The Kent News

CHESTERTOWN, MD., - FEBRUARY 17, 1894

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NEW CANNERY.—The farmers about Worton Station have closed a contract with Ivens & Co., of Harford county, to furnish 200 acres of tomatoes at $5.50 per ton. The farmers agreed also to build the cannery, the cost of same not to exceed $300. The cannery will be erected along the railroad.

MR. WM. A. SMITH, agent for T. R. Hubbard & Son, returned Saturday from a trip down the Peninsula. He states that the growing of tomatoes is being agitated every where he went. In almost every small town, village and railroad station, he noticed preparations being made for the erection of a cannery.

WEDNESDAY was St. Valentine's Day and many ugly and some pretty valentines were sent. Master Sam Jones received a novel valentine in the shape of a pig's tail neatly packed in a small box. Mr. John Dodd received a miniature man in a small coffin. It was accompanied by a letter signed Gov. Frank Brown. A prominent county official received a set of false teeth minus the front row.

GEESE are said to be plentiful along the bayshore. A flock of over a hundred flew across Plum Point Monday. Sheriff Plummer had the satisfaction of shooting at them but they failed to stop. Mr. Wm. W. Duyer states that the only way to have good shooting is to spend a week or more at their feeding grounds along the bay. Messrs. T. D. France, Hiram Brown, W. H. Lambert, Jr., S. Hicks and J. Wm. Howard left town at 3 A. M. Tuesday but failed to bring any game home. They saw plenty of geese but could not get shots at them.

A LETTER in the Centreville *Record* names the following as "expectants" for office in the Southern district of Queen Anne's; For register of voters, H. Clay Hendrix; for magistrates, Samuel Chairs and Charles Waddell; for constables, R. S. Orem and John W. Hubbard; for board of review, R. M. Legar; for district assessor, R. J. Catlin. Among the most prominent candidates for the collectorship are Mr. Robert S. Orem, Charles Bradley, Isaac Snitcher, George W. Fennimore, John W. Hubbard, Capt. J. E. Nickerson, George M. Vansant, and some four or five others.

Sporting News.

Mr. John S. Vandegrift received a letter from his friend, Jack McVey, a few days ago in which he asked if "we could pull off a ten round fight in your county as we can't fight here (Delaware)." The fight was between the champion middle-weight of Delaware and Jack McVey the champion middle-weight of Philadelphia. Mr. Vandegrift consulted State's Attorney Slay who advised against the fight, nevertheless he wrote to his friend to come down and protection would be granted.

The following offer appears in the Philadelphia *Record* of Saturday fron the little town of Sudlersville:

SUDLERSVILLE, MD., Feb. 9, 1894.—The Sudlersville Athletic Club will give a purse of forty thousand ($40,000) dollars for the Corbett-Jackson fight.
JOHN E. GEORGE, President.
J. WALTERS PAINTER, Sec'y and Treas.

Accompanying the above announcement was a note requesting that it should be used to-day, and declaring that the offer was genuine. The concluding sentences are: "Our local authorities are in sympathy with us and will aid us. Will mail offer to Corbett and Jackson. Good railroad facilities."

LOST HIS DINNER.—It is a sort of axiom that a preacher loves chicken, but in this case he lost him. Rev. Mr. ——, of this county, had been given an elegant rooster and he had been kept up and fed well for several days. Last Saturday the reverend gentlemen became chicken hungry, so donning his shiny high hat and armed with an axe he attempted to kill the fatted rooster. He lay his head on a block and raised to strike the fatal blow, but when the axe came down it was only on the block of wood — the chicken had escaped! After a long run the preacher gave up the chase and ate beefsteak for dinner.

Ownership and Debt.

Two extra bulletins were issued by the census bureau last week giving the statistics of ownership and debt for twenty-two states and the mortgages for thirty-three states and territories.

The statistics for Maryland show that there are 41,372 families in Maryland living on farms, and of those 25,969 own their farms, 18,175 leasing them free from incumbrance and 7,794 being incumbered. The remaining 15,403 families rent other farms. This is a falling off in farm ownership since 1880, for in the year 27,975 families owned farms, and only 12,539 farms were hired in Maryland in that year. There are 160,807 families who live in homes not on farms, and of these homes 51,248 are owned, 38,115 being free from incumbrance; 12,123 being incumbered. Families who hire their homes number 109,559.

Three-quarters of all the farms in the United States are owned free of incumbrance. Only one-fourth of the total number of farms in the United States are mortgaged. The average mortgage represents only one-third the value of the farm upon which it is secured. The total amount of farm mortgages in the whole country is hardly one-tenth the total of all our farms.

The above figures are surprising, showing the landed debt not near so great as alarmists would make it appear.

The Courts.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met on Tuesday with a full board, Clarence S. Hurlock, treasurer, presented his official report for January, which was filed by order of the board. An order passed directing annual notice to be published in the KENT NEWS and *Transcript*. Petitions from citizens of Worton Station, was presented and referred to Mr. Rodenhiser. Written opinion of H. W. Vickers, attorney, relating to payment of watchman by the county, for watching dredge vessels while in the custody of the law. Receipt of Maryland Hospital in full for Kent county's indebtedness filed. Josias Price, supervisor, presented his bond for section 12 of roads in fifth district, which was filed. C. F. Stam obtained an order for amount of pension to Rachel J. Cooper, in part payment of his account for medicine. J. Lloyd McFeely & Co., bill of $19.29 for materials for Chester bridge draw, paid by order on funds provided in hands of treasurer. Same, account for jail and pipe for roads, $142 89, approved for levy in 1894. E. W. Emory, for shells, $134 60, ordered provided for by levy. W. S. Scoone for hauling shells, $20, ordered provided for by levy.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, February 13. Present Judges Harris, Moffett and Burgess. John D. Urie was appointed guardian to Ella and William Dillhofer. John P. Nicholson, executor of Isaac Parsons, filed second administration account. Letters of administration on the estate of Benjamin C. Harris were granted to John B. Harris and R. D. Hynson. The last will and testament of Adelia M. Justis was admitted to probate.

SNAP SHOTS IN MILLINGTON.

Rebuilding the Burned District—Growing Tomatoes—Personal Items, etc.

The sporting fraternity were very much excited Saturday over the report that Sudlersville had offered a purse of $40,000 for Corbett and Jackson to fight near that place. It was the talk of the day and quite a number sent letters to President John E. George filing applications for a reserved seat. This was a bona fide offer backed by a good guarantee and many of our people anticipate seeing the fight take place near Millington.

Delegate E. G. Clark came home from Annapolis Saturday and returned Monday. He states that he is very much pleased with his work but does not relish the late hours he is compelled to keep. He could give no definite idea as to when the assessment bill would get through or whether there would be one or not.

Miss Della Massey is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wm. West and sister, Miss Pullen of Price's, have returned home from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Many of our people are opposed to a new assessment at present on the ground that we have now about as equitable an assessment as we will ever get. A new one would decrease the basis, certain, and therefore our tax rate would be higher. The cost of a new assessment would also be very heavy and result in no good whatever. We want an assessment that will assess the tax-dodgers and property now untaxed, but if these tax-dodgers are to frame the bill we do not want a new assessment. Quite a number of names are mentioned for assessors, etc., among whom are Messrs. Samuel Todd, Wm. H. Ford, J. L. Meredith, G. W. Jacoby, Jeremiah Moffett, Chas. O. Cacy, and others.

We are all anxious for the new railroad to come through via Masseys, but are more concerned for better navigation.

Mr. Wm. H. Price has accepted a position with J. H. Coulbourn, the Philadelphia commission man.

Mr. McWhorter is our restauranteur and is serving some of the finest oysters we have ever seen. He states that he is compelled to pay eighty cents per bushel for them! We think it would pay some of our Rock Hall oystermen to take a trip up the county with their oysters instead of selling on the bars at twenty-five cents, even if you lose a day or two.

Mr. J. E. Hendrickson, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his brother in town. He states that the outlook for stock sales is very good. He has received a large quantity of calves and sheep from Kent county and his prices have been equal to the best.

The burned district in Millington is being rebuilt by more substantial buildings. Mr. Alexander Maxwell, of Middletown, is finishing an elegant stable and carriage house for Mr. Sam'l Mallalieu. It will accommodate twenty horses, has a large loft covered with a steel roof. Mr. Benj. M. Hazel is also erecting a new stable to replace one destroyed by fire. Other stables will be erected later in the Spring.

Our tonsorial artist, Mr. John E. Woodall, was compelled to go to bed Saturday with the grip and of course his patrons were very much inconvenienced, although his assistant, Mr. Mannering, did his utmost to please the people. Several did not appear at church the following day because of John's sickness and one merchant says it took him several hours to shave himself and then cut himself in several places.

Rev. G. W. Burke, of the M. E. Church, gave a short but interesting talk to the children Sunday morning on Lent, after which he discoursed in his forcibly characteristic style on the baptismal ceremony and the reception of members into the church. The latter was delivered in view of the reception of quite a number of new members into the church in a few weeks. A beautiful duet was rendered at the morning service by Miss Lou Moffett and Mr. George W. Burke, Jr.

Justice Johnson is expected to be re-appointed magistrate in this town. The colonel desires however, a position in Baltimore, where he could be with his sister. He has become one of the fixtures of Millington and would be very much missed should he decide to leave us.

Mr. Jonn C. Turner retired from the postoffice last week and took up his saw and hatchet again, feeling as though a great burden had been lifted off of his shoulders.

Col. Johnson loaded several cars with corn this week for Hill & Co., at 38 cents per bushel.

"Uncle" Billy Merritt is very ill at the residence of Mrs. Hurtt's in this town. He received a slight stroke of paralysis a few weeks ago and has been unable to help himself since.

Notwithstanding the depression in business complained of everywhere our merchants continue to add fresh goods to their stock, new lines, and make some improvements, etc. Mr. J. B. Messick's cash store is always alive with customers. It is under the management of Mr. W. H. Donovan, a live, energetic business gentleman. They employ two or three clerks. Mr. Henry S. Cook has added a very large and beautiful line of furniture, carpets, rugs, etc., to his heretofore full stocked store, and has rented a room nearly opposite his store where he has his furniture displayed. Young Mr. Vansant, his new clerk, gets up with the birds and keeps his light shining. Mr. C. M. Hurtt has put up a lot of new shelving and is now repainting the whole interior and exterior of his place of business. Charley is a live fellow and will succeed. Mr. Frank Bottomley also makes a good showing in his new store as does Messrs. Fedderman & Colins. Mr. Hall keeps up his well established trade, but the *three* drug stores report business dull. This speaks well for the health of the community.

The cannery here will be enlarged to double its capacity. The farmers are agreed that the tenant should receive two-thirds of the gross receipts, the landlord to pay one half of the fertilizer bill. "There is more money in tomatoes at $5.50 per ton than in either wheat at 70 cents or corn at 40," said a prominent farmer to your reporter Monday.

Mr. J. G. Moore, of this town, has one of the finest pair of horses in the county. He refused $600 cash for them a short time ago.

The Building Loan Association issued fifty shares of new stock at its last meeting. It is a thriving institution of the town and is helping very materially to build up the place.

The hotel here has changed hands Mr. Pratt, of Delaware, takes the Scotten hotel, Mr. Scotten renting the Mallalieu hotel, Mr. M. giving his exclusive attention to the livery business, assisted by his son, Wood. Mr. Scotten is keeping up the high reputation established by his predecessor and in his son, Gove, has a strong right bower. It is difficult to find a better menu than that prepared by Mrs. Scotten and her daughters.

Messrs. W. E. Thomas and Harry Hendrickson, of Washington College, spent several days this week. The boys are doing good work at the college and reflecting credit upon their native town. JUNIOR.

GALENA ITEMS.

Action on the New Railroad—A Big Delegation Go to Annapolis.

Railroad matters have been uppermost in the conversations of the people in this neighborhood for several weeks past and culminated in a call for a meeting in the Town Hall on the 12th inst. A number of the citizens of Galena and vicinity assembled in the hall to discuss matters in relation to the proposed Elkton and Southern R. R. The meeting was organized calling Mr. W. R. Miller to the chair and Mr. Henry Parr was on motion requested to act as secretary. The chairman stated the object of the meeting to be to appoint a delegation to proceed to Annapolis and use their best efforts before the committee of the Legislature who has the matter in charge to advance its interest and the following committee was appointed viz: W. A. Whitaker, Thos. H. Horsey, R. C. Morgan, J. Thos. Pennington, W. T. Hicks, J. Robt. Wilson, Henry Parr, O. B. Crisfield, G. W. Jacoby, Dr. J. W. Latimer, Dr. E. A. Scott, Jeremiah Peacock, Father Connolly and W. R. Miller. Father Connolly asked to be excused as his church duties was such that he could not well leave home for any extended time though he was in full sympathy with the movement. Dr. Latimer was also excused from going to Annapolis on account of some of his patients being quite sick but the doctor said he would pay anyone's traveling expenses that might go in his place it was then moved and seconded that the committee just named meet in the hall in the evening which was carried and the meeting adjourned. At 7 o'clock the committee and others met and called Dr. E. A. Scott to the chair and Henry Parr was continued as secretary, the object of this meeting being to ascertain positively how many of the committee appointed at the afternoon meeting would signify their willingness to go to Annnapolis, when eight of the committee agreed to go and carry out to the best of their ability the instructions of the afternoon meeting. On motion the following gentlemen were added to the committee viz: H. J. Gray, Sam'l Todd and W. L. Meredith. Messrs. Todd and Gray were not present and it was not known whether they would go or not. On motion the meeting adjourned to meet again in the hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th, 1894 at 7 o'clock, p. M. for further consultation about going to Annapolis and the committee empowered to fill vacancies and add to the committee as many as they think best.

Our ex-Postmaster Wm. Rodges is preparing to remove to Washington, D. C.

The vestry of Shrewsbery Church has extended a call to the Rev. Mr. Batte, of Church Hill.

Mrs. Powell, wife of Joseph Powell, of Cecil Co., was buried in the Galena Cemetery on the 12th inst. It was a large funeral there being 40 carriages in the procession. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Mr. Corcoran, of Cecilton, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Nelson, of Galena.

The members of the M. E. Church are making elaborate preparations for the Martha Washington Tea party to come off on the 22nd inst.

Chesterville Notes.

Mr. Chas. Conner, Jr., lost a child on Saturday night with the cerebro spinal meningitis.

Our old friend Wm. T. Lusby, we are pleased to state is very much better.

Clifton Spry, youngest son of James A. and Sallie Spry has been seriously ill, but the little fellow is rallying.

Stealing is not the "order of the day" but the night. Mr. Conner had twenty chickens roosting under a wagon shed, and eighteen were carried off.

Mr. Bobbie Lusby has a very fine display of Plymouth Rocks and Leghorns. He takes great interest in the boultry business and we hope he meets with corresponding success.

Mr. Sam Cole has moved on a Mr. Mowbray's farm near Smyrna, Del.

Mr. T. J. Burris has been on a visit to one of Delaware *faire*, not a State fair however, for this is not the proper season.

FAIRLEE NOTES.

Last Monday morning while such a furious storm was raging, there came rolling down the hill by the school house a two wheeled something. Several persons were in the creamery, which fronts the hill, at the time. They all made an effort to answer the question—*What in the World is it?* One would look through the window and fall back only the more bewildered, then another and immediately *he* would cease to face the wonder. Then came the one who was ready to answer the propounded interrogative. Out the door he ran, and with the salutation "Hello Sam" the motive power of the rolling aparatus was greeted "M-y n-a-m-e i-s n-o-t S-a-m," "Oh do please excuse me I thought it was a fellow I knew." "W-e-l-l I n-a-r-d-l-y think you do; but so long as you thought it was Sam and I thought you were Bert, and it was *nary* one of us it is alright." The return of the one who ran out so hurriedly, disclosed the fact that the propelling power of the wonder, *was only a man* with a seersucker coat on, as a storm protector, and two wheels carrying two washing machines.

At the ending of the play, 'The Interstate Milk-maid's Convention,' *by request*, Mr. Morris Bramble of Gresham Hall sang a solo. The encore, he received, showed how it was appreciated. He is very unassuming and is just making his debut in the musical arena. We predict a bright future, if he will grasp it.

The creamery here will begin the manufacturing or churning of cream into butter, on the first day of March, if possible. So farmers lookout and gather in the coins.

A card just received announces the variety wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Kendall, at their residence on the Ringgold farm, near Chestertown Friday evening, Feb. 16th, 1894.

Tomato growing and dairy cattle is the topic among the farmers now.

Peach trees are being dug up all around us. It seems as if soon the Persian fruit, with us will be no more.

Rev. Mr. Denroche is holding weekly services at the home of his parishioners during the Lenten season. WEST END.

[COMMUNICATED.]

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS.

MESSRS EDITORS:—It is Democratic in principle and practice for the masses to clothe their representatives with authority to do or undo as the necessity may require. The burden or responsibility to repeal and reenact, or to originate an act of legislation is not usually assumed by those in position until they first ascertain the wishes in some manner of their constituents. To our astonishment and surprise, the Baltimore *Sun* in last Saturday's issue, headed an article "Kent opposes Free Books," and said article continuing, gave the names of our school board as the opponents. Now if those gentlemen, with all due respect to them, had been requested by the *people* in convention assembled, or its equivolent, a numerously signed petition, to thus represent them there they had not exceeded their jurisdiction. The people *see* behind this undemocratic or one man assumption, and submission is therefore in a Democratic county unendurable. We assume the position, that if the school examiner had decided views on the questions of "free school books," he should have expressed such views by the single rule, and not for Kent county's citizens. No such authority is any where apparent. Again, these same gentlemen, volunteered to go before the Chesapeake bay committee to urge still greater hardships on the oystermen by advocating a higher license coupled with the statement, that they pay now only $1,500 for school purposes, and the burden falls on farmers and others. The fact is, the oystermen pay in addition to the above sum State and county taxes on thousands of dollars worth of property. There is no class of persons in the county who pay out for privileges enjoyed, more money than the assessed oysterman. But the question who authorized this mission of the school board, is prominent in the minds of nine-tenths of Kent's citizens. Let justice be done whatever may oppose. *Edesville*, Feb. 14th. T. H. S.

TWO of Mr. Biddle Hossinger's fox hounds were killed by Mr. Wm. D. Shinn this week, they having been caught in his sheep.

Still Pond and Betterton Notes.

Mr. Howard Turner, spent a part of this week in Philadelphia.

Miss Katherine Howard, is on the sick list.

Dr. James W. Urie, is expected home to-day, Saturday, from Florida.

Mr. R. T. Turner, is in Virginia, and will be absent about two weeks.

The extra meetings have closed. Quite an interest was shown, and which resulted in a number of conversions.

The Christian Endeavor Society of this place held its monthly social at Hotel Wilmer's, Wednesday evening of last week. All the young people attended. Refreshments were served about 11.30 o'clock and quite an enjoyable time was spent. The services of the Society held last Sunday night were conducted by Mr. McKnett and Mr. Davies, of Kennedyville.

Quite a pleasant evening was spent at Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Lockard's home, Hawthorne Cottage, Wednesday evening, who gave a progressive euclre party. Claret and other wine, fruits and cakes were served in abundance. Mr. Lockard has just returned from a trip down South, where he has been gunning. He was joined by some friends from Augle Sea and great sport was enjoyed.

The young ladies of Betterton have for some time been making preparations for an entertainment that will take place Thursday even. Feb. 22nd at 7.30 o'clock. The pro ame is very interesting and will be i to please everyone. The purpose of th entertainment is for breaking the egg th ave been circulating around our section for some time past. Proceeds are for a new library for the church.

Mr. J. S. Owens, on the Steamer Groves is having a very handsome residence erected by the skillful mechanic, G. W. Owens.

The new firm of Crew and Owens is doing a brisk business. OLD SALT.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

One of the most pleasant events of the winter, was the trip of the oyster delegation to Annapolis, to say it was grand, is putting it very mild indeed. The trip begun, continued and ended with the greatest amount of fun, in the midst of which the matter placed in the hands of the delegation by the oystermen, was strictly attended to as becometh the import of the interest concerned, a full report of which was published in the NEWS last week. The delegation arrived on the return trip, at about 5 P. M., much pleased with the events of the day, notwithstanding the fact that "Lee's" shoes, which he purchased before leaving Annapolis, begun to fit rather tight before entering confines of our grand old county.

The grim reaper, seems unusually anxious to add laurels to his already famous record by removing from our midst some of our oldest residents Mrs. Susan Urie, Thomas Coleman and Principle J. V. Crosby being among the latest sad departures; others are patiently awaiting the summons.

The oyster industry has become so exceedingly unprofitable that some of the buyers have determined to quit the business, and seek other employment.

Some of our fellow residents seem to have been brought into unusual prominence. "J" was seen some days ago early in the day too, coming in from neighboring places with a good supply of chickens, while "K" it is reported, took a trip to the Monumental City recently, and in endeavoring to return home, strolled aboard the Patuxent river steamer and before noticing his mistake found himself at Solomon's Island. Explanations have been expected, but they are slow materializing.

No effort seems to have been made to have our village incorporated, as yet; some residents have been troubled by drunken colored persons at night of late. The place should have an officer by all means.

The prospect of a new assessment law being enacted by the Legislature, has produced several applicants for positions in board of review. It is hard for the masses to see the good of such a law at this time, it seems that our present facilities are ample enough for a proper taxation.

Many of our oystermen are about entering the fishing business owing to the scarcity and low prices for oysters.

Why shouldn't fishermen pay a license as well as oystermen? They receive as much protection as the oystermen. R.

MR. CROSBY'S FUNERAL.

Something of His Life—How the Affair Occurred.

The death of Mr. John V. Crosby, the veteran school teacher of Kent county and probably the oldest teacher on the Eastern Shore, has cast a profound shadow over this entire community. Mr. Crosby will be remembered for his many kind acts: there are many young men in this neighborhood to day who praise his name in memory of their school days. Mr. Crosby was born near Oxford, Pa., in May, 1823, and would have been 71 years old this year; a widow and two children survive him, Mrs. Samuel J. Wickes and Wm. D. Crosby. Mr. Crosby began to teach when quite a young man in Pa., and after teaching for awhile there he moved to Kent county, Md., then to Denton, Caroline Co., and taught school there for awhile and from Denton he moved back to Kent Co. and taught school at Millington. In 1858 he moved to Rock Hall and took charge of the public school there. In 1847 he married Miss Burgess half sister of Judge Samuel Burgess, of Edesville. He was buried at Wesley Chapel cemetery Monday afternoon, Rev. Jesse Shreeve officiating. His bearers were Benj. R. Durding, R. W. Jones, John Dickinson, Wm. Stevens, Thos, C. Maslin, Lee. M. Durding, J. E. Hadaway, J. M. Wood, J. E. Blackiston funeral director.

Mr. Crosby, as was stated in the NEWS last week, had been in attendance at the Teacher's Association, and died on his way home. When near Mr. Tylden Brice's gate his horse stumbled and fell breaking both of the carriage shafts. While Mr. Crosby was repairing the damage Mr. Mannie Miller drove up and offered to help Mr. C., at the same time assisting him to a seat by the road side. But before he reached the road side Mr. Crosby fell and expired. Mr. John C. Wood arrived in a dayton soon after his death and the body was taken home.

Knights of Pythias.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland of the Knights of Pythias held its twenty-sixth annual session in Baltimore this week. Kent lodges were represented. Grand Chancellor Adam Peeples presided.

The grand chancellor recommended that arrangements be made to entertain visitors to the session of the Supreme Lodge, which will be held in Washington, August 28, 1894, as he believes many persons who attend the session will visit Baltimore. The granting of charters to lodges at Lakeland Prince George's county, Dickerson's Montgomery county, and Kennedyville, Kent county, was recommended.

The order has grown from five members thirty years ago to nearly six thousand subordinate lodges, with more than 450,000 members, over 1,200 divisions of the Uniformed Rank with 50,000 uniformed followers, and 1,800 sections of the Endowment Rank.

Mr. James Whithouse, grand keeper of records and seals, reported a membership in the order in Maryland of 7,621 organized into 102 lodges with $200,027.85 in the funds of the lodges. The orders in Maryland rank ninth among the fifty-four grand jurisdictions of the order. The library contains 6,650 books. The following officers were elected:

Past chancellor, Adam Peeples, of Port Deposit.

Chancellor, George Rauh, Baltimore.

Vice-chancellor, Dr. S. S. Quinn, Pocomoke City.

Prelate, John A. Schwarz, Baltimore.

Keeper of records and seals, James Whitehouse, Baltimore.

Master of exchequer, W. S. Quigley, Baltimore.

LOST HIS CLOTHES.—A wager was made in Chestertown a few days ago between a gentleman of the town and a friend of Baltimore, the stakes being the suit of clothes being worn by the native against $20 put up by the Baltimorean. The countryman lost and the following morning the city gentleman left town donned in the native's clothes.

In the Social World.

The ladies of the Union M. E. Church have devised a new plan of raising money to aid the devotional cause. They have decided to hold weekly sociables at the homes of the different members. The first of these gatherings was held on Wednesday last at the home of W. W. Parks, the occasion being one of unrestrained enjoyment. The room of this lovely and picturesque home in which the guests assembled were artistically decorated with holly. The first hour of the evening was spent in a mum sociable during which time, all who became oblivious of the fact, that they must remain silent were fined five cents every time they spoke. Any who wished the privilege of talking during the hour, paid twenty cents on entering. After this trying hour (particularly to the female members who so appreciate that wonderful gift of nature) elapsed, the guests were invited to an adjoining room, where they were entertained with a most ludicrous dialogue, rendered by Miss Helena Link, Mr. Tilden Cooper and Master Franky Bacon. Another entertaining feature was the sweet recitation by little Addie Cooper. But by far the most pleasant feature participated in was when the hostess Mrs. Z. P. Hubbard, assisted by her sister Mrs. Richard Moffett, and Miss Mary Russell, invited the assemblage to repair to the dining room where were abundantly served the most delightful refreshments. The cakes were artistically ornamented by Mr. Hubbard, with the words Union and Welcome. All together the evening was a most enjoyable one and we feel safe to say, all returned to their homes, much pleased with their kind reception and entertainment. We hope that great interest may be manifested in their innocent way of furthering God's beautiful cause and that the labors of each family will be crowned with success.

On Tuesday evening the sociable was held at the residence of Mr. Daniel E. Jewell and a grand time enjoyed. VISITOR.

Our usually quiet little town was all aglow last Friday evening Feb. 2nd, it being 15th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Comegys' wedding. Having sent out inoitations, about one hundred and twenty-five of their friends responded. The home was beautifully decorated with evergreens. The mantles being banked and lighted with candles. The yard was also decorated with Chinese lanterns making a beautiful scene as one drove in from the street. Once in the house we were met by the reception party composed of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Comegys, Mr. and Mrs Wilkin Massey, Miss Rose Comegys and Mr. S. C. Emory, of Centreville. The bride of 15 years was gowned in black and orange silk, Mrs. Massey wore white cloth and garnet velvet, Miss Comegys pink silk and black velvet. After a cordial hand-shake with our genial host and hostess, we took a peep at the decorations of the house and the presents of which there were many. They consisted of a tea set, a rocking chair, a centre table, a silver soup ladle, a silver butter knife a beautiful table cloth and napkins, 1 dozen silver knives and number of beautiful and elegant things too numerous to mention. The bright faces and lovely dresses of the ladies added greatly to the scene. We noticed Mrs. Mollie Ireland, black cloth; Miss Millie Comegys, black silk and cloth; Miss Minnie Massey, black tulle and white lace; Miss May Ireland, white silk and lace; Miss Hallie Ireland, blue cashmere and white lace; Miss Bessie Boyer, heliotrope silk and velvet; Mrs. Herman Massey, pink silk; Miss Lanette Foard, white tulle and satin ribbon; Miss Addie Woodal, figured silk and lace; Miss Anna Cacy, lemon silk and white lace; Miss Susie Massey, blue crepe and white lace; Miss Della Massey, black net and yellow ribbon; Miss Lillie Cacy, blue silk; Miss Marie Cacy, heliotrope organdie and satin sleeves; Miss Emily Massey, old gold brocade and garnet velvet; Mr. E. T. Comegys and wife, Mr. Spencer Comegys and wife, Mr. Tom Emory, Mr. Edw. Valient, Miss Nannie Emory, Mr. W. A. Comegys and many others. We must not forget the music which of itsself was a treat as it was two pieces of Oglesly's orchestra from Chester, Pa. After spending a most delightful evening we bade our host and hostess adieu wishing them to live to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary as well as their fifteenth. A GUEST.

Quite a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by the little folks of Lynch's, on Saturday, Feb. 10th, at the home of Miss Bertha Biddle; each little girl carrying a cake and the boys lemons and sugar. Among those present were Missess Jessie and Estelle Roseberry, Mary and Jennie Kennard, Caddie and Daisy Jones, Maggie Clark, Mirtle Crowding, Bessie Pote, Elsie Meeks; Clifton and Carl Perkins, Tommie and Georgie Pote, Marion Rash, Elmer Jones, Wilbur Meeks, Therman Carter, Therbert, Willie and David Biddle. They enjoyed themselves in plays and games until half-past three, when cake and lemonade were served. A FRIEND.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ashley, of Rock Hall, gave their eldest son, Irvin, a birthday party Wednesday evening. About thirty of Irvin's friends called and enjoyed games, etc. Master Charlie Coleman amused the company with his dancing. After refreshments were served the little ones departed wishing Irvin many more happy years.

A pleasant surprise was given Miss May Hill last Friday evening by a number of friends. Dancing and games were indulged in until a late hour. Refreshments were served at mid-night. About twenty persons were present and a delightful time was spent by all present.

County Commissioners as Assessors.

Mr. David S. Briscoe, of the Baltimore bar, writes the *Sun* as follows:

It is believed that the general public in the State of Maryland is wholly uninformed of the present State assessment law. Apparently the opinion of a large number is that there is no such law.

For the information of all such people and for the consideration of all persons who should be interested in the subject, I ask a careful reading of section 137, article 31, of volumn 2, Code of Public General Laws regulating the correction of assessments, as follows:

"The county commissioners and Appeal Tax Court are directed annually to correct the assessment of the property in their respective counties and the city of Baltimore, and to alter and correct the valuation of any property which may have been improperly valued and to assess the same at its true value, and to alter and correct the account of any person whose property or any part thereof may have been omitted in the former assessment or may have been since acquired; and if real estate or other property shall from any cause have increased or diminished largely and materially in value since the last levy, they shall correct, alter and amend the assessment of the same, as aforesaid, so as to conform to its present value; they shall also, at any time, when so directed by the State tax commissioner, with the occurence of the attorney-general, (signified by his opinion in writing,) correct the assessment of the property in the respective counties and in the city of Baltimore by striking therefrom any property which they shall be instructed by the said tax commissioner and attorney-general is not subject to taxation under laws this State or of the United States."

By this statue plenary power is given to the State and municipal authority throughout the State, without limitation in time for the assessment and correction of assessments of all property subject to taxation in the State, and for the proper execution of this official function and the thorough accomplishment of the authorized delegated work the necessary machinery is abundantly supplied.

To any ordinary intelligence it seems impossible for legislation to form a law, either of amendment to or substitution for the present law, that would in any respect either subserve the obvious intention and purpose of its enactment than the present law, unchanged and faithfully executed.

The above law is well-known in Kent and its provisions complied with. At least $10,000 has been added to the tax basis since the inauguration of the treasury system abatement of taxes have been granted yearly.

THE Mount Vernon Literary Society will celebrate Washington's birthday on Thursday next in College Chapel at 10.30. A special program has been arranged consisting of singing and speeches by James A. Pearce, Prof. Humphrey and others. Public cordially invited.

THE resolution to stop gunning until 1895 is pleasing to the farmer especially. One of them remarked Tuesday that they would have all the game to themselves without the interference of the town sportsmen. The law may be a good one *if enforced*. Even under our present law gunners are daily killing rabbits without any hinderance whatever. Our gunners will find a strong argument against a closed season on the first page of the NEWS. But there is no doubt that Kent must have such a law if our neighbors pass one and it was this fact that influenced the sportsmen at the meeting Tuesday.

Baltimore City Market.

The following quotations are from the Baltimore papers of yesterday:

Wheat, Longberry	62c.@63c
" Fultz	61c.@62c
Corn, White	42c.@43c
" Yellow	43c.@44c
Oats	35c.@36c
Butter	16c.@17c
Eggs	19c.@17c

MARRIED.

On the evening of February 15th, 1894, at the M. P. Parsonage, Kennedyville, Md., by Rev. R. L. Lewis, PETER H. TAYLOR and Miss EMMA J. CREW, both of Kent county, Md.

Feb. 13th, 1894, at the parsonage, Pomona, Md. by Rev. J. F. Anderson, THOMAS W. TOULSON and Mrs. SARAH VIRGINIA MURRIN, both of Kent county, Md.

DIED.

Jesus took to himself on Jan. 8, 1894, CLARENCE, infant son of Joseph B. and Mary B. Reed, of Wilmington Del., aged 4 days.

In loving remembrance of EUGENE A. CREW, aged 20 months, who fell asleep three months ago, son of Samuel F. and Clara N. Crew.

The little crib is empty now,
The little clothes laid by,
A mother's hope, a father's joy
In death's cold arms doth lie.
Go little pilgrim to thy home
To meet grandpa on that bright shore;
We miss thee here, but soon shall come
Where thou hast gone before.—PARENTS.

THE Executive Committee of the W. C. T. U. is requested to meet at the class-room of the M. E. church, Chestertown, on TUESDAY NEXT, Feb. 20th, at 2 o'clock P. M. A full attendance is desired.
By call of the PRESIDENT.

CHRIST M. P. CHURCH.
REV. THOMAS E. COULBOURN, of Lynchburg, Va., will preach at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M.
Sunday-school at 2½ P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E. at 6½ P.M.
REV. J. W. KIRK, of Lafayette Avenue M. P. Church, Balto., every evening next week.

LENT—SACRED HEART CHURCH—Every Wednesday evening, 7.30, sermon on the "Passion," followed by Benediction. Every Friday evening at 7.30, Stations of the Cross, followed by Benediction. On the 1st and 3d Sundays, Mass at 10.30 A. M. Evening services at 7.30, with sermon on "Mass," followed by Benediction.

ST. JOHN'S, ROCK HALL.—Services on the 2d and 4th Sundays at 10.30 A. M., consisting of Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass. Evening services, 7.30, with sermon on "Lent," followed by Benediction. On the Monday following, Mass at 8 A. M.

NOTICE FOR DEDICATION WEEK at TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Church Hill. Sunday, Feb. 18th, 10.30 A. M., Presentation of Memorials and Gifts, after Which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered by Rev. A. N. Keigwin, D. D., of Wilmington, Del.; 7.30 P. M., Dedication service, sermon by Rev. A. N. Keigwin, D. D. Tuesday, 7.30 P. M., Preaching by Rev. W. H. Moore, of Middletown, Del. Wednesday, 7.30 P. M., sermon by Rev. H. G. G. Vincent, of Delaware. Thursday, 7.30 P. M., Sabbath-school Rallcy, addresses will be made by Mr. Charles Baird, supt. of West Presbyterian Sunday-school, Wilmington, the largest Sunday-school in the State, and Mr. W. K. Crosby, supt. of the Central Presbyterian Sunday-school, Wilmington, Del., the second Sunday-school in size in the State. Sunday, Feb., 25, 10.30 A. M., preaching by the pastor, Rev. A. Edwin Keigwin. There will be no service in the Worton Church to-morrow, the 18th. On Sunday, the 28th, preaching as usual by the pastor, at 7.30 P. M. The music on Dedication Day will be furnished by a choir from Centreville under the leadership of Prof. Woodford.

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