The Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., - SEPTEMBER 2, 1893.

A DISPATCH yesterday to the NEWS from Lynch's says: "Shipment of Peaches have been heavy the past week; and prices have been satisfactory to the growers: Eight car loads shipped yesterday. Total shipment to date from here 70 car loads."

A CURIOSITY.—Dr. Fisher, our county clerk, has one of the best gardens in town. In his office he has on exhibition a white potato with a wire grass vine growing through the heart of it, and so fast that it cannot be withdrawn without breaking.

THE entertainments by the Druckenmiller family in Stam's Hall on Tuesday evening and in Still Pond Monday evening were both well attended and gave general pleasure. Mrs. D. has a well cultivated voice and the boys are musical prodigies.

FOUND IN A CORNFIELD.—Detectives McVey and Witsil in Wilmington recently recovered the bicycle that John W. Mason, colored, is charged with stealing from McDaniel & Merrihew last month. The machine was found in a cornfield at a small place near Chestertown, Md.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Aug. 29.—Full board present. Applications were received for the beneficiary scholarship in Washington College made vacant by the resignation of Hope H. Cooper, and the following were examined: Howard Fowler and Harry Anthony, Chestertown, Wm. McClary, Edesville. Howard Fowler, having made the best mark, received the appointment. The court was further engaged in passing accounts, etc.

Church Items.

The camp at Zion M. E. Church, Morgans Creek, Rev. C. S. York, pastor, has been a great success. The attendance has been large and the services very interesting. Rev. Robert Roe and other able ministers have been present and aided in the good work, while others have been prevented from attending by the storm. The meeting will close about the middle of next week. Rev. S. B. Merritt will preach Sunday morning.

Rev. W. R. Graham, of Washington, D C., filled the pulpit in Christ M. P. Church, last Sunday and preached to large congregations. Evening services will begin at 7.30 P. M. hereafter.

The P. E. congregation held service in Stam's Hall Sunday Morning. The church is expected to be ready for occupancy Sunday week. The frescoers, Messrs Emmart & Quarterly, of Baltimore, finished their work the first of the week, and since then the ladies of the church have been at work with the finishing comforts and decorations. A handsome new carpet, the exact counterpart of that in Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, will be put down. The fresco work is neat and beautiful, fully in keeping with the high character of the Baltimore artists who did it.

Rev. A. R. Walker, assistant minister at the Easton Cathedral, has accepted the call to Calvary parish, Wilmington, Del., and Rev. George C. Sutton, of Shrewsbury parish, Kent county, has been called to fill the vacancy at the Cathedral.

Bishop Curtis confirmed a class of thirteen at St. Dennis's Church, Galena, Sunday last and delivered a very nice address to the persons confirmed. A large congregation was present.

The Picnic.

The picnic held on Biddle's lawn was a huge affair, so much so that the supplies could not satisfy the demand. There was an abundance of edibles but the absence of fish which were ordered from Baltimore, but did not arrive, caused a halt in the evenings menu. A tremendously large quantity of the best fresh fish was to have been on hand, but the Corsica did not bring any freight and the fish could not be served. Weber's orchestra had been engaged but on account of the storm they could not make their arrival. Save these two considerations the affair was most gratifying. A large quantity of ice cream, refreshments and beverages were disposed of. Mr. Chas. Beck furnished an orchestra that filled up nicely the evenings pleasure. The grounds were handsomely illuminated, and all went pleasantly. The evenings affair was a great success socially and financially.

THE PICNIC CARD.

The members of the Sacred Heart congregation, wish to express their highest regard for the expression of greatest gratitude manifested by the people of Chestertown and neighboring places on Tuesday eve last during the church picnic given on Biddle's lawn. The concourse of people was so large that the supplies could not meet the demands, however, the evening passed off most pleasantly. The non arrival of the fish, which had been ordered in large quantity from Baltimore caused some delay. Weber's orchestra was not to be had on account of the storm. It was impossible to remedy the delay regarding the fish and the orchestra on account of the violent storm that prevented the proper arrival of the boats and the use of the telegraph. The evening with all was a most sociable one. The members express sincere thanks to Mr. Biddle for the use of his beautiful lawn, also to Beck's orchestra floor managers and committee for their interest and earnest work, and to all present who lended a helping hand in any way. The delays were unavoidable and the members promise to faithfully to makeall these good at their next festival reunion, The members wish to express their regret for the delays that prevented the full evening's programme that had been to unexpectedly interrupted by the unexpacted storm. Most sincere thanks are tendered to all assisting and to all present.

SACRED HEART CONGREGATION.

Melitota Briefs.

The heavy wind of Monday night did a great deal of damage to the farmer's corn, and also their fruit.

"Tammany" made quite a mistake in his letter last week by saying that Mr. Wm. Beck had opened a store here, for it is not Mr. Wm. Beck, but his daughter, Miss Ida, who has opened the store here. She certainly has our best wishes for success.

Vacation is nearing its close when the children will have to commence their same old work of walking up and down the road.

In addition to the four windows which were already in the school room the trustees have two more cut in the Northern end. We now hope there will not be so many children suffering with diseased eyes.

Did you ever see darkeys play crap? They have learned it to perfection here. Last Saturday night we heard of thirty or more who went to a neighboring cornfield and then by the light of a small candle played crap until early morning. All the week's earnings is staked and of course many "go broke." Attimes persons in the public road can hear the "come eleven", "beat it if you can" expressions very plain.

Betterton fishermen have been fishing the past week off Worton point and meeting with good luck. Mr. Crew has a boat there and the Philadelphia fishermen put in their appearance here last Monday. The steamer Trumpter blew a hole in her boiler while laying at the wharf at Buck Neck Monday and did not get off with her 1500 baskets of peaches until about noon. On the return trip Capt. Cundiff made the run across Barris' point and saved one-half hour. This is the first time he has been seen to do this recently. The Harbuiger, a tug from Baltimore, is running peaches out of Worton Creek every night. She turned around over Buck Neck wharf Tuesday, the tide being sufficiently high.

WEST END.

PASSING AWAY!

Two Prominent Citizens of Kent Go to Their Long Home This Week.

We have today to record the decease of two prominent citizens of this county, who have for so many years been conspicuous in our business and social life, namely: THOMAS W. ELIASON and THOMAS C. PARSONS—one a resident of Chestertown and the other so close as to make him almost a member of our corporation.

THOMAS WILSON ELIASON.

Probably there is no more familiar name in Kent than that of THOMAS W. ELIASON. He has been so long and so prominent in the active business concerns of the county that he has become an integral part of almost every section. His life is a conspicuous monument of business success from indomitable perseverance and energy in ordinary channels. He had no taste for risky speculations, and studiously avoided the imaginary and fictitious. The real alone had charms for him, and his faculties of mind and heart were so educated as to take quick hold and with permanent grip upon sure things. A brief sketch of this distinguished man's life history will be of interest to all.

Mr. Eliason was the son of John Eliason, of Smyrna, Del., and at the time of his death—Monday night, Aug. 28th, 1893—was in his seventy-eighth year. He wedded in 1839 Miss Susan Walker, a young lady of lovely life and disposition, in Smyrna, and who proved to be a model wife and mother, and withal one of the grand women of her day. Her death in 1883 was a felt loss in our community. Mr. Eliason leaves but two children—Thomas W. and Wilbur Eliason—both men of force and high character in the community.

Mr. Eliason was, probably, the richest man in Kent county at the time of his death. He owned over three thousand acres of the best farm lands in this and adjoining counties—seven farms in all—while his stocks and bonds and innumerable mortgages foot up a princely estate. All this is the accumulation of this one man's efforts! With no patrimony but industry and nature's good gifts, he struck out for himself, a boy of fourteen, and we find him first in a lowly position in a store at Odessa, Del.; then clerking with Ayres Stokeley, in Smyrna; then in the counting room of Abbott Bros., a hardware house of Philadelphia. The panic of '37 broke up this house and young Eliason returned to Smyrna and bought out the business of his old employer, Stokeley, but was not as successful as he desired and in '39 he removed to our sister county town, Centreville, with his young bride. Still he had not yet found his desired anchorage, and after three years' mercantile effort in that town he came here.

It was during the year 1842 that Mr. Eliason opened a general store in Chestertown, in the very room in which we now write, but enlarged to occupy most of the first floor of the Masonic Hall, now the "Kent News Building." In this room he conducted a most successful business, and remained until he acquired the property immediately opposite—the old "Clayton Hotel"—which he fitted up for a general store, added the lumber business, and there continued during his active business life. From '65 to '71 he had his son, Thomas, in partnership with him, and at the latter date retired and has since been engaged in the management of his extensive private interests.

In public affairs Mr. Eliason was always a known quantity, impressing himself upon policies and procedures of organizations for the public weal, though official position he always shrank from. In politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican, but never held a political office, always positively refusing to accept or allow the use of his name for a political position. The skill of his master hand and the wisdom of his strong mind is conspicuous today in this community in our admirable Court House building, and in the finely located and substantially constructed church building that does so much credit to the Methodist Episcopal Church. In each of these enterprises he was the leading spirit—the chairman of the building committees—and personally looked after every plan and brick and nail. He was noted for his painstaking character and methodical habits. Every thing he had done must be well done; nothing was so small that it did not get scrutiny and nothing so large that it could not be compassed and analyzed in detail. His motto seemed to be: "Anything worth doing at all is worth doing well." He was indefatigable in labor; indeed he seemed never to tire; and no doubt shortened his life by his intense devotion to business.

Mr. Eliason was frequently a member of our town board of commissioners and for many years past has been a director in the Kent Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was also, for a short while, the president of the Kent County Railroad Company. The affairs of the latter were in such bad shape that he declined any connection with its management after he grasped its situation. In many other minor and unsalaried positions he has served the community to its advantage and with credit to himself.

Mr. Eliason's connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church dates from his boyhood. As a private member and in all its official boards he has been invaluable in counsel and most liberal in contribution. He was a trustee of Dover Academy and had official connection with other general church institutions. He was undemonstrative in his religious character—the real practical life of Godliness, made up of helpful and industrious work to build up the wastes of the evil one, rather than emotional efforts, was the ideal Christian life he sought and attained, and his consistancy and devotion along these lines leaves to his church a legacy invaluable; to his family and friends a name untarnished, and to himself the securement of the unfading riches of the world whither he has gone.

Mr. Eliason's health gave way four years ago when he was taken with heart trouble, and was critically ill for several months. His physicians and friends did not expect him to leave his bed in life, but he wonderfully rallied and his familiar figure, though enfeebled gait, was again seen almost daily upon the streets, and his mind and heart seemed as vigorous and active in his office work as in former years, while his seat in church was never vacant until about six months ago, when he found it too tiresome to climb the steps to the sanctuary he so much loved. He still, however, attended his office daily, and not until Saturday, three days before he died, did he take to his bed for life's final struggle.

Services were held at the late residence of the deceased on Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. W. Easley, pastor of the M. E. Church, after which the remains were interred in the family lot in Chester Cemetery, the following gentlemen acting as pall-bearers: Dr. J. T. Twilley, Capt. W. D. Burchinal, James Brice, Joel R. Clements, B. F. Fleming, C. M. Lucas.

THOMAS C. PARSONS.

Mr. Parsons was sick but a few days, and died on Tuesday morning in the 78th year of his age. He leaves four children, Thos. A. Parsons and Miss Mary Parsons, who reside at the old homestead, and Mrs. Anna L. Bennett, wife of Joshua Bennett, who lives in Delaware, and John Parsons, in Philadelphia. One sister also survives him—Mrs. Parsons, widow of the late Isaac Parsons.

Thomas C. Parsons was one of our best citizens. We have known him for many years and without hesitation say that for honest, straight-forward, manly qualities Mr. Parsons was excelled by few. He was quiet and conservative in all his views, yet with decided convictions on every subject of general interest, which he did not hesitate to express on proper occasions. He took very little interest in politics and never held office, though he was on several occasions placed on Republican tickets in this county for Orphans' Court and County Commissioner, and made a strong poll, though he seemed to care nothing for such honors himself. For about twenty years he has been connected with our local Fire Insurance Company as a surveyor, and has earned a most enviable reputation for carefulness and industry in his work. He was a carpenter by trade, but for years has been engaged in farming, having one of the prettiest estates in this vicinity, on the road from Chestertown to Hanesville. As a farmer he was intelligent and successful. His opinion on all subjects was appreciated, and his neighbors were always glad to consult him. He was prominent in the Kent County Agricultural Association for years. He read a great deal.

Mr. Parsons was a native of Buck's county, Pennsylvania. He went to California in '49 during the gold fever, and shortly after his return came to Kent where he has since resided.

A large concourse of neighbors and friends attended the funeral services at the deceased's late residence yesterday afternoon. A deep feeling of sorrow pervades the whole neighborhood over the death of such a good citizen, and he will not soon be forgotten. Rev. Dr. J. L. Mills, pastor of St. James M. P. Church, of which the deceased was an honored member, conducted the funeral services, and the remains found a quiet resting place in the beautiful grounds of Chester Cemetery. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: John W. Corey, W. J. Vannort, Stephen Lecates, J. K. Aldridge, James Brice, Wm. Morris.

Mrs. J. Houston Eccleston.

Mrs. Helen M. Whitridge Eccleston, wife of Rev. Dr. J. Houston Eccleston, rector of Emanuel Protestant Episcopal Church Baltimore, died suddenly Sunday night. Before her marriage Mrs. Eccleston was a prominent figure in Baltimore social life and was a general favorite. She was a daughter of Dr. Joshua B. Whitridge, of Charlestown, S. C: She was married to Dr. Eccleston in 1887, and since then has been engaged in church work. Mrs. Eccleston had no immediate relatives living in Battimore, but has several brothers in Charlestown, S. C., and in Boston. She was a niece of the late Dr. John Whitridge of Baltimore and a cousin of Dr. William Whitridge. Mrs. Douglas H. Thomas is also her cousin.

Dr. J. V. Knotts, a well-known physician of Templeville, Queen Anne's county, died at his home Tuesday morning at the age of fifty-three years.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Thos. Murphy, Esq., of Philadelphia, is visiting his old friend, Josiah Lusby, Esq., Chestertown, and relatives in other sections of the county.

Miss Edna Robinson, of Baltimore is visiting Miss Maggie McKaig, in Chestertown.

Miss Katie Unglanb and Miss Elsie Klein, of Baltimore, are the guests of Miss Ella Ford at Fruitland farm near town.

Mr. Charles A. Ruth, son of officer P. W. Ruth, of the Baltimore city police force, is visiting friends in Cecil Co., Md.

Messrs. Harry Messick and Frank Davis are visiting Ocean City and elsewhere.

Mrs. John Sweeney, of Wilmington, accompanied by her cousin, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mrs. D. Gruber on High street.

Mr. John Gale Usilton and wife arrived in Chestertown Tuesday night. Gale has not decided whether to tenant his farm or rent it.

Mr. Alfred Crew sprained his ankle last Monday evening and has been compelled to walk with a crutch since.

The Misses Joe and Nina Milnor of Baltimore, Miss Ollie Allen of Queen Anne's, and Miss Jeannie LeSage of Philadelphia, are the guests of Miss Mary Anthony.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Holland, of Windsor, Va., are visiting friends and relatives in Kent.

Miss Daisy Hadaway and Miss Maggie Bennett are in Baltimore.

Miss Sadie Hadaway, of Baltimore, is spending a pleasant visit at her aunt's Mrs. T. B. Hadaway, of Lankford.

Mr. T. V. Simpson, while at work for Messrs. Stavely & Bowers, on Friday of last week, on a barn on the farm of H. H. Barroll, Esq., near town, slipped from a narrow scaffold on which he stood and fell about 25 feet, spraining his shoulder and hip. Dr. W. F. Hines attended him and he is now able to be out.

The "Gruber family" left Chestertown last Thursday for Smyrna. They came here four weeks ago and gave an entertainment, and since then have been engaged repairing musical instruments at which they are specially good. They say they have never left a town more reluctantly than ours.

Prof. A. N. Ebaugh and wife are visiting friends in Kent. They have just returned from Chicago, where the Professor has been spending his vacation in classical studies at the Morgan Park Institute, and Mrs. E. has been enjoying the Fair.

The marriage of Mr. Thomas Arthur Skirven, of Chicago, formerly of Kent, and Miss Harriett Lillian Constable will be quietly solemnized Sept. 14th at 11 A. M. No cards.

Mr. Wm. Bowers, of Wilmington, rode to Chestertown last week on his bicycle in 5½ hours. The distance he traveled was about fifty-one miles, stopping at Sassafras about twenty minutes and at Kennedyville for dinner. Mr. Bowers is son of the late James L. Bowers and is visiting friends in Kent.

Misses Belle Pippin and Ida Jewell are visiting friends at Mt. Washington.

Misses Milley Taylor, of Wilmington, Lydia Price, of Middletown, are visiting Miss Rebecca England, near Gale's.

Mrs. John Smith, of Baltimore, is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Miss Daisy Wooleyhand, of Earlville, Cecil county, is spending two weeks of her vacation at her grandma's, Mrs. Elenora Newton, Chestertown.

Miss Guion, of New York, is the guest of Miss Marie Westcott on Queen street.

Miss Nora Ely, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Minnie Maslin in Quaker Neck.

Miss Ada Morton, of Washington, D. C., is visiting at Mrs. H. Rickey's.

Miss May Fowler who has been the guest of Miss Katie Satterfield, of Rock Hall for the past two week,s has returned to her home in Baltimore.

The Misses Leonard, of Talbot county, are guests of Mrs. J. Hall Denny in Worton.

Mrs. Charles Fountain, of Baltimore, has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Ellsworth Bowers, of Lynch's.

Miss Mamie Baker is visiting friends in Centreville.

Mr. S. Murray Fraizer, a first-class printer of this town, has secured employment in the Government printing office, Washington.

Mr. Moffett, of Galena, who accidentally shot himself a week ago was taken over to Baltimore on Monday last for treatment.

Representative Brattan called at the Interior Department Thursday and filed papers recommending the appointment of Harry V. Kleff, of Wicomico county, to be chief of some division in that department.

McKee's "Tommy M." in the 2 35 class at Timonium on Thursday came in second in first heat; fourth in second; fifth in the third; fourth in the fourth and fifth in the fifth. Seven horses entered.

Court News.

The county commissioners met on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 1893, with full board present. Charles W. Nickerson's application for office of constable for Kent county, in and for the second district, vice David Rambo, resigned, was approved and said Nickerson was appointed by order of board. H. W. Vickers, Esq., as surety on the collector's bond of George S. Biddle for 1884 and 1885 appeared before the board and settled his proportion of balance of arrears due the county on said bond, amounting to $5.38 for 1884 bond, and $36.82½ for 1885 bond, and settled the proportion due from Mr. Stephen Lecates as surety on the bond for 1884 of $35.82½, which amount was deposited in bank. The following accounts were examined, approved and ordered to be paid by order on levies provided; Wm. H. Price's account for special road fork in first district, $21.60; David Rambo, witness certificate for October term 1892, $1.25; John McGuire account for special road work in second district, $46.09; Shroeder's account for damages to horse on Chester bridge, as agreed upon by the respective attorneys for the commissioners and Shroeder, of $25; Kent's part being $12.50; J. J. Scoone, supervisor of road sections 24 and 25 in fifth district, obtained an order in settlement for balance of the four-fifths due him under contract of $7.78. Messrs. Price of the Cecil county board and C. H. Smith, clerk to said board met, the Kent commissioners to consummate an agreement between the two boards and David Connell for a new iron bridge over the Sassafras mill-dam, which was $3,560 for the completion of the work 3 men stone to be used in the foundations which were to be built upon piling and in conformity in all other respects with specifications as published.

THE King of Siam has 100 wives, owns 1000 elephants and has an income of $10,000,000 a year.

ROUGH ELEMENTS!

THE WINDS AND WAVES ON A TEAR!

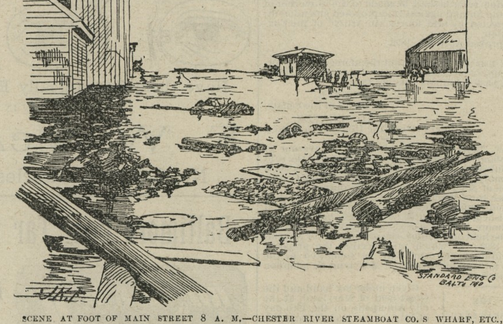
HIGHEST TIDES EVER KNOWN!

Results in Kent—Damage to Wharves, Boats, &c.—Incidents Here and There.

Close upon the storm of last week came another Monday night, more frightful in its velocity and more serious in its results. Its origin has been traced to a point near the West Indies. The course from the islands was across to Georgia, up the coast to Virginia, through Maryland and up as far as Pennsylvania.

The wind blew very strong from the East all day Monday, becoming stronger and stronger towards sunset. When the moon arose it was blowing a gale from the southeast and slightly raining. Rain fell in torrents during the night, and when the sun shone upon the land the following morning the destructive work wrought by the storm was clearly seen.

Mr. John A. Groves arrived in Chestertown about ten o'clock, coming around by the way of Airy Hill. He stated that in his opinion the peach crop was considerably lessened, while the trees were very much injured. The greatest hurt he thinks is among the pear trees. But few pears had been picked, and the trees being heavily loaded, it required but little wind to shake them off. Along the road he noticed twigs of pear trees with several pears attached that had been blown there by the storm, while several large forest trees lay across the public road. On Paca's Island the storm of last week wrought considerable damage to the fruit trees. Mr. James S. Harris Tuesday stated that the loss to farmers would be very great. The peaches that were left by the blow of last week were shaken off Monday and pears are strewn over the orchards. One farmer in his neighborhood picked up 800 baskets of pears and he is of the opinion that there were a least that many more on the ground. Corn seems to be closer to the ground, if possible, than after last week's blow and is very much entangled, thus requiring more labor to secure the crop. Dr. J. Horton Kelley reports much damage about his section to the fruit and other growing crops. Mr. C. S. Hurlock says the storm was equally strong in his neighborhood and that the damage to fruit



SCENE AT FOOT OF MAIN STREET 8 A. M.—CHESTER RIVER STEAMBOAT CO.'S WHARF, ETC., BY THE NEWS' SPECIAL ARTIST.

is incalculable. Mr. Abe Crawford says the loss to farmers is considerable, many peaches that would not be ready to pick until next week having been shaken off.

Mr. E. J. Watson says he could have picked up several hundred baskets of fine yellow peaches in his orchard Tuesday morning and all about his farm evidences of destruction could be seen.

It is safe to say that Kent farmers have suffered a loss more than one can calculate in dollars and cents. Many farmers had shipped peaches sufficient to pay the expense of buying baskets, etc., while on the remaining peaches they expect to realize a profit. But most of these have been knocked off and very little will be made out of peaches this season.

Mr. Robert Blackway and wife have made their home in a house built on a scow and they came near being drowned during the storm. The water came up very fast and instead of the boat floating she sprung aleak and the water soon filled her.

Capt. Lewis and family live in the house on the Medford and the tide has left his home way up on Scott's point.

Constable Francis says he was sleeping soundly when a very large tree was blown against the house and broke out several panes of glass. There was very little sleeping done in that house after that. The large gum tree near Connelly's mill was blown down across the road.

The Storm in Chestertown.

Persons living along the water front at Chestertown slept but very little Monday night. The "sounds of many waters," rather than lulling to sleep the citizens in that vicinity, made them the more watchful, and as each succeeding hour went by the tide came higher and higher, while the wind lashed the waves into foam. The full extent of the tide could not be imagined until the day dawned and then loud were the exclamations of surprise as one by one the inhabitants looked upon the scene. During the early morning hundreds of persons visited the lower section of the town and were surprised at what they witnessed. Row boats were skimming about Water street as far up as Mrs. Brown's residence, and persons from Mrs. Watts' boarding house had to be boated across to high street. Water came up to High street to a point opposite Mr. Kirby's front door, it being about *nine feet above the mean level!* It was the highest tide known to any inhabitant of this town. Mr. Chas. Estes says by his mark it was six inches higher than in 1876. In that year the water came up as far as Judge Wickes' wall, but since then the street has been raised considerably It was impossible to do any cooking in many of the dwellings along the river and many were compelled to go elsewhere for catables. The families living in the submerged district were W. N. E. Wickes, Dr. W. F. Hines, Eben F. Perkins, Mrs. Barroll, Mrs. Meeteer, Benj. F. Fleming, H. M. Brown, R. D. Hynson, J. K. Aldridge, Mrs. M. E. Watts, E. C. Reiche, John Brice.

Mr. Brice's horse and cow were standing in the stable in water three feet deep Tuesday morning while his vehicles were likewise situated. Mrs. Watts had eight or ten dozen chickens in a coop in her yard and all that could not get on the top round of the roost were drowned, her loss amounting to three dozen chickens. Mrs. Mary Brown has in her kitchen what might be termed an automatic door. When the tide came up very high the water swelled the door and prevented an overflow of the kitchen. This door worked the same way in 1876 and proves of good service in time of floods and high tides. J. K. Aldridge and family fortunately had removed to Mr. W. R. Aldridge's two weeks before, on account of improvements being made to his house. Several small houses were floating about Mrs. Meeteer's and Mr. Fleming's yards while Mrs. F.'s kitchen was flooded.

The granary on the Chester river company's wharf was in water five or six feet deep and the 3,000 bushels of wheat on the first floor was considerably damaged. Those having grain stored in the granary were E. J. Watson, 1200; Usilton & Roland, 700; G. S. Biddle, 500; James T. Dixon, 450; Edward Lusby, 80; J. F. Dodson, 500; Wm. H. Stewart, 700.

In the freight house on the Ford's wharf, merchants here had some goods which was injured. S. F. Smith lost $60 on salt that was washed away; L. B. Russell, $25 damage to flour; W. C. A. Thompson and Mrs. D. Graber also suffered same loss on goods. Capt. R. S. Emory's factory was flooded and much of his box material carried away but it was afterwards recovered.

Lamotte's cannery was flooded but his greatest loss resulted from having to stop work for several days. Some of his labels on his boxes were washed off.

Mr. Joseph Downey's loss will reach nearly $1,000 from cans rusting, loss of labels, corn, tomatoes, etc.

Chester Bridge, Wharves, etc.

Chester river at 8 A. M., Tuesday reminded one of the great rapids at Niagara. The waves, lashed into foam by the mighty winds, would roll up against the old bridge and raise such a mist that it was impossible to see across the river. Scores of persons stood along the river shore and watched with intense interest the subline sight. As each succeeding wave broke over the bridge the frame structure seemed to tremble, so great was the power of the water. Indeed, when Contractor Stuart and the commissioners examined the structure a few hours later, it was found to have been moved at least six inches up the river. Boards that were loose or inscurely fastened were washed away. After the tide had subsided the bridge was strewn with tomatoes and debris of all kinds.

The wharf property belonging to Chester river company at this place was uninjured, but the old railroad wharf and at Turner's the water has left its mark.

Hubbard's and Beck & Walker's factories escaped injury, the latter firm losing only a dozen carboys which, they say, is of but little value.

Capt. John McKenzie was asleep in the house on R. S. Emory's wharf during the worst of the storm and when he awoke he found everything movable in the room afloat. He soon got up and securing a boat was brought by the wind and tide clear up to Chester bridge where he was rescued. The wharf at Emory's was but little damaged. Rolph's wharf was overflowed and an old wharf adjoining was carried away, Booker's escaping unhurt.

Quaker Neck wharf is made of dirt and shell but the logs were moved out of place and the dirt washed out. The old county wharf was entirely carried away. Edward Emory's wharf was considerably damaged, the floor of his oyster house was moved and the building moved off its foundation. His lime sheds were ruined and a large quantity of lime washed away. He had nearly 3,000 bushels stored under sheds, but not all of it was lost. Capt. Jones thinks it will require several hundred dollars to repair the wharf. Mr. Jacob Snyder's fence was carried away and at least fifteen feet of graded bank washed away. Messrs. Kin Thomas' and—Neal's boats were badly hurt and it is said by some that the boats are split up into kindling wood. Old Capt. Henry pronounces the tide to be the highest he has ever seen. The Cliff City wharf was but slightly hurt.

W. H. Wilmer's wharf opposite Mr. Wilkins' is almost a complete wreck, the boards having been washed away and the piling removed.

Mr. Blanchard Emory's wharf at Indiantown was seriously wrecked and the freight house washed away to Mr. Thos. Toulson's shore in Kent county, a distance of about two miles! Some of the floating wharf landed on Mr. Thos. D. France's shore and the balance on Mr. Wm. Gould's in Queen Anne's. Other wharves in Chester river escaped unhurt.

At Tolchester the wind and tide played havoc. A part of the end of the wharf, the railing, the centre of the wharf and the small house were washed away, also ten feet of the beautifully graded bank. Around the restaurant, along the shore, and upon the shore end of the wharf, logs, planks, boats and drift wood of nearly every description are piled so that it is impossible to use the regular walk to the pier. The loss will be between $300 and $1,000.

Mr. J. S. Harris estimates the loss of his wharf at $1,000.

Mr. S. Vannort says it will require $100 to repair his wharf.

Gale's wharf will require $100 to put it in order again.

Betterton wharf was considerably damaged and debris is piled up on the shore as far as Crew's hotel. It is a sight worth seeing to witness the drift wood scattered about the pretty resort. R. T. Turner & Son fortunately saved their lumber by booming it in and the small lot that drifted away was recovered. But one small boat was injured. Mr. Howard Turner says the damage to the wharf will be at least $1,000 and may reach $1,500. They are working on the pier with a large force. Barnard's wharf was also damaged.

Rough Night on Boats.

The tug Sawtelle and schooner which were tied to the county wharf here broke away during the night and were driven up the river taking up against the bridge, damaging it slightly.

Messrs. Chas. R. Twilley and B. F. Fleming each had their small boats damaged considerably. They were caught under the bridge the continual thumping injuring them. Other small boats escaped damage in various ways.

The Emma Ford was unable to make her landings and went straight to Baltimore. The passengers who left here that morning had to be boated out to the steamer.

The Corsica went across the bay but experienced a rough night.

The steamer Sassafras anchored in Sassafras river and failed to make her trip Tuesday, her wharves all being submerged. The Trumpeter made as pecial trip Tuesday night carrying 2000 baskets of peaches.

Two vessels are ashore on East Neck Island, one high up in the cornfield, and another in a clump of trees! It is miraculous that there was not more damage.

Damage at Galena and Georgetown.

A special to the NEWS from Galena says:

The storm of Monday night and Tuesday morning did a great deal of damage in this neighborhood, blew down the corn badly and blew off a vast quantity of fruit of all kinds. At Georgetown the tide rose very high; higher than the oldest inhabitants have ever seen it. It was one inch higher in the old store house of J. F. M. Woodall than it was in the great storm of 1876. They had to go in boats in Georgetown quite up to the store door of Mr. J. F. M. Woodall. Capt. Woodall looses quite heavily on account of the water getting into his warehouses and damaging his wheat. The store-room where J. F. M Woodall kept furniture and stoves, the water was three feet deep, damaging his goods some. It was a grand sight to see the white caps rolling with such fury when the water is so calm, generally, in front of Georgetown. The steamer Sassafras was anchored out in the stream under the shelter of the bluffs of the Hance and Dyer farms (now owned by Capt. Woodall.) It was feared at one time that the Sasssafras River bridge would be carried away, but it has settled down alright again. The steamer Sassafras lost one trip by the storm as did also the Fannie.

Ex-Representative J. Fletcher Wilson, who owns valuable real estate in both Kent and Cecil counties, and also has large fishing interests along the bay, states that several of his outbuildings were blown over. his nets and fishing outfit were swept away and one of the fishermen escaped from one of the shanties just in time to save *his life* losing money and clothing in the washed-away building.

The Storm at Rock Hall.

The NEWS' regular correspondent at Rock Hall writes as follows:

The terific storm which struck this section last Monday night was the worst for many years past. Considerable damage was done to crops, trees, boating and fishing apparatus. The tide was thought to be higher than that of the Centenial year. The gardens and lots of Geo. W. Colyer, F. T. Hogans, B. F. Sewell, A. R. Fogwell, J. W. Fogwell, W. H. Biggs, the Beremon property and several other persons near Greys Inn, were entirely submerged from midnight, Monday, until noon Tuesday. The bridges were carried away on the road leading from South Rock Hall to Eastern Neck, which compelled traveling to be made by a circuitous route from below Grey's Inn Lane, through Wm. J. Porter's farm and others, into the public road through Allen's lane. The "Perry Anger" and "Jesse James" were pressed into service as a ferry boat between Miss Mamie Wickes' Grey's Inn Wharf and Leary's factory, for the accomodation of pedestrains having business at those places. The Messrs. Leary had considerable lumber slued from position in their yard, which will necessitate the complete tearing down and repiling of many large piles of lumber, which they say, they would not have happened for hundreds of dollars. They lost much wood and other loose material from their shore. About 2 o'clock A. M. Tuesday, Mr. Geo. E. Leary went to his son's residence and called him out, when they were both compelled to stay by their steamboat the balance of the night to prevent her complete distruction, and they only succeeded by drawing the steamers plug and letting her sink. The water flooded the factory, and cellar under Mr. Leary's house, which never happened before, everything movable at Mr. E. E. Leary's place was swept away.

Grey's Inn wharf and frieght room was entirely submerged with several hundred tons of grain therein. Mr. Jesse Kendall, who makes his home in an ark near the wharf, was compelled to abandon the ark and take refuge under the lee of the freight and lumber during the night. The Bugeye IXL, Capt. G. T. Sewell, was driven into the garden of a colored man, near T. C. Maslin's store. The water was so deep at the porch of Mr. Maslin's store that Capt. Sewell could have landed 50 barrels of flour from his vessel into the store. Mr. Chas. Elburn's canoe was blown well up into the corn field of Mr. Chas. H. Smith. On the Huntingfield side, the havoc was still greater, Rodolph Besoski and his family were compelled to flee from their house at about one o'clock Monday night, and take refuge with Mr. John Jeffers, about one-half a mile away; before leaving he took his hogs from the pen and put them in the dwelling for safe keeping. The water rose to the first story window and the back porch was carried away by the heavy seas beating against the house, the underpining was washed from the front porch which caused it to collapse. The underpining of the main building seemed to be very much weakened, and his entire fencing, wood, lumber and crops were swept away.

The Bugeye, Wm. Aegerton, Capt. Thos. Hogans, parted her cable and was driven from Huntingfield harbor up to the shore in Rock Hall harbor, and landed near the well on the Young farm. The oystering boats of Thos. Colyer and Thos. Berger, together with several fishing boats, a number of mackeral nets, were blown ashore, and matted and tangled up in about 40 cords of wood belonging to numerous parties. A great deal of fencing on the farm of Chas. R. Kerr was washed away. The garden and various parts of Mrs. J. Porter's farm were inundated all day Tuesday. The whole catastrophe presented a disheartening sight. Many persons property all swept together made it almost impossible to be identified by the owners. Rock Hall harbor fared equally as bad as Huntingfield the shores being strewn with boats, lumber, logs, wood and various implements of the oystering and fishing trade.

The Bugeyes of Captains Proctor, Boyer and Satterfield were all blown ashore and well up on the Young farm. The vessel was making a straight course for a small dwelling house, but luckily it was checked on the garden or the home would have been demolished. One poor old German, living near the shore, had his house completely flooded. After the tide began to recede on Tuesday morning, he and wife were found trying to clear out the drift rubbage but as fast as they got it out one door it came rushing in the other door, some parties inquired if it was not a serious time, all the poor fellow could say was, as he wildly gesticulated, yaw, yaw, yaw. Many of the watermen deserve great praise for their untiring efforts to assist their fellow men, they themselves were in just as sore distress, none more so, than George Davis and his son Jimmie, who braved the high and roaring waters in going from boat to boat, casting out extra anchors and otherwise seeing to their safety. Richard Hodges was compelled to vacate his premises during Monday night for a more safe place. The knoll on Scoone's point, upon which are three dwelling houses, was terribly washed.

The well of water in Mr. J. M. Kelley's yard was entirely washed away, and the corner of his house now stands at the edge of the bank. The bank was washed away to within about six feet of Mr. J. H. Thomas' house adjoining Mr. Kelley's. The old Gratitude wharf, except the part on which the freight house stands, was swept away, and the C. R. S. B. Co's. wharf was considerably damaged. Many of the watermen sustained losses of sails, masts, oars and spirits. One canoe was considerably damaged. Capt. Wm. Webb lost the sails of his Bugeye, all his clothes and supply of provisions, which he had in an ark. It is reported that the Warner boys, on Swan Point, lost all they owned. John Warner and Samuel Urie had a thrilling adventure in their escape from Swan Point fish house, where they were encamped; the waters had surrounded them to a depth of 5 feet leaving them in the house on a small hill which was rapidly washing away and their boats being out of their reach. To get away with their lives seemed impossible, when one of them opened the door to view the madening fury of the storm, he spied one of their boats which had just broken loose from her mooring coming directly toward the house, realizing their last chance of escape had come they made a desperate effort to catch the boat and succeeded, and getting in her, they were blown far up on the land to a place of safety.

Much damage was done to fruit trees, in various parts of the community. While the storm was severe, causing a great deal of damage and anxiety, we realize that we were very fortunate when considering the terrific effects of the storm elsewhere.

Locust Grove Locals.

The Locust Grove Creamery paid 85 cts. per 100 pounds for milk for the month ending August.

Miss Blanche Sutton left home on Monday for a visit to friends in Baltimore co.

Mr. Earle Sutton, of Baltimore, is spending his vacation at the home of Mr. T. J. Shallcross.

Mr. W. Eugene Saxe, of Washington, D. C., who spent two weeks with his cousin Mrs. Roeder, has returned home.

Miss Etta Kelley is having a pleasant visit to friends in Pa.

Mr. Harry Beaston, of New York has been home visiting his parents.

Dr. S. T. Roeder, of Baltimore, is the guest of his cousin, Mr. Geo. W. Roeder.

C. J. S.

WEATHER FOR SEPTEMBER.—Hicks, the weather man, makes the following predictions for September: Disturbances in progress at beginning of month, will end in cooler weather by the 3d. Storm conditions will return on or about the 6th. New Moon on the 10th, with electric crisis of Autumnal equinox about the eleventh to 15th. Earthquakes and cyclone storms are probable. A thousand to one earthquakes prove harmless; so will cyclones, to human life, when all prepared and watch for them. The 17th and 18th are minor storm days, aggravated by Earth's equinox and Moon's first quarter. Keep open eyes! The same causes, with Vulcan and Mercury added, will conspire for the fray about 22d to 25th. Cool nights and frost north, will follow. See