The Kent News

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The Kent News Calendar.

With this issue of our paper we send out a fine Calendar for 1895. It is just the size for business houses and stores, while farmers and others will also find it a very valuable card to have hanging in a handy place. In addition to the plain month date figures also tells you at any time during the year the number of days that have elapsed. EVERY SUBSCRIBER TO THE "KENT NEWS" is entitled to one of these cards. *Ask your postmaster for it.*

DUCKS PLENTIFUL. — Messrs. Wm. E. Moody and Frank Duyer have killed about sixty ducks recently above Chester bridge. Mr. Duyer says that game is more plentiful now than it has been for twenty years. The ducks they bagged were mostly black heads. The Queen Anne's shore owners have prohibited gunners from using their shores and this order has caused quite a stir among gunners.

THE BOY DOING WELL. — Leonard Needles, who is at the the Pasteur Institute, New York, wrote the following letter to his mother Sunday:

NEW YORK, Dec. 16, '94.

DEAR MOTHER: I arrived in New York safe and I am enjoying myself. I like the nurses, you know who I mean, the ladies who come in my room and make up my bed for me. They are very kind to me. This all I can think of now. Don't worry about me, I will be well and home. Write soon to your little son, LEONARD.

Dr. Carlin received a letter from the resident physician informing him that the boy was doing well and would be ready to return home next Thursday, 27th.

OYSTER FUND LOW.—The oyster fund is nearly depleted and in order to reduce expenses the following boats will be withdrawn after Dec. 31st; Vessel in St. Mary's river, Pocomoke Sound, Mankin river, Big Choptank, Herring Bay and Honga river. The steamer Thomas was ordered to be laid up and used only in case of extreme need. Chester river and Tred Avon river are the only two that have local boats, the expenses being paid by the adjoining counties.

HORSE NOTES.—Dr. Jarman cured a horse belonging to Mr. A. L. Corey of lock jaw the past month. It had a bad case of "Tetanus." One of the most peculiar cases the doctor has ever experienced was that of a horse belonging to Mr. Duberry, of Queen Anne's. The animal had an epileptic fit.

John, the faithful animal belonging to Mr. Wm. Gleaves, near Church Hill, died this week of old age. He was thirty-four years old and worked up to within a few weeks of his death.

THE festival held by the good ladies of Zion M. E. Church last Saturday evening was supplied with more poultry and pig than any festival ever held by this people. After all had eaten it was necessary to auctioneer what was left. As an evidence that the crowd was well fed, chickens only sold for *ten* cents per pair and nearly a whole roast pig brought only twenty cents. Come to town, ladies, and we venture to say that the people here will not be so easily satisfied.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST AND BEST LUMBER YARDS to be found anywhere, in city or country, is that of Messrs. Geo. F. Sloan & Bro., 414 Light street, Baltimore.—The firm is one of the most reliable of all the reliable firms in Baltimore. You can depend upon what they say in every particular and this in a measure accounts for their constantly increasing business. They aim to keep all classes of lumber, sash, doors, blinds and shingles, and their prices are always low as the lowest. They keep posted in prices and allow no other yard to undersell them. Their accommodation disposition, promptness, prices, and general fair dealing make it a real pleasure to do business with him.

What of the Telephone?

The Kent County Telephone Company offered their lines in the county at public sale on Tuesday. They were first put up in sections, but the line to Kennedyville was the only one on which there was a bid, and the whole was bought by C T. Westcott, Esq. for $500. It is hoped that a company may be formed for the management of these lines. The Tolchester Steamboat Company have expressed their willingness to enter into a company, as has also Andrew Woodall Esq., at Georgetown, R. T. Turner & Son, at Betterton, Geo. M. Sharp, Esq; at Rock Hall, and others.

Law and Order League.

A largely attended meeting of the Law and Order League was held in Stam's Hall Friday night, J. K. Aldridge, in the chair. James A. Pearce, Esq., and Rev. G. L. Ott made addresses encouraging the workers in preserving law and suggesting practical modes for future work. Letters were received from Dr. S. R. Murray and Charles T. Westcott, Esq., giving valid excuses for their absence. The doctor was sick and Mr. Westcott was called away by telegram. The present officers were unanimously renominated. A large sum of money was raised for the promotion of the League's business.

A DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT. — At Crosby, Friday evening, Dec. 14th, an entertainment was given by the public school led by the efficient teachers, Misses Lillie Shaw and Clara Vandyke. The program was well prepared, and consisted of recitations, plays and tableaux which were interspersed with both vocal and instrumental music. The recitations were fine, and Mr. Howard Covey, of Washington College, being on hand acquitted himself as usual with much honor. The plays were good and very much enjoyed by the audience, the tableaux numbering five, three of which were scenes of the ten Virgins "and are likely to make serious impressions on any audience," was well given. The program throughout was one which to prepare needs much care, and in order that it may be well rendered needs great preparation, and indeed it reflected much credit on both teacher and pupils. The audience was large, and the school marms saw the fruits of their labors when at its close there was counted out $30.00 for the church.

LARGE CASH SALE.—Perhaps the largest *cash* sale of real estate which has ever been effected in Queen Anne's county, was the purchase made on Tuesday last by the Ruthville National Bank. It was the farm of the Henry A. Palmer estate under mortgage executed to Capt. W. H. Bians, of Baltimore. The estate consisted of three farms containing a little more than seven hundred and fifty four acres of land, and was bought at the rate of $24.75 per acre. This aggregated $18,676.50.—*Observer.*

THE steamer Emma A. Ford carried over 75 coops of geese and ducks to Baltimore Tuesday. Capt. Taylor says this was a small shipment for this time of the year. He remembers when they carried over a thousand turkeys a few days before Xmas.

THE PIGEON MATCH.—Quite a crowd of sportsmen and others attended the big $100 pigeon shooting contest in Millington Tuesday. Mr. Jerry Godwin, of Queen Anne's, disappointed his friends in killing only 4 out of 13, while Mr. McCrone killed 9 out of 13, winning the purse.

THE Chestertown Strawboard Mill closed last week for about ten days, on account of an accident. A part of the engine was broken and required several days to repair it. The mill is turning out an excellent quality of board and is giving satisfaction to the company.

THIEVING.—Some one visited Mr. James M. J. Byron's meat house Monday night and robbed it of fifteen hams and a lot of sausage, the whole belonging to Mr. Will Morris who is to tenant the farm next year. Entrance was effected by prying the door open with an axe and a spade. The thieves evidently came up the creek in a boat and carried off their booty.

LOUIS YOUNG BAILED.—Lou. Young, charged with selling liquor near Tolchester, was released from jail on bail Thursday. Mr. James King, of Baltimore, made himself liable for the bail, $2100. A certificate from the clerk of the criminal court, Baltimore, was to the effect that Mr. King would be taken there for $5,000. State's Attorney Slay drew the bail bond; so that there will be no flaw in that instrument.

THE United Y met at Fairlee Hall Monday evening and elected the following officers for 1895: President, Miss Ida C. Crew; vice-president, Miss Clara Keyser; cor. sec., Miss May Hurlock; rec. sec., Miss Minnie Hudson; treasurer, Miss Grace Hatcherson; organist, Miss Lizzie Corey. They will celebrate their fifth anniversary on Jan. 3rd with a souvenir banquet.

CAPT. BENNY ALL RIGHT.—Capt. Benny arrested Charles Crouch last week, took him before Squire Akers and he was fined $10 for having unculled oysters. Capt. Benny is doing his duty, we are glad to report, however much his enemies dislike it. "Justice" in the Centreville *Record* praises Captain Benny for his efficient work and writes a very sensible letter asking for a fair investigation, etc. Captain Benny would be a remarkable man if there was not found some fault with him, and so would Capt. Hyland. Kent should be proud of two such officers and the oystermen should help them to enforce the law in every way possible.

Escaping on a Bicycle.

Officer Kelley arrested Wilbur Stephens, aged 15, on Saturday on a charge of stealing a watch from Mr. Joseph W. Apsley, of Rock Hall. The lad stated that he was from London. About a month ago while Capt. J. E. Apsley's vessel was in Baltimore this boy came aboard and asked for a home, and the captain kindly brought him to Rock Hall. On Saturday Mr. Apsley missed his watch, and the boy could not be found anywhere. It was soon learned that the boy had taken a colored man's bicycle, and had started for Chestertown. Officer Kelly was notified and found the boy at the Corsica's wharf. The watch was found in his pocket. He was given a hearing before Justice C. W. C. Johnson Monday and sentenced to the House of Correction for six months.

College Averages.

The students at Washington College started home for the holidays yesterday. The averages for the past month were given out, and some surprises were noted. Cameron leads the senior class with an average of 95; Easley, the junior, 97.4; Thomas the sophomore, 98; Beck and Pardee the freshman, 92; Miss Longfellow third prep., 98; H. Brown, second prep., 99; Miss Perkins, first prep., 94.7.

The following in the freshman and preparatory classes made over 80: H. Brown, Miss Longfellow, Miss Murray, Coursey, Ward, Miss Rogers, Blackiston, J Eliason, Boston, McFeely, E. Eliason, H. Eliason, Anthony, Smith, C. Vickers, Miss Russell, Sherwood, H Toulson, A. Stam, Miss Whaland, R Stam, Lucas, Watts, Simpers, W. Longfellow, Janvier, Miss Culp, Miss Frazier, L. Stam, Miss Wickes, Anderson, Miss Beck, Barnes, Miss Downey, Davis, Dudley, Jackson, A. McCabe, E. McCabe, Patton, F. Perkins, G. Vickers, H. Vickers.

Crumpton Crumbs.

Mr. L. C. McGinnis, formerly of this town, is back from the South where he is engaged in the commercial business. He reports trade brisk and will return to his post after the holidays.

Several of our sportsmen engaged in an exciting foxhunt on Wednesday morning. Two foxes were unearthed, but after amusing the dogs and their owners awhile again took to mother earth and saved the brushes for future use.

Mr. John Sparks has purchased of Mr. Barnes, of Philadelphia, a tract of land adjoining Mr. W. H. Newman's Double Creek farm.

Messrs. J. C. Bosly, John B. Brown and Wilmer Emory were in town this week in the interest of the proposed railroad. They report the approach to the town the best of any on the route. If the road reaches this point it will open up a section of country especially adapted to the growth of early vegetables and which can easily compete with Anne Arundel and even Norfolk. Our citizens are much elated over the prospect of its early completion.

Wild geese are reported so plentiful as to be quite destructive to wheat fields.

Mr. E. M. Brown, of this place, will give a stereoptican exhibition at Chesterville on Friday night for the benefit of the public school at that place.

Mr. H. D. Orem left Thursday week for Wilmington, Del., where he has obtained a lucrative position.

Mr. Thomas Godwin and Miss Elsie Owens were married Wednesday evening of last week, at the M. P. Parsonage by Rev. G. R. Hodge.

Mr. Enoch Clow has sold his entire fishing outfit to Mr. Frank Lockerman who now has a monopoly of the business, having all the outfits on this end of the river.

Mr. Ernest Sparks is building quite an extensive poultry house and yard. He expects to run an incubator and brooder and raise chicken for the early market.

A fatal disease, resembling blind staggers has made its appearance among the horses in this vicinity, no less than six deaths having occurred within a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter were tendered a reception at the Hotel de Bradley upon their return home from their bridal trip. STRANGER.

HOTEL PURCHASED.—Messrs. James and Joseph Manlove, of Cecil, have bought out the hotel at Middletown from Armstrong and Sparks and will take charge in March. The price paid is said to be $6,000.

CLOTHES FOUND.—Officer Amos Kelly on Sunday, found concealed near the Rising Sun Saloon, on Maple avenue, an old bag containing three outing shirts, a pair of half mittens and other articles, also a new lock and hasp that had evidently been torn from some door. Mr. Kelley thinks the articles were stolen and any one having lost the same, can get them by identifying the property.

NEWS ALONG THE RAILROAD.

A Congressman Wants to Buy the Kent Road—Doing a Big Business.

Some one wants the Kent railroad. Let him have it, Mr. Stacey, and just see what *he* will do with the *elephant*, eh? The gentleman is a Congressman and no doubt is accustomed to handling elephants, therefore he may do well. His name is Haines from New York. He is largely identified with railway interests in New York and was in Wilmington recently trying to negotiate for the purchase of this road. Mr. Haines said he had arranged to buy the charter of a railroad in lower Delaware, but the name of the road he would not divulge. There is only one road in Delaware which has not yet passed under the control of the Pennsylvania system, and it is probable Mr. Haines had reference to this road. This line is the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Road, which is a combination of two roads, one originally running from Chestertown, to Masseys, and the other from Clayton to Bombay Hook. The first was built in 1869, with a wealthy Delawarean at its head. The Bombay Hook Road was constructed soon afterwards. In this deal the Gould interests are claimed to have played an active part. Congressman Haines is an enterprising and aggressive railroad manager, and, should the road fall into his hands, it is probable that a new road may be projected.

This has been a busy week on the railroad. Besides the Christmas freight Messrs. John C. Sutton, Wm. Archibald, and George T. Ireland have shipped considerable corn. On one of the trips from Clayton this week Engineer Reed says they had eighteen cars! Buyers have paid from forty-one to forty-five cents for corn this week.

Conductor Welch, Engineer Reed, Brakemen Blyman and Howard have warm places in their hearts for Mr. Tom Davis, and they have a good reason for it. One day recently the crew were ordered to come to Nicholson's station at once, and as it required but little time to run down there, the "boys" left the buckets with eatables at the Chestertown Station. But, lo, the engine got off the track and the men worked all the afternoon before it was gotten on again. It was about four o'clock when Mr. Tom Davis appeared in their midst with excellent food, and the men enjoyed the fresh spare rib immensely. They had been without food since 6 o'clock that morning.

Postal Agent Edw. Lambert took a short vacation this week, Mr. Dillon, running in his stead. Mr. Lambert is a most efficient officer and has been absent but very little for the past four years.

Mr. Cyrus Howard says they had about a carload of poultry on Thursday.

Manager Stacey accompanied by Mr. Holliday were in town Thursday.

A special freight train was run on the Queen Anne's road this week to accommodate the large shipments of corn.

Little Folks' Service.

The Junior Endeavor Society of Christ Church will hold a special Christmas service Sunday night. Goods for the poor have been collected and will be used in decorating the church, and on Monday the little folks will distribute the gifts. The programme for Sunday evening will be as follows:

Responsive service and prayer.....Glenn Howard.
Scripture reading.....Lizzie Quelette.
Address.....Earle Simpers.
Solo.....Louise Usilton.
"God's Children".....Ollie Hill.
Song—May Cannan, Mary Sampington, Ella Murray, Louise Usilton, Ollie Hill, Benia Dill, Maud Thompson.
"Christmas Greeting".....Gleaves Frazier.
Choir.
"The Secret of Happiness".....Maud Kelley.
Scriptures.....Milton Peregoy.
Recitation.....Ethel Bacchus.
Song, "Be a Christmas Bell,"—Louise Usilton, Ona Murray, Bessie Wheatley, Lizzie Quelette.
"Letter from Santa Claus".....Blanche Elliott.
Song—Bessie Wheatley, Lizzie Quelette, Carl Russell, Milton Peregoy, Glenn Howard.
Reading.....Gusta Bowers.
"Jesus Name".....Benia Dill.
"Merry Xmas,".....Maud Thompson.
Chorus.....Junior Society.
"Herald Angels,".....Stella Lynch and Chorus.
Recitation.....Charlie Dodd.
Solo.....Lizzie Quelette.
Recitation.....Bessie Wheatley, Fannie Smith.
Solo.....Miss M. Julia Thompson.
Parting Address.....Carl Russell.

Another Mad Dog.

The residents of Black's Station had a mad dog scare a few days ago. The animal came up the railroad track frothing at the mouth and snapping at everything in sight. Mr. Charles England was the first to notice him. He jumped upon the fence and called to others to look out for the mad dog. Messrs. John C., Spencer and Wm. Sutton and L. C. Graves procured their guns and following the dog for a short distance, finally shot at him, Mr. Spencer firing the shot which killed him.

Mr. Spencer thought the dog's ghost had come after him Sunday afternoon. For while walking home a dog came dashing after him, and not being armed, he climbed a tree. The dog had a fit under the tree, after which he continued his journey and Mr. Sutton came down from his hiding place.

Mr. Wm Hickey of Quaker Neck, had quite an experience with a dog Thursday night. He had been picking geese and had left them outside the house. During the night he heard a dog outside and going out discovered a mad dog into his geese. He fought the dog away, but had not gotten in the house before the dog was there again and another battle ensued. Mr. Hickey says the dog tried hard to bite him but he finally ran him away with a stick.

Slater's Place Closed.

Slater's celebrated gambling house at No. 10 South Calvert street, Baltimore, was closed Tuesday by "Doc" Robert J. Slater, the proprietor.

He discharged the waiters, dealers and other employes and shut up the famous old place, where for a long period of years faro, roulette, poker and other games of chance and skill have flourished in rich and luxurious surroundings and thousands upon thousands of dollars have changed hands.

"Doc" Slater has a national reputation and his place on Calvert street gained almost as much fame as his gilded palace at Long Branch. His gambling-room has been in full blast for many years, and all efforts to close it have proved futile.

The investigations now being made in Baltimore made it a little too warm for "Doc" and he got out to wait until this "spasm of virtue passed away."

NEW WARE HOUSE.—Mr. Adam F. Huey moved into his large warehouse at Masseys last week. It is one of the finest warehouses in the county and is filled with carriages, dearborns, and implements of all kinds.

BICYCLING.—Dr. C. W. Reid met with quite an accident while riding his wheel a few days ago. He ran into a large stone on corner of High st. and College ave. and damaged his wheel considerably. The back wheel was forced nearly even with the front one. The professor, we are glad to report, made a lucky escape.

Relieving the Poor!

A public meeting for relieving the poor was held in the court house yesterday afternoon. Every church in town was represented and a perfect organization will be effected. Dr. S. R. Murray was made chairman and Mr. Fred G. Usilton, secretary. A constitution and by-laws was adopted and the following plans of relief:

It shall be the object of the association to learn of all who are the objects of private or Church charities, as far as that may properly be done; and of all others not so cared for who need help.

2. No person shall be helped from the funds of this association whom churches or individuals will agree to care for.

3. All persons helped in part by others will receive a *graduated* supply only, as the case may demand, and not a full one, as in the case of those *not* so relieved.

4. In the case of indigent persons who have relatives in town, or near at hand, able to provide for them, efforts should be made by the executive committee to have them relieve the association of this burden.

5. Unworthy persons will not be entitled to the same consideration as the worthy in the matter of relief.

6. One or more places, or "supply depots," may be selected from which to order supplies of food and fuel, which must be sold to the association at cost.

7. No money should be given in any case, and all supplies should be given by printed drafts on the supply-depots.

8. No person shall be given aid by the Association until his need is reported upon by the Visiting Committee to the Executive Committee, or a quorum thereof; and any two members of the Visiting Committee shall be sufficient to make this report. The Executive Committee may issue relief in *extreme* cases which they know of without awaiting the Visiting Committee's report, but not otherwise.

9. The Executive Committee should arrange for a depository of clothing, etc., which may be contributed by citizens; and if deemed best appoint a Soliciting Committee to wait upon the homes for such contributions.

A nominating committee consisting of Messrs. Chas. T. Westcott, Joseph Guest, James Brice and Mrs. Jas. A. Pearce and Mrs. John Brice were appointed and will report to-night.

Death of Mrs. Bedford Roe.

Mrs. Catharine C. Roe, the beloved wife of Mr. Bedford Roe, died at her home near Kennedyville, on Thursday evening of last week, aged about 35 years. Mrs. Roe was the victim of that dread disease consumption and has long been an invalid. Her grief-stricken family and numerous friends have been painfully aware of the certain results, though everything that medical skill could do to save her life was resorted to. Like a frail, beautiful flower she gradually faded away and dropped into the Everlasting arms! Mrs. Roe was the daughter of the late Peter K. Meredith, a prominent Delawarean. She leaves the following children: Mary, William, Sallie, Clarence, Ethel, Bedford and Catharine. The funeral took place at her late home Monday morning, Messrs. Thomas Jones, Isaac Cleaver, Tilghman Shafer, John Medders, George Jones and John Hurlock acting as pall-bearers. The interment was in Bryn Zion Baptist church cemetery, near Kenton, Delaware. The deceased was a devoted member of this church.

A Delightful Entertainment.

A crowded house greeted the entertainment in Rock Hall Thursday night given by Burdette Lodge. A well contested gold medal contest excited considerable interest, the contestants being Miss Clara Middleton, Nannie Taylor Julia Middleton, Nannie Coleman, Nettie Hersch, Helen Sappington, Rilla Downey, Master Frank Downey. The judges were Rev. Edward Davis and wife and Mrs. Benj. Durding. They decided after consultation that Miss Julia Middleton was entitled to the first prize, a gold medal; Miss Nettie Hersch, second, a gold pen with pearl handle; Miss Clara Middleton, third, a book. Prof. J. A. Greenwood presented the prizes in his usual happy manner.

The music on the occasion was beautifully rendered by a double quartette composed of these voices: sopranos, Misses Maggie V. Hersch and Clara Middleton; altos, Misses Rhoda Downey and Nettie Hersch; tenors, W. T. Downey and Wm. Davis; bassos, Joseph Kendall and Damon Rollison. Mrs. Wm. Davis presided at the organ. Select instrumental music was given by Miss Rhoda Downey.

The winner of the prize, Miss Middleton, has considerable talent as an elocutionist, this having been the second medal she has received for declaiming. She is 13 years old and three years ago won a medal in a Demorest contest. All of the successful contestants are pupils of Prof. Greenwood and are in the seventh grade. He seemed very proud of all his scholars.

The roaring farce, entitled, "The Arrival of Prof. Sylvester Brown and wife," was presented with the cast as follows:

J. Wyman Jones, chairman of committee.....Charles E. Porter.
Prof. S. Brown, a Great Lecturer.....Y. W. Kendall.
Mrs. S. Brown, a Lecturer.....Wesley Satterfield.
Jerry Johnson, Advertising Agent.Chas. Satterfield.
Mr. Chris McCackaway, Baggage Man.....Gus Ayres.
Mill Munson, The Hackway.....Ellwood Kendall.
Mandy Mules, The Nurse.....Fred. Harding.

In the Religious World.

Rev. C. S. York acceptably filled the M. E. Church pulpit Sunday morning, Rev. W. P. Compton having gone to preach in Princess Anne. At night Rev. J. B. Merritt, that veteran expounder, delivered a excellent sermon on the "Resurrection."

Rev. G. W. Conway at Golts Station has been holding revival services for the past four weeks. Revs. Carpenter, Ford and others have kindly assisted him. The converts number over twenty and delightful services are held nightly. Rev. Mr. Conway is doing a grand work among this people.

President J. D. Kinzer preached a strong sermon at Wesley Chapel Church Sunday morning, it being the reopening day. The church has been prettily carpeted by the Ladies Aid Society.

Special Christmas services will be held in the Chestertown P. E. Church next Tuesday morning. The choir will render extra music.

Grace P. E. Church, Baltimore, is the first church in Maryland to inaugurate individual communion cups. Mr. J. W. Putts has purchased 800 cups which will be used the first Sunday in January. These cups will be passed to communicants on silver waiters, each person receiving a different one, which after being used will not be drunk from again on that occasion.

The Queen Anne's County Christian Endeavor Society held its third annual convention in Church Hill Saturday and Sunday. Misses Faunie Baker and Katie Smith were present from Chestertown.

Betterton M. E. Church was well filled Sunday evening to hear the lecture given by Prof. Wm. Watts on Temperance.

THE young men of Worton will give a dance in Worton Hall Thursday next. These occasions are very enjoyable and are always largely attended.

DIED SUDDENLY.—Joshua Walker, colored, aged about 30, an employee of Mr. J. W. Corey, near Melitota, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning. He was in perfect health Monday and worked all day, retiring without making any complaints.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Wm. D. Crosby has been appointed postmaster at Crosby.

Squire Mathiot, of Hanesville, will remove to Baltimore.

Mr. Ambrose P. Carroll has been confined to his bed for the past ten days with rheumatism. It is sincerely hoped that he may soon be out again.

Hope H. Barroll Esq., removed to his new home this week.

Miss Annie G. Lambert arrived home from the Deaconess College, Washington, Thursday. She will spend the holidays at home.

Mr. W. A. Melvin is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Mr. Thomas Storks, of Chestertown, has been appointed fireman on the steamer McLane. He is at home for the Christmas holidays.

Master Hynson Rogers arrived home for the holidays Thursday.

Mrs. J. Roy Mecon lost her pocket book one day this week while on her way from the college to town.

Prof. R. Watts and wife, of Western Maryland College, are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hubbard's.

Mr. Norman Massey, of Lehigh, is home for the holidays.

Master Joe McKaig is visiting his father. He broke his arm recently while at work in a machine shop at Curtis Bay.

Mr. Wm. McIntire, son of Mr. Jas. B. McIntire, has accepted the position of treasurer to a large Baltimore Dramatic Co. The company was in Harrisburg this week and will make a tour South during the summer.

J. Henry Baker, Esq., formerly of this county, will take the bar examination at Baltimore to-day, where he expects to practice. He is the son of Jas. H. Baker, of Pomona. Was educated at Dickinson College from which he received his Bachelor degree in June, 1893. He won a reputation at college for possessing managerial qualities, being a most successful business manager of the "Dickinsonian." Was also a prominent member of the Bells Lettres Literary Society. During his senior year at Carlisle, he took several hours in the Law Department in connection with his college studies; October, 1893, entered the law office of Hon. Isidor Rayner also attending the Law School of the Maryland University until his admission to the bar. Mr. Baker's legal knowledge founded upon his classical education will make him well qualified for his life's work. He is a young man of high integrity, talented, energetic and a good speaker. He will still remain and practice law in the office of the distinguished lawyer where he has been a student. The NEWS wishes him success.

Ex-Governor Elihu E. Jackson of Salisbury, will spend the winter months in Baltimore with his family. The ex-Governor goes every day to Washington where he has large lumber interests.

Mrs. M. L. Houston has rented the dwelling now occupied by Mr. Carole Perkins on Maple avenue.

Miss Josephine Wickes is the guest of Mrs. McKenney in Centreville.

Miss Mary Wilson, daughter of Dr. Wilson, is visiting Miss Guthrie in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Lula Shreeve has returned from a visit to friends in Pennsylvania.

Miss Belle Davis, of Rock Hall is visiting friends in Snow Hill.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Bessie Bennett, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boulder to Mr. Wm. G. Jones, of Cecilton, to take place on Dec. 26th.

We hear whispers of a wedding to take place in Fairlee church early in January and one in Worton. Now guess who it is? Announcement later.

Mr. Carole C. Perkins has accepted a position with the Northern Central Railroad in Baltimore and will remove his family there at once. Mr. and Mrs. Camp will also remove to the city.

Mr. P. B. Darrell and family are visiting friends in Wilmington, before taking up there permanent residence in Oxford.

Misses Mary and Jennie Vickers spent the past week with friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. Hiram Brown accompanied her sister to New York Wednesday.

Deputy Postmaster Wheatley will remove to his new home on Maple avenue next week. The house he now occupies has been rented by Mrs. Wm. G. Fallowfield.

Mrs. Judge Ross, of Mexico, Missouri, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, on Washington avenue.

Mr. Carl Westcott arrived home from Princeton College this week for the holidays.

Misses Ethe Crisfield and Josephine Wickes and Mr. Henry Deaver spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kay.

"Grandmother" Dodd has been confined to her bed with fever this week, but we trust she will soon be up again.

Mr. L. Jeff. Usilton, who has been quite ill for some weeks past with what was supposed to be pneumonia, is now rapidly improving. A note from Senator Hepburn states that the patient is free from fever and Dr. Urie, his physician, expects him to be out of bed in a few days.

Mr. Robert H. Wright, who has kept the Hall's Hotel for several years past has remove his family to Baltimore. Mrs. J. Hall will conduct this hotel next year.

Miss Nellie Covington, of Still Pond, is visiting her sister in Middletown.

Mr. Samuel Busick has returned from a pleasant visit to Baltimore.

Dr. W. G. Wallis, who recently married a charming widow of Crumpton, and has been residing in Kenton for several years practising medicine and running a drug store, has returned to Crumpton. Welcome home, doctor.

Mr. J. W. Copper and wife, of Lynch's Station, left yesterday for Lebanon, Pa., to spend Christmas with their daughter.

Mr. Albert H. Redding was appointed bridge tender at Sassafras river bridge for one year Tuesday last. The salary is $75 per annum.

Mr. Green, proprietor of Chestertown Laundry, has removed to the Rising Sun Saloon. Mrs. Pennington and Mrs. Garret will take the house vacated by Mr. Green.

Miss Sophia Beck is at home for Christmas. She is looking remarkably well.

Mr. T. Jeff Joiner finished papering the cycle club rooms this week. He expects to put the handsome carpet down to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Price, of Lankford are visiting their daughter, Mrs. William Colescott in Camden, Del.

Mr. J. Hall Denny and family removed from Worton to Talbot county, near Royal Oak this week. The furniture, etc., was moved by Capt. Middleton from Fairlee Creek. Mr. Wm. Cooper is to take the farm vacated by Mr. Denny.

Mrs. D. Wolff, of Baltimore, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. Bergen.

Mr. J. W. Wright has been quite sick with the pneumonia but is very much improved.

Mrs. S. W. Watkins, of E. N. Island, who was operated on for a cancer by Prof. Tiffany four weeks ago at the Maryland University will return to her home Saturday very much improved and speaks in the highest terms of the Professor also the doctors and nurses at the University.

Mr. Joseph Downey, of Chestertown, attended the canners convention in Baltimore several days ago. It was the first meeting of the kind and will no doupt be of service to canners. Maryland is the largest canning State in the Union.

The Courts.

ORPHANS' COURT, Dec. 18. — Present Judges Harris, Moffett and Burgess. Jos. H. Crew, administrator of John Young, filed first and final administration and dividend accounts. R. C. Morgan, adm'r of F. Hyland Taylor, filed inventory of the real estate of said deceased. R. T. Turner, Jr., filed releases from Elizabeth Dorsey, Mary Wright, Robert Wright, Mary Jane Wright and Philip Wright. Hope H. Barroll, guardian, filed release from Alfred F., and Mary C. Greenwood.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. — Full board present. Order passed requiring notice of road contracts. Mr. Joseph Guest in behalf of the citizens of Chestertown, was granted use of Court House for a meeting to organize "A Poor Relief Association." The board was engaged in the consideration of accounts for levy and orders on treasurer.

WILL RETURN TO CRUMPTON.—Mr. Wm. P. Armstrong, who has been conducting a hotel in Kenton, has sold out to Samuel Fortner, and after visiting friends will return to Crumpton. It is said that persons who leave Crumpton always return sooner or later.

FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS.

Letters to "Old Kris"—He Writes that He Will Be Here Monday Night.

KRISVILLE, Dec, 21, 1894.

DEAR LITTLE FOLKS:—Your nice little letters have been received, and we have taken great pleasure in reading them. We have noted everything that you want and will try to do the best we can. One little girl sends us twenty-two cents this week, and it is indeed encouraging to have them help us.

We shall visit the little folks in Chestertown and other places next Monday night. Now be good little boys and girls and obey your parents in all things.

Your good friend, OLD KRIS.

Lankford, Kent co., Md., Dec. 17, 1894.
Dear Kriss: I ask you to excuse my writing. I am only a little boy, six years old. I want you to bring me a gun and knife, and lots of candy and oranges and apples. Yours truly, OSWALD H. SAUNDERS.

Chestertown, Dec. 17, 1894.
Dear Old Santa Claus: I would like to have a little bucket, a doll that closes its eyes and a monkey. Good-bye. From one of your little girls. NELLIE MCWHORTER.

Chestertown, Dec. 17, 1894.
Dear Old Kriss: Please, sir, bring me a trunk, bed, table, baby carriage and my stockings. I thought as long as I saw so many letters in the KENT NEWS I would write to you. Harry McWhorter is going to take it to you for me. I have to go home now, so will say good-bye. Yours truly, LOUISE BORDLEY.

Chestertown, Dec. 20, 1894.
Dear Santa Claus: I want a soldier suit, a velocipede, wagon, football and suit, gun, drum, sled. Don't want no baby dolls. REESE AND ARTHUR MURRAY.

Cliff City, Dec. 17, 1894.
Dear Old Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a tricycle, a baby carriage, a doll, and anything else you please; but if I am not asking too much please don't disappoint me.
I remain your little good girl, PEARL S. BROWN.

Cliff City, Dec. 20, 1894.
Dear Old Santy Criss: I am young, but not too young for an express wagon and a little gun, for I will be very good and careful; and don't forget papa and mamma. Good-bye, Old Criss; hope to see you soon. RANDOLPH BROWN.

Chestertown, Dec. 17, 1894.
Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a doll with black curly hair, and put a nice little bonnet on its head. Please bring it as large as possible. Will you Please bring me a plate, with little blue flowers in it, and a little bureau, and a Christmas tree, and some oranges, candy and nuts and bananas. I am going to be a good girl. NELLIE NICHOLSON.

Chestertown, Dec. 19, 1894.
Mr. Freddie: Please send this letter to Santa Claus for me. I can't go out of doors because I got run over yesterday by the straw wagons, and mashed and hurt my arm and foot very badly, and can't walk. Please don't forget to send this to Kriss for me. Please bring me a pair of gum boots and some candy and nuts, oranges and apples, and don't forget my little baby brother. He is nine months old and can walk around chairs. Tell Kriss not to forget me at Sunday-school. Tell Mrs. Lottie I will not be able to come to the Christmas tree. I am most 7 years old and in the third grade. I am a good boy. STEWART R. KENNARD.

Old Field's Point, Dec. 17, 1894.
Dear Old Kriss: I would like to have an express wagon, a train of cars, a wagon, a gun, some candy, oranges and nuts. I am going to hang up my stockings, so please come to see your little friend. THOMAS G. MORGAN.

Old Field's Point, Dec. 17, 1894.
Dear Old Kriss: I would like to have a doll, a stove, some candy, oranges and nuts. I am going to hang up my stockings, and be sure to come. Please trim my tree. Your little friend. MABEL P. MORGAN.
P. S.—I forgot to tell you I want a little broom.

Lankford, Dec. 18, 1894.
Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a set of dishes, and a gold ring, and lots of candies, nuts and oranges. Yours respectfully. LIZZIE S. SAUNDERS.

Chestertown, Dec. 20, 1894.
Dear Old Kriss: I want a doll, with hair on its head; a table and rocking chair, dishes and nuts and candy. I will love you if you will bring them. ELIZABETH CONNELLY.

Chestertown, Dec. 20, 1894.
Dear Old Kriss: I want a doll, a sled, nuts and candy. Please bring them to me. DOVIE CONNELLY.

Lankford, Dec. 18, 1894.
Dear Santa Claus: I want a large doll that opens and shuts its eyes, and I want a table. I would like to have some nuts, candy and oranges. I am seven years old and in the first grade. Yours truly, GRACE WALBERT.

Cliff City, Dec. 19, 1894.
Dear Chris: You will please bring me a bicycle, two oranges, a plate of candy, a plate of nuts, a plate of candy, and some tree toys. This is all I want. LULU CROUCH.

Cliff City, Dec. 19, 1894.
Dear Chris: If you please, I want a pair of rubber boots to wear to grandma's, a set of dishes, a chair, a broom, a stove, a table, a wax-doll, a set of ear-rings, nuts, candies, and oranges; that's all. FANNIE R. CROUCH.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus: I want you to give me a black-board, and a book with a man in it, and he is paddling and rowing, and the boat makes it do it; and a checker-board and some plates, cups, table. If you think that is too much don't bring me all of that, but bring me a black-board and desk, and some candies and oranges and bananas and nuts; and if you think I am asking too much don't bring all of that, but don't slight the other little children, and a bell, please sir. If you will I will thank you, and I will try to be good. NORMAN SUTTON.

Still Pond, Dec. 15, 1894.
Dear Old Santa Claus: Please send me a doll that shuts its eyes when it lays down, and a doll-baby carriage, set of dishes, some candy and raisins and nuts, and I want you to send these things to me if you can't bring them. ZILLA L. CLAYTON.

Fairlee, Dec. 20, 1894.
Dear Old Santa Claus: This is my first letter I ever wrote to you, and I wish you would send me what I ask for. I want you to send me a little pig-on-wheels, blocks, candy, nuts, raisins, oranges, and bananas. This is all I ask you for. I will close by sending my love to you.
From your little friend, E. N. M.

Fairlee, Dec. 19, 1894.
Dear Old Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a bicycle, nuts, candy, oranges, raisins, etc. Please bring me these. I will close by sending my love to you. From your little friend, HESSIE MILLER.

Fairlee, Dec. 19, 1894.
Dear Old Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a drum and sled, candy, nuts, raisins, oranges, etc. Please bring me these things, as I will close now by sending my love to you. From your little friend, RAYMOND MILLER.

Chestertown, Dec. 17, 1894.
Dear Santa Claus: Please to bring me a pair of kid gloves, book-bag, doll, ring, a breast pin that spells Antoinette, and bring me some things for my Christmas tree. I have some things, but I want you to bring me some more; also some candy, nuts and oranges. With love from ANTOINETTE SUTTON.

Millington, Dec. 20, 1894.
Dear Kriss: I have two sisters and two brothers. I have one small brother; his name is Davy; he is a good boy; the others are good, too. Dear Kriss, Christmas is drawing near, and times are very hard. I have been a good girl. I am in the third grade. Dear Kriss, I hope to hear from you soon. I will have to close. Yours truly, ANNIE POWELL.

Millington, Dec. 20, 1894.
Dear Mr. Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a nice pair of stockings, if you