold Dugan	88
Anna Bryan	94	Burchinal Brown	87
Gussie Lambert	93	Ned Westcott	87
Ben Boston	92	Lottie Rose	86
Roland Parks	92	Alice Walmsley	86
Rachel Copper	92	Elwood Biscoe	85
Charlie Hines	91	Mary Lewis	85
Howard Dodd	91	Garfield McCaig	84
Morgan Matthews	90	Maggie Chilcutt	84
May Porter	90	Edna Dugan	82

FIRST GRADE.

Clifton Raleigh	97	Duke Brown	86
Nellie Jone	96	Lucy Thompson	86
Alice McWhorter	95	Louis Roland	86
Frank Greenwood	94	Nora Bryan	85
Earle Latham	94	Charlie Dodd	83
Clyde Maslin	94	John Benjamin	82
Elsie Plummer	93	Clifton Coleman	82
Clara Thompson	91	Maud Kelley	80
Ronnie Harris	91	Harry Coleman	80
Maud Pennell	91	Katie Welch	80
Henry Beck	87	Stella Lynch	80
Medford Brooks	86		

Averages of Massey School.

6th Grade—Essie Loller, 98; Agnes Roe, 90. Fifth grade—May Roe, 94; George Ireland, 84; May Maslin, 84; George Preree, 63; Wilbert Hudson, 74. Fourth grade—Dubley Crossley, 96; Sam Tibbit, 94; May Connor, 92; Hannah Ware, 90; Stephen Pierce, 88; Lizzie Hemphrey, 87; Elsie Malsberger, 80; Clara Allen, 70. Third grade—Clifford Hudson, 96; Harry Malsberger, 95; Clarence Maslin, 86; Mattie Everett, 86; Samuel Everett, 86. Second grade—Gilbert Clark, 67; Agnes Clark, 95; Clarence Downs, 93. 1st Second grade—Thomas Gaunts, 92; Alice Hudson, 92; George German, 91; Hiram Everett, 90; Clarence Pierce, 88; Emma Crossley, 86; Blanche Johnson, 84; Raymond Everett, 84; Henry Ware, 83; James Shelton, 73; Jake Allen, 68. First grade—Carleton Roe, 97; Nellie Malsberger, 97; Herbert Insolo, 96; Edith Hudson, 97; George Gaunts, 94; Bertha Wallace, 95; Johnny Pierce, 86.

Broad Neck School.

Harry Boone, 82.9; Harry Wallis, 76.6; Maggie Bennett, 80.9; Daisy, 80.8; Minnie Startt, 95.9; Ella McCloskey, 95.5; Sophia, Wallis, 92.8; James Smith, 84.9; Flora Taylor, 78.5; Minnie Taylor, 79.6; Howard Hadaway, 72.8; Thomas Vickers, 71.3; Joseph Stoops, 95; Charles Rollison, 91.6; Sadie Hadaway, 91.5; John Wallis, 91; Albert Boone, 84.3; Howard Stoops, 84.2; Ernest Bennett, 70: Willie Culley, 90.4; Nealia Wallis, 92.8; Lizzie Sanders, 93; Lida Rollison, 91; Arlington Leary, 90; Grover Hadaway, 84; James Taylor, 85; Kent Vickers, 94; Vickers Kilbourne, 91; Elmer Hague, 88, Leonard Bennett, 70.

Averages for Hibernia's School.

7th grade—Willie Roe, 88.6; Eddie Wallis, 86.1. Sixth grade—Clarence Roe, 100; George Jones, 100; Nannie Toulson, 98.1; Irving Hurlock, 87.8. Fifth grade—Lizzie Pennington, 95.6; May Jones, 93.3. Fourth grade—Alice Howell, 90.8. Third grade—Annie Roe, 91.2; May Toulson, 84.8. Second grade—Bessie Hurlock, 100; Harry Toulson, 100. First grade—Sallie Roe, 100; Smith Toulson, 100.

Hanesville School.

Herman Holdson, 99; Fannie Hill, 98; Parks Rasin, 98; Nellie Walker, 97; Susie Holdson, 96; Willie Duyer, 96; Maggie Walker, 96; Sarah Tessey, 95; Howard Bowers, 95; Frank Reed, 94; Dollie Boone, 93; Tarrod Mathiot, 93; Mary Miller, 92; Nora Litz, 92; Nannie Mathiot, 91; George Trimble, 91; Corinne Mathiot, 91; Tarry Trimble, 89; Lillian Gale, 87; Sadie Reed, Samuel Reed, 85; Merrit Rasin, 83; Samuel Taylor, 80; Raymond Bowers, 79.

Additional Contracts.

The following additional roads have been given out by Commissioner Willson, of the fifth district, leaving only the roads on Eastern Neck Island to be provided for:

3.—Road to Gray's Inn Wharf, ¼ mile, to keep in repair. R. B. Wilson, $10.

6.—Skinner's Neck Road, 2¾ miles, ditches opened to carry off the water from road, three furrows on each side of the road at the hill near the Maslin farm, and dirt scraped; balance of road to keep in repair. E. R. Strong, $80.

13.—Tolchester Road from corner near Battershell Hill to Landing, 2¾ miles, four furrows on each side, dirt scraped in road and ditches opened to carry water from road where needed. W. H. Baxter, $75.

23.—Forest road from Edesville to Swan Creek Road, 2¼ miles. From Edesville to bridge below Wesley Kennard's, ditches cleaned out so as to carry off water, and dirt put in road; balance of road 3 furrows on each side, dirt scraped in road and ditches opened to carry off the water. W. H. Jones, $38.

25.—Rock Hall X roads from corner, near Arch bridge, to Landing at Dr. Sharp's, 1 mile, ditches opened to carry off the water, road scraped. Geo. R. Scoone, $20.

27.—Road to Deep Landing, 1½ miles, about half four furrows on each side and scraped; balance to be kept in repair, bushes, briars and stumps to be removed where found in the road. G. R. Scoone, $50.

The following contractors for road-work have bonded with the county commissioners in the full amount of the work to be done:

1st District—Fred T. Vansant, James A. Donohoe, Thomas White, McIntyre & Steele, J. P. Shelton and Thos. Quinn.

2d District—John McKee, H. A. Meredith, Jas. McKee, W. J. Clarke, Aaron W. Taylor, Thomas Bennett, Wm. Pratt, I. R. Staveley, E. W. Ford, Geo. W. Davis, John McGuire, Thos. Quigley and G. L. Crisfield.

3rd District—Edward Dempsey, J. T. Coleman and W. W. Duyer.

4th District—J. C. Loud.

5th District—I. R. Leaverton.

Worton Items.

Noticing in your last issue several applicants for postoffice here, it is but proper for us to say that there is but one, and I think as there is no contention whatever, why shouldn't we have our present postmaster, Mr. R. F. Rouse remain? He has always conducted it in a satisfactory manner and as for politicians I think he can produce as many signers as the next one, as his democratic friends in this vicinity feel very warm toward him.

Mr. A. S. Turner, railroad agent at this place, came near meeting a severe accident last Tuesday by slipping from the platform just ahead of the approaching train.

Mrs. S. M. Turner, of Millington, is visiting her son, Albert, at this place.

Miss Jessie Cooper, of the State Normal, is spending her Easter holiday at home.

Our road supervisor has gone to work in dead earnest to put the roads in good order again.

The loud talk of the private school can no longer be heard above a whisper. Jocco.

MILLINGTON LOCALS.

Death of Mrs. Sallie L. Cook—Accident—Personals, &c.

It is very true that death is no respector of persons, for we notice through life the young and the middle aged yield to its embrace as well the old, and it carries away the righteous as well as the sinner. This time it carried away Mrs. Sallie L. Cook who has been a devoted christian ever since girlhood. Mrs. Cook died at her residence on Cypress street at 6.30 P. M. on Friday last. She was the daughter of Mr. John F. Mullikin, and she was born near Trappe, Talbot county, Oct. 1st, 1853, and lived there all her life until Jan 30th, 1885, when she married Mr. H. S. Cook, of our town. Truly we have not only lost one who by her life endeavored to show us the true principles of a christian character that she possessed, but by her many deeds and acts of kindness to us as a community, that a friend has gone. She was a good neighbor, and a devoted wife. She leaves a young husband, three small children, four brothers and an aged father, as well as many friends to mourn their loss. The funeral services took place at her home on Monday afternoon at 2½ o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. E. White, ass