# The Kent News

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## PERSONAL.

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BUSINESS CHANGE.—Capt. Thomas H. Reeves, for the past twenty years engaged on the Sassafras river steamboats, has purchased the bottling business of Mr. Wm. S. Smith, of Centreville, and has also taken an interest with Mr. J. W. W. Woodford in the sawed wood business. He will move with his family to Centreville and make that his home in the future.

SLIGHT FIRE.—The roof on Mr. John Bell's residence, near town, took fire Thursday morning from a defective flue and caused about $50 damage. Mr. Josiah Massey was riding past the house and detected the fire. He notified Mr. Bell, and then hurried to town, and notified Officer Kelley, who, with a number of citizens, went to the farm and assisted in extinguishing the fire.

WILLIE BREAKS JAIL!—Wilbur Stephens aged 15, escaped from jail Monday night. The boy was allowed the freedom of the corridor and becoming tired of his imprisonment, heated a poker, burned a lock off and escaped easily. He has not yet been caught. Willie is the little fellow who stole a watch from Mr. Apsley, of Rock Hall, stole a bicycle from a darkey and rode to Chestertown, where he was arrested by Officer Kelley, tried by Justice Johnson and sentenced to six months in the House of Correction.

INTERESTED IN A NEW LINE.—Capt. Jos. McDade, of Chester, Pa., visited various farmers on the bay shore this week to ascertain the advisability of inaugurating a line of steamers between Buck Neck, Vannort's, Harris,' Betterton, and Perryville, to connect with the Pennsylvania railroad. He proposes to put on the route a fast propeller, to make two round trips daily during busy season. By this route fruit and produce would be landed in market at an early hour.

PHRENOLOGIST IN TOWN.—Prof Guilford gave an exhibition in Stam's Hall two nights this week to small audiences. He explained the leading traits of several persons by examining their heads. One young man liked lots of praise, another one was too kind, another had features like his father, etc. "A girl who handles a broom very fast," said he, "is sure to be a scolder; but if she makes a long and easy sweep she will be just right, scolding when it is necessary and praising at the right time.

A NEW PASTRY COOK BOOK.—Miss L. A. Willis, Principal of the Baltimore Cooking School, has compiled a new Pastry Cook Book, which is being distributed to the patrons of Rumford Yeast Powder. The reputation of the author renders the book of special value. Mail one of the small labels from the bottom of a bottle of Rumford to the Rumford Chemial Works, Providence, R. I. and a copy will be sent free.

CITY SOLICITOR WARWICK, brother of Mrs. Eben F. Perkins, of Chestertown, was nominated for mayor of Philadelphia by the Republican City Convention Wednesday. He is most sure to be elected. The convention was the most turbulent and exciting that has assembled for years. Three days ago the nomination of Penrose seemed assured, but almost at the last hour he was "turned down." Gov. Pattison is being pressed to enter the field against him. If he consents there will be a warm fight.

### Election of Local Officers.

The following officers were installed in Amicable Lodge 117 I. O. O. F., of Chestertown, Monday evening, January 7, 1895; S. P. G., Wm. H. Ayers; N. G., Joseph N. Wheatley; V. G., Edward Lambert, secretary, E. C. Reiche; treasurer, J. W. Chapman; chaplain, Stephen C. Roberts; R. S. to N. G., Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., R. S. to V. G. Wm. M. Culp; L. S. to V. G., Harry T. Hoyle; Warden, A. B. Frazier; R. S. S. C. J. Reiche; L. S. S., F. M. Miller; I. G. F. D. Leary, O. G. J. R. Rollison; Rep. to Grand Lodge, John R. Rollison: L. B. Russell, Con., and James E. Allen, L. S. to N. G., not being present will be installed at a future meeting.

At the annual election held in the Chestertown M. E. Church Sunday the following officers were elected: Superintendent, M. A. Toulson; assistants, W. B. Copper, Miss Nettie Gooding; secretary, M. Wilbur Thomas; treas., E. W. F. Simpers; librarians, C. S. York, Jr., J. F. Thompson; organist, Miss Belle Pippin; assistant, Miss Minnie Peregoy; chorister, R. K. Pippin; assistant, Edw. Lambert.

The following are the officers elected at Wesley Chapel M. P. Church, Sunday: Charles L. Miller, supt.; James E. Blackton, Mrs. L. J. Stevens, ass'ts; Miss Edith Stevens, sec.; Mannie Miller, lib; Milton Maslin, treas.; Minnie, Glenn, Julia Burgess, organists; Lulu Shreeve, Edith Stevens, choristers; Miss Gertrude Judefind, church organist.

### 1885 Tin Wedding. 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shuster, formerly of this county, celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage, at their residence, Wye Hall, on Paca's Island, in Queen Anne's county, on Wednesday evening, January 2nd. The mansion which under a past regime was no stranger to the gay and festival, seemed to awaken from its long slumbers, and to don again, at least in some degree its old time splendors. Holly, pine and other evergreens, lent their pleasing colors in pyramids, festoons and arches, to effect decorations that were tasty and beautiful. At half past eight o'clock, the large company assembled were invited to the supper table. These are said to be hard times but that table hinted nothing of the kind; rather it voiced the old time Eastern Shore hospitality. The best was there from land and water, in variety and abundance, and served in the most savory style, and with all graceful and polite attentions. From such a banquet it was easy to pass to the merry and joyous in the social entertainment of the evening. At 11 o'clock refreshments were served. At 12 M. the banqueted friends took their departure leaving with hearty good wishes for many returns of this happy memorial of their marriage.

MRS. Shuster was assisted by Miss Nora Swift, of Talbot. The guests were:

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Golt, Mr. Jno. Bishop and daughters, Mr. C. Chance and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shawn, Misses Sadie and Nellie Hammond, Miss Ida Dodd, Miss Annie Wrightson, Miss Bessie Hammond, Mrs. Ida Norman, Miss Minnie Green, Miss Mary Bell, Misses Lizzie and Bell Whaley, Miss Mattie Bartlett, Mr. Howard L. Benson, Mr. C. T. Bishop, Mr. Mordecai Price, Mr. Casper Norris, Mr. Harry Shawn, Mr. Stanly Chance, Mr. John Bailey, Mr. Chew Pach, and Mr. Boiles. AMICUS.

THE fine stallion Cypress, owned by Mr. Thos. E. Bryan near Centreville, died Saturday of congestion of the lungs. He was bought for $550 from Mr. E. B. Emory.

THE PEACOCK DAMAGE SUIT.—This suit will come up again next April. Mrs. Cannan, we learn, is still confined to her bed but is somewhat improved. Her attorney, Albert Constable, Esq., expects to visit Galena shortly and measure some of the roads in the town according to the plot made in 1858 and recorded among the archives of the county. He will be accompanied by a civil engineer.

PASTOR MURRAY POUNDED.—Dr. S. R. Murray, the faithful pastor of Christ M. P. Church, was given a genuine surprise by his congregation Wednesday night. Vegetables, groceries, poultry and meats were piled upon his table while his cellar was stocked with a good supply of coal and wood. The surprised pastor and estimable family could only stand and look in amazement at the proceeding. Col. Wm. J. Vannort, on behalf of the congregation, made the presentation speech to which Rev. Mr. Murray happily replied. Mrs. Avis Vannort took charge of the company at the house and made every one feel at home.

A REAL ESTATE SURPRISE.—John D. Urie, Esq., attorney, negotiated a sale Wednesday which has caused considerable comment among real estate owners. He sold the John Hall hotel, stables and land to Thomas. W. Eliason, Esq., for $4,500. This property is located corner of Calvert and Spring avenue and has been used as a hotel for many years. Mr. Eliason says he has formed no plans as to how he will improve this property yet. It is the desire of many citizens that the street in front of the property be widened and in order that this may be done Mr. Eliason says he is willing to meet the town commissioners half way in the matter. It is quite certain that the property will be very much improved thereby improving the surrounding real estate. Mrs. Hall expects to return to Baltimore.

### Necrology.

After a long illness, Mrs. Henrietta Cacy, wife of Mr. Samuel Cacy, died at her home near Massey's, on Friday evening, at 7 o'clock. She had been since August confined to her bed, not being able to assist herself in any way, and her death had been expected at any time. Mrs. Cacy was a Miss Hackett, sister of Messrs. John and Jos. Hackett, of Sudlersville, and G. Bedford Hackett, of Virginia. She was born near Millington in 1835, and resided in that town, when she married Mr. Cacy at the age of 21, and went to live at the home in which she died. She was 59 years of age, and leaves a husband, and two children, Mr. Wm. H. and Miss Anna, who were constent attendants at their mother's bedside. The funeral took place on Tuesday morning, and was largely attended. Services were held in the Episcopal Church, Massey's, of which she was a devoted and consistent member, Rev. A. Ware officiating. Interment in the new cemetery at that place. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Edward W. Emory, Charles H. Davis, of Chestertown; A. F. Huey, Issac Gibbs, J. J. Spear, Massey's, and J. A. Benson, Millington. Messrs. Britton and Moffett, undertakers, had the funeral in charge.

Charles B. Blount, of Queen Annes, departed this life on Sunday morning, Jan. 6, 1895 at the United States Marine Hospital, Baltimore, aged 55. He was a great sufferer, and was finally stricken with paralysis of the brain to which he succumbed in a few days. He leaves a wife and three grown children. He was visited frequently for months by the Rev. Thomas D. Leonard, of St. Thomas Church, and who administered the rites of the church in his last illness. Father Leonard also performed the burial services. Interment in the Holy Cross Cemetery.

Leonard A. Pennington died at his home in Kennedyville on Wednesday night about half past twelve o'clock after an illness of several years. He was in his 77th year. Mr. Pennington has been register of voters for the second district for a number of years. Funeral services will be held at the M. P. Church Sunday, at 10:30.

Andrew Woodall, Jr., the seventeen-year-old son of Ella and the late S. R. Woodall died at Frederickton, Jan. 5, 1895.

### Rock Hall Locals.

The Uniformed Rank now numbers 40, and are drilling occasionally. They are hard to excel. Occasionally one escapes and gives the children a scare with the pompons, hats and brass buttons.

We have had fine sport on the ice, as many as 50 being out Saturday. We have some of the finest skaters in the country. Friend Jack Coleman, from your town, is a dandy, but none can surpass Ben C., who takes great pleasure in teaching the ladies. Among our fine lady skaters are the Misses Coleman, Edith Stevens, Lulu Shreeve, Julia Burgess and others. Charley is always on hand, but at times very reckless.

Maxwell Lodge installed the following officers: N. G., B. H. Coburn; V. G., Wm. Harrison; R. T., John W. Boyer; F. T., Milton Maslin; treas., James Casey; chaplain, D. K. Ayres; warden, John W. Downey; I. S. G., J. Frank Coleman; O. S. G., John Urie; R. S. to N. G., J. W. Joiner; L. S. to N. G., Wm. Porter, R. S. to V. G., Wm. Larrimore; L. S. to V. G., Chas. Harrison; S. S., Darius Scott and Wm. Hines.

Capt. Jas. R. Downey has sold his bugeye, the W. W. Coleman, to Capt. Thos. Elburn, of Swan Creek, price not stated.

Henry Davis has moved into his new house in North Rock Hall, vacating Mr. Joseph Hogan's house. Joe will occupy this house in the near future, judging from his attentions to the fair sex.

The boys of Lower Rock Hall and East Neck Island have had some fine fox chases of late. Mr. B. has some very fine dogs and is kind to permit those having none to enjoy the sport. His friend B. C. and others, very frequently start for a hunt, but by the time the first sound of a hound is heard here comes Charley on his three-legged Texan, in a lope; he will hunt until the pony is tired, then he will take his sack from beneath the saddle, shove the pony in, shoulder the contents and make for home. Now friend huntsmen you can see this curious feat by accompanying us in a chase. C.

### The Public Roads.

MESSRS EDITORS: Referring to an article in your last issue, under the caption of "The Public Roads" evidently written by a practical man, I beg to comment upon his doubts regarding the advisability of using shells upon the roads. Whilst concuring fully with him in regard to using shells *generally* upon the roads, yet there are some particular localities in which their use *exclusively*, in repairing the roads is most advisable. I will note one instance the "causeway," as it is called, upon Eastern Neck Island, extending from the bridge across the marsh, to the upland. It is within my knowledge that it has been customary for fifty years past to repair this road by *hauling earth* a long distance. This earth is soon washed away by high tides and storms, and have again to be replaced, involving a heavy *annual* expense to the county. If this road were covered with a thick coat of shells, with a thin layer of earth on top of them, no repairs of consequence would be required for many years probably not for a life-time. Had this been done fifty-years ago what a saving might have been effected! The distance is short perhaps about one fourth of a mile and shells in quantity, can be hauled from Bogle's wharf about 1½ miles. Again, is it not desirable, for the convenience of pedsterians especially, that the roads or streets leading through the villages should be shelled? TAX PAYER.

### Items of Personal Mention.

J. A. Pearce and H. H. Barroll, Esqs., returned from New York Saturday. The damage done to the stock of goods partly owned by the late Thos. H. Horsey was placed at $3,000, which amount was paid over by the insurance company.

Mr. Philip G. Wilmer is visiting friends in Delaware county, Pa.

Dr. C. W. Reid returned from a delightful visit to North Carolina Saturday. He was accompanied by his nephew, of Philadelphia. Together they killed 64 birds, the doctor's share being 61! The first day he killed seven out of eight shots! He reports game scarce and hunters plentiful. Many Northern sportsmen spend weeks hunting in the neighborhood. He experienced rough weather and reports a big fall of snow.

Mrs. Thomas A. Hudson is visiting her brother, Lieut. Usilton, in Philadelphia.

Capt. R. S. Emory attended the Horticulture Convention in Dover this week, as did also Mr. Jas. S. Harris and Dr. W. S. Maxwell. The Morning *News* says it was *Rev.* W. S. Maxwell.

Senator W. T. Hepbron, Thos. Gale, P. G. Wilmer, Comptroller Smith atnd other Kent countians were registered at the "Carrollton," Baltimore last Wednesday night, but there was "no politics in it."

Miss Gertrude Bloom, of Easton, Pa., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Cook, in Millington.

Justice Mathews has not removed from Worton as has been reported. His office is now located at Melitota, where he would be pleased to see all his friends.

Messrs. Spencer Hurtt, George and John B. Parrott and Miss E. Mae Parrott attended the dance in Middletown last Thursday evening.

Mrs. H. M. Usilton, who has been so seriously ill and under treatment at the City Hospital, Baltimore, is greatly improved that she expects to come home to-day. What a glad welcome she will receive!

Mr. Hiram Brown has removed his family to the house on corner of High and Queen streets.

Mr. N. C. Crow has been quite sick at his home on High street, but was able to up yesterday.

Misses Nettie Long and Belle Taylor returned to their home in Galena Wednesday after a pleasant visit to friends in Baltimore.

Miss Ella Thompson, of Baltimore, has been visiting her sister on Mill street.

Miss Lidia Gale returned home for a visit with her parents from Baltimore.

Oliver Stevens, Esq., of Delaware, spen New Year's holiday with the family oft Mr. Isaac Gale.

Rev. S. R. Murray, and Rev. J. M. Gill, of North Baltimore Church, will exchange pulpits Sunday.

Mrs. Sallie C. Rasin, of Still Pond, has been visiting friends in Clayton.

Mrs. Mary Subers is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Reese Woolford, in Delaware.

Mr. George Hendrickson is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Ollie Hill is visiting her sister in Wilmington.

Miss Daley, of Millington, was married Tuesday to Mr. W. Prince, of Queen Anne's. They were both Seventh Day Adventists.

Mr. Wm. T. Sutton was able to sit up yesterday.

Mrs. Elsie Shuster returned home Wednesday from a visit to her parents on Cannon street.

Mrs. A. Alexander, of Rock Hall, is visiting relatives in New York City.

Miss Lizzie Sheats, of Crumpton, has been visiting Miss Belle Janney, of Fairlee.

Mr. Kendall has removed from the Rockwell House to Gilpin's hotel and will continue the hotel business.

Mr. Ralph Barnett is on a visit to friends and relatives in Magnolia, Dover, Frederica and Milford, Del., Philadelphia and Bustleton, Pa., and Camden, N. J.

Mr. Walter C. Daniels has returned home from a visit to his cousin, Mr. J. B. Crowding, of Kent

Mr. Charles H. Crowding, of Kent, is the guest of Mr. Walter C. Daniels.

Miss Allie Gale and Mr. Frank A. Sappington drove to Smyrna on Thursday, and after spending a most delightful visit with relatives returned on Saturday.

The following persons from Chestertown attended the dance in Guest's Hall, Church Hill last Friday night: Misses Nannie Brice, Mary Hurtt, Miss Cavender, Miss Violet Beck, Edna Ringgold, Messrs. Spencer Hurtt, Jack and Carle Westcott, Horace Constable, Harry Simpers.

### Worton Items.

MESSRS EDITORS.—While so many are complaining at the county commissioners and at the road supervisors also, I wonder how many of these fault-finders would better the condition of things if they had a chance, not very many I am sure, I doubt very much if they would do as well, for I am convinced from my experience with them, and it is of no small degree, that they are a body of upright, highminded men, doing the best they can at all times. My experience with fault-finders as a rule are men without any practical knowledge or interest in what they are a talking about.

Mr. Percy Skirven killed his fine setter dog Friday which was mad; he has two other dogs that were bitten by the Darrel dog. A hog that was bitten by the same dog gave every indication of having the rabies and died Saturday night. It snapped at everything and gradually lost the use of its limbs. He also has a cow which he fears has been bitten. Mr. Geo. Hudson's dog was bitten and was killed, also several colored men's dogs.

We are glad to learn that Mr. W. W. Dayer has returned from Baltimore where he had gone to see a physician in regard to throat trouble, and was told his trouble was not of serious nature; hope he may fully recover his health shortly.

Mrs. Spear, who lost her only child a short time ago, has been quite sick.

"Dad" Kiker, the mayor of Worton, is still at his post and able to attend to his duties notwithstanding he suffers considerbly with the rheumatism.

Our blacksmith came near having to run around bare-footed on the snow, owing to a mishap. While raking the fire the other morning before putting his boots on a live coal fell on one of his bare feet burning a hole in the top of it, after which he kicked the coal off that foot and stepped on it with the other and burned a hole in the bottom of it, but as luck would have it he had an old pair of loose gum-boats, which he now wears.

Our streets were partly shelled a few weeks ago which added much to their condition as far as the shells went, but we need more and we hope our commissioners will let us have more at once for the remainder of the street s are in a bad condition.

Politics are quiet here. Once in awhile G. T. W. stirs the coals a little and shows that the smouldering embers are ready to ignite; the bugle blast will cause the old war horses to champ their bits, while Jimmie the rattler plays on his harp of a thousand strings and tries to make perfect the souls of unjust men; poor fellow he is overburdened; he will have to shift some of his fellows or else he will have to be strengthened by some new hoops as other old kegs and barrels have to be treated. We have several good Coopers who are equal to this work when it is needful, and we have Jack the slasher with us and a number of others who are active in the day's doings, not forgetting the Parsons who advises not to do as he does but as he advises; if Al don't get the roads to work he may yet be a candidate.

## AT HYMEN'S ALTAR.

**Wedding Bells Chime Out and Mingle with the Sleigh Bells—Amusing Incidents.**

While the merry jingle of the sleigh bells echoed through the frosty air on Wednesday the silvery peal of the wedding bells was also heard—and as the earth was being covered with a mantle of immaculate whiteness hearts that beat as one were joined in holy wedlock. To the brides and grooms there was a tingle in the flakes like the jingle of the bells and nothing but brightness could be seen. May their future happiness be as perfect as the whiteness of the flakes of snow that fell during the ceremony.

The first of these pretty weddings took place in Emmanuel P. E. Church, Chestertown, at 12:30 Wednesday, the contracting parties being Mr. JOHN D. WELCH, the efficient conductor on the B. & D. R. R. and Miss DAISY TRIMBLE BRICE, the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brice, Chestertown. The church was neatly though not elaborately, trimmed with evergreen, and lighted candles added their charm to the occasion. To the sweet strains of Lohengrin's March, played by Miss Mary Hurtt, the bridal party entered the church. First came the ushers, Messrs. J. Herman Ireland, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, P. B. Hollis, Henry Deaver, Frank H. Gilpin, Jos. Brice, then came the bride's sister, Miss Nannie Brice as the maid of honor, followed by the bride leaning on the arm of her father. At the altar they were met by the groom and his best man, Lewin W. Wickes, Esq., and the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. C. T. Denroche, of St. Paul's, the pastor, Rev. S. C. Roberts being sick. The bride is one of the prettiest ladies in town, and on this occasion looked especially handsome in a gown of white ivory satin and chiffon, with bridal veil caught with sprays of lily of the valley, and carrying a large bouquet of white brides rose's. The maid of honor was handsomely dressed in blue brocaded silk and chiffon and carried a large bouquet of La France roses. As the ceremony was being performed Miss Hurtt very appropriately played "Oh, Promise Me," and as the party left the church she played Mendelssohn's march. After the ceremony a brilliant reception was held at the home of the bride,s parents on Queen street. The parlors were artistically decorated, and a dinner the menu of which almost everything was served.

Col. E. P. Stacey, general manager of the Kent railroad, placed a special train at Mr. Welch's command, and at 2 P. M., the bride and groom, accompanied by about twenty-five friends, were taken to Clayton, where Mr. and Mrs. Welch boarded the train for Niagara Falls. The special returned to Chestertown about 6 P. M. The presents were indeed pretty including a beautiful clock, a gift from the employees of the railroad. They will reside at the Watts House upon their arrival home.

Miss Ida Jewell, daughter of Mr. Daniel E. Jewell, of Worton, was married to Mr. George R. Rouse, an energetic young merchant of Chestertown, Thursday night at the M. E. Parsonage in Fairlee, Rev. J. B. Merritt officiating. After the ceremony they drove to their new home near Mill street, in Chestertown where a reception was given them.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Dennis Church, Galena, Wednesday afternoon at 4 P. M., Rev. Father Connelly officiating. The interested parties were Mr. James Quinn, a well known farmer of the first district and Miss Essie Loller, of Masseys, formerly of Chestertown, Mr. James Donahoe, Jr., was best man, and Miss Lizzie O'neill, of Smyrna, was bridesmaid. The bride wore a light shade of brown dress with hat to match, while the groom wore the conventional black. They expect to reside in our neighboring county, Queen Anne's.

Galena had another wedding the same day at 8 P. M., in Mt. Olivet M. E. Church, Rev. E. H. Nelson officiating. The contracting parties were Mr. Wm. T. Money, a successful young farmer near Locust Grove, and Miss Lizzie A. Hayes, eldest daughter of Mr. Louis Hayes. The bride was becomingly attired in a brown novelty dress and looked very pretty. The ushers were Mr. Wert Willis, of Wilmington, Mr. Jos. E. Weer, of Kennedyville, Mr. Frank Rath, of Galena and Mr. Augustus Money, brother of the groom. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The presents were numerous and useful.

Mr. Wm. J. Rolph, of Millington, and Miss Clara McClain, of Taylor's Bridge were married last week at the Smyrna M. E. Parsonage by Rev. Adam Stengle.

Ministers of the gospel meet with some novel experiences in their lives as they move from one place to another. A well-known divine of Chestertown relates this amusing incident that happened here the last year. A lady and gentleman called to get married but on the way to the parsonage the man began to waver, and upon reaching the preacher's home took his lady to the parlor and then asked for a private conference. He told the pastor that he wanted his advice, times were very hard and that he almost believed that he had better not get married, although the lady wanted to get married very bad. "Well," said the preacher, "it would be a big disappointment to her not to get married and I would advise you to marry her," and so he did. But it is said that the groom had deposited his marriage fee in the preacher's hands before he asked for advice. Did that have anything to do with the matter?

Another minister had married a couple and was to get $3 but the groom's best man said "give me $3 and I will attend to the matter." So he did. He gave the preacher $1.50, returned the groom $1 and bought enough lemons to give a "set out" with the fifty cents! He was certainly a financier and manager.

A COLORED MAN BITTEN.—The mad dog mentioned in the NEWS last week belonged to James Homely, an employee on Jno. L. Deputy's farm, Quaker Neck. The dog dashed into the kitchen, caught two cats and killed them, bit Homely on the hand and went out coming to Chestertown, where he was killed. Homely tried the onion, cure but hearing through the NEWS of Judge Shallcross' remedy, came to town Tuesday and interviewed the judge, who gave him the remedy and he returned home a happy man.

THE adv. of Medders & Co., should read sugar at 4½ cents and not 4 cents per. lb.

A PRIVATE letter box has been placed on Mr. W. C. A. Thompson's corner and Officer Copper collects the mail therefrom

### Baltimore City Market.

The following quotations are from the Baltimore papers of yesterday:

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| Wheat, Lougberry | 57c @ 22c |
| Corn, White | 48c. @ 19c |
| " Yellow | 47c. @ 18c |
| Oats | 35c. @ 33c |
| Butter | 25c. @ 20c |
| Eggs | 20c. @ 22c |

### Crumptom Items.

Dr. Sheppard has been confined to his room four weeks. He is convalescent.

Wm. Owens, an aged colored man living in Pondtown, died last Saturday.

Mr. Benj. Cowan, of the Crumpton hotel, is visiting Phila and New York.

Dr. E. G. Walls is quarantine physician at Washington at $15 per day.

Our creamery, having fallen into the hands of Messrs. Alday Clements and J. W. Hubbard, two of our most enterprising men, shows a wide growth in business. The machinery has been overhauled and the business interest increased 50 per cent. Messrs. Alday Clements, Dr. Sheppard, J. W. Boggs, Thos. Hurlock, Wm. Baldwin, S. Coppage, H. C. Stevens, G. E. Harrison, Wm. Robinson are the largest contributors to this enterprise.

New Year's Day was quite generally observed in this town, but in a rather unusual manner.

It was moving day and a large part of the population took part in the festivities of the occasion. Some of the arrivals were Dr. Wallis, who took possession of his old stand in place of Dr. Hacket removed to Millington; Mr. Biddle, who occupied Dr. Sheppard's farm lately rented by Mr. Hartly who moved to his own place succeeding Mr. Price removed from town; E. M. Brown who occupies the Dr. Butler property recently held by Mr. Joshua Walls who takes Mr. Baldwin's place, the latter having removed to his farm in Kent and Mr. Cain who succeeds Mr. Slagle.

The farmers here as elsewhere gathered a bountiful supply of ice. The skating was unusually fine and was duly appreciated by the young people.

Messrs. Wm. B. Richardson and Reese Numbers, of Harford county, were in town Saturday. Mr. Richardson expects to operate his extensive canning house again the coming year.

Several of the managers of the proposed railroad were here this week to select a suitable site for the terminus, i. e. a place where the railroad stops. We should prefer seeing some provision made for the starting point. So many railroads under our observation have stopped before they were started that we cannot help having doubts.

The shock caused by the Canton oil explosion was quite distinctly felt at this place, several persons mistaking it for an earthquake.

### STILL POND NOTES.

Misses Arsula and Viola Moffett, of Chesterville, and Miss Daisy Moffett, of Baltimore, have been guests of Mrs. L. Wilmer Ford. They returned home Thursday.

Messrs. Miflin and Jennings Hood, of Camden, N. J., have been the guests of L. Harris Crewe.

At the meeting of stockholders of the Creamery Company on Saturday, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: C. H. Price, G. W. Rodenhiser, G. W. Davis, Harry Davis, Wm. S. Busick, E. M. Bonwell, Howard Turner, Jos. W. Harper and John B. Parrott. C. H. Price was re-elected president; John B. Parrott, vice-president; Jos. W. Harper, secretary and treasurer. Nearly $3,000 has been paid to the farmers in the last 11 months.

Mr. Howard Fowler, of Chestertown, has been the guest at Senator Hepbron's.

Miss Katherine Howard, the charming daughter of Mrs. M. J. Howard, entertained a number of friends at a tea at her residence on Saturday evening.

The young folks of Still Pond and vicinity have been enjoying the skating on Lloyd's Creek, which is in excellent condition. They came near meeting with a very sad accident on Monday. One of the party, Miss Moffett, of Chesterville, while being pushed rapidly over the ice on a sled, suddenly ran across an air-hole. The ice gave way and the young lady sank in probably ten foot water. She would, in all probability, have lost her life, had not it been that Prof. Wm. Watts, who was pushing the sled, and seeing the air hole, averted it himself, but was unable to stop the flying sled, standing near the broken ice, reached over and held her until a sled was thrown her by which she was soon drawn out. Miss Moffett, though completely drenched was otherwise uninjured. Prof. Watts received a fearful scar over his left eye while rendering assistance.

On Wednesday the young men had many races. Mr. Walter W. Crowding winning every race. On Thursday, George Jump, the fastest skater of Betterton with Walter Crowding were started on a three hundred yard dash, Crowding beating Jump five yards.

Miss Ida Crowding, of Lynch's, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crowding, of Still Pond.

Miss Myra Crew spent part of the past week with Miss Daisy Moffett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Crew entertained about twenty friends at a dinner on Thursday.

The crowning social events of the season were two soirees given respectively on Wednesday and Thursday evenings by Mrs. L. Wilmer Ford at her residence near Still Pond, in honor of Miss Daisy Moffett of Baltimore, a sister of Mrs. F.

Another event equally enjoyable as the above was a party given by Miss Amy Baynard at the residence of her brother-in law, Mr. Jos. W. Harper, to a few of her many friends on Friday evening.

Mr. G. B. Kruesen, of Frankford, Pa., has been at home on a visit.

Messrs. Henry and James Turner, of Philadelphia, have returned after having spent Xmas at their home, near Betterton.

Miss Lill Parrott entertained a number of friends at a dance on Tuesday evening.

The Epworth League of Still Pond held, by invitation, its monthly meeting at the residence of their beloved pastor, the Rev. John D. Kemp. A very large number was present and quite a number of new members joined. After the meeting adjourned we were invited out to the dining room where, well, the table fairly groaned beneath the weight of good things to which you know we did justice. After having spent a very pleasant evening we bade goodby wishing the reverend gentleman and family a prosperous New Year.

### Morgnec Pick-ups.

A very pretty wedding was soleminzed in Morgnec Jan. 2nd. The contracting parties were Mr. Joseph Clarke and Miss Minnie McClary. The bride looked sweet in a close; fitting tan with velvet and lace trimming, and gloves to match she carried an exquisite bouquet of flowers in her hand while a bunch of hyacinths adorned her nut brown hair. The popular groom looked correspondingly handsome in a convention black suit. The ceremony was performed by Revs. C. S. York and W. P. Compton. The reception was held at the groom's parents. Many useful and ornamental presents were received. They will take up their home residence at the Wm. Bryan farm.

We are sorry to lose our old friend Mr. Joseph S. Trew, Jr.

Mr. J. P. Lattomus has been visiting his uncle Mr. Harris.

Mr. Q. Z. Shawn, of Baltimore, has been visiting friends in our neighborhood.

Mr. J. Frank Harris, of Baltimore spent his Christmas holidays home.

Mr. J. H. Clendaniel gave a family dinner New Year's day.

Mr. J. Fletcher Clark met with an accident while driving in town Wednesday evening; he was unfortunate enough to have his carriage torn to pieces.

We think our coal merchant had better have a lamp at his front gate, as Mr. P. G. Wilmer lost his way one evening and instead of going to the front door, as was his want, he got into the coal yard.

The farmers took advantage of the opportunity and filled their ice-houses with ice from 4½ to 5 inches thick.

Mr. Thomas Clendaniel and wife, of Milford, Del., are visiting their brother, Mr. John Clendaniel, near Kennedyville.

Mr. John L. Nickerson has laid in a pair of skates and is making little progress at learning to skate.

Mrs. Wm. McKee has been visiting our post mistress Miss Lizzie McKee.

Mr. John Bryan has opened a store and coal-yard combined.

Mr. Jas. Trew lost a valuable cow a few days ago without any apparent cause.

We hear there are to be two weddings here. Who can they be? SWAN QUILL.

## FRUIT GROWERS IN SESSION.

**Interesting Address of President J. S. Harris, of Kent—Dr. Black Takes a Hopeful View of the Fruit Outlook.**

The 8th annual meeting of the Peninsula Horticulture Society was held in Dover this week. James S. Harris, Esq., is president of the society and addressed the association as follows:

It affords me pleasure to meet again the Horticulturists of this fair Peninsula in council for mutual benefit and advancement.

I thank you kindly for the honor you have confered by calling me to preside over so intelligent and important a body as The Peninsula Horticultural Society.

Feeling that you ought to have selected one more accustomed to parliamentary usages, I ask you to patiently bear with any mistakes that may occur as I assure you of my best efforts for the interest and honor of our Society.

The past year has been one of general depression and disappointment not only from the unusual and ruinously low prices of agricultural products but added to this has been the failure of some and glutted markets of other of our fruits.

While we cannot control the killing low temperature that occasionally destroy our fruit buds and berry cones or the warm winters followed by late frosts that more frequently do us wide spread damage, we nevertheless recognize the fact that we of this Maryland and Delaware peninsula have fallen heir to a Horticultural heritage of such fair proportions that we should feel thankful for the many advantages with which we are surrounded, that are so stintingly dispensed to the average rural population.

Added to our promixity to the great Gulf stream, the rapid flowing tides of our deep, broad and beautiful Chesapeake and Delaware bays gives us a climate unsurpassed east of the Alleghanies.

The existence of this superior climate is not only testified to by the superior quality and flavor of our Peninsula fruits, but by the great number of very active old people who are still staying with us so far beyond the three score and ten, with faculties bright. While we have fine fruit land all over this Peninsula, it is where high land borders these great sheets of salt water or their main tributaries that it is covered with a quality of soil which in this salt air tempered climate is the home of all our temperate zone fruit.

To appreciate these favored surroundings it is our duty, our pleasure to properly utilize and develop them and it will be to our profit and mutual prosperity. It is for this purpose that we are organized and annually assemble to report experiments, compare ideas by papers, discussions, and in every way at our command, advance the common interest and prosperity of our people.

This will not be done by singling out any one or two kinds of fruits, and developing and producing them in market glutting quantities; but it is quality we should aim to improve. I have never, in more than thirty years of practical experience with fruits, been more forcibly impressed with this necessity than during the past summer, both with pears and peaches.

I have a small bartlet pear orchard that has been bearing profitably for quite a number of years that was manured in the autumn of 1893, but not otherwise cared for during the summer of 1894, except to gather, grade and mark the fruit, which was a good crop in quantity. I have another Bartlet orchard which was not only manured, but well pruned and cultivated during the summer of '93 and '94. The fruit from the latter netted more than double the money per basket than that of the former, for two reasons. It not only had larger and more handsome fruit, but the extra vigor of the trees caused the fruit shaded by abundance of green foliage to hang on the trees till the glut of the Bartlets was over. Not only the increased price per basket, but the additional number of baskets produced by the extra size of the fruit, made quite a material difference in the net profit over the untrimmed trees in grass covered ground.

Since peach trees are so extensively planted my main peach orchard is kept trimmed high, relieving the trees of most of those shaded underlimbs that usually produce the bulk of low grade fruit. During the Spring and Summer of '93 it was twice plowed and cultivated a sufficient number of times to keep the soil fine and clean, but without either manure or fertilizer. It was in fairly full vigor in the Spring of '94, when the Spring frosts, so generally fatal to the peach crop, left me a fair sprinkle of all varieties, which gave me peaches to market all through the season, amounting to seveal thousand baskets. Some varieties averaging one basket to the tree, with nothing on the most unfavorably located trees, and two and three baskets on the largest and most vigorous ones, enough of a crop to make as perfect specimens as grow.

Now the importance of quality that I wish to call especially to your notice is brought out in the fact that during the shipping season I would get my account of sales daily, and would frequently receive price lists quoting the daily prices of peaches from New Jersey, where there was a full crop in some counties and their quotations did not measure half way up to my receipts.

The value of quality being recognized it is an important part of our work to discover and make plain the surroundings and conditions necessary to produce the finest of the different kinds of fruit grown on our peninsula, Nature has blessed us with climate and soil for Horticulture superior to any along the Atlantic coast.

There lives in cities and large towns within easy shipping distance of us millions of people, enough to consume many times the amount of first grade fruit grown here. When quality not quantity is made the aim and when all existing advantages within our reach are appreciated and made use of to their full value there is hardly any limit to the quality of attractive, luscious fruit that can be profitably grown on this peninsula.

The millions of people in these great and growing cities and towns need and will have the fruit from some where, and it is to the mutual interest of our transportation companies and producers for freight and express rates to be reduced to their minium, which will encourage production and increase bulk, earnings and profits of transportation, from the red-ripe strawberry that lies at our feet in May, ready to please the palate, on in continuous succession as their ripening season joins one another during the entire season.

The cherry is a promising crop here.

Raspberries grow no where else to greater perfection or in more abundant crops.

Blackberries here produce the finest of fruit, and will continue in bearing 18 or 20 years.

The Gooseberry is a profitable crop here though too much overlooked.

We have grape land that will, I believe, when the needs of the vine in our climate are better known and supplied, yield as handsome profits as any fruit in the list, for it is an evident fact that no fruit yields more readily or abundantly under skillful treatment than does the grape; and the many varieties and great quantities of wild grapes proves this to be a congenial home for the vine.

It is the superiority of our peaches and pears, both as to quality and quantity that has made this Peninsula famous as a fruit garden; and while yellows has damaged the industry, the peach still reigns king.

Apples grow as large and as bright and as abundantly here as any where, but the fact of too early ripening of the fine winter varieties is a hindrance to the profits of apple culture that ought and can be overcome by the art of Horticulture