The Kent News

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PERSONAL.

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THE ladies of Bond Chapel will hold a tea next Wednesday evening at the church, for which 25 cents will be charged. We are quite certain that it will be a pleasant affair, as those in charge include some of Kent's best ladies, who understand how to make such occasions agreeable to all.

MID WINTER EXCUSION from Tolchester to Baltimore, steamer Emma Giles, Saturday, Jan. 26, 9 A. M. Tickets only 50 cents. This gives the people of our community an opportunity for a day in the city and a chance to meet many of their friends on the boat.

THIEVING.—Some thief stole a good-size hog from Mr. Cecil Atkinson's pen a few nights ago. The head was found in the thicket near by the following day. The hog belonged to Mr. Frank Gilpin. It is supposed that the culprit left his head for fear of some special marks thereon causing identification.

ALL TAX-PAYERS who have failed as yet to settle with the treasurer should do so AT ONCE. Treasurer Foxwell proposes to collect every dollar himself, as he deems this his duty under the law, so that all unpaid *on the first of February next* may see their property advertised for sale.

THE weather Sunday was worthy of note. The wind blew from the Southwest and thermometer continued to "go down" until at 6 P. M. it marked 13°. At 6 P. M. it began to get warmer and the mercury at 7 A. M. Monday marked 20°. Several of our oldest citizens remarked to the NEWS man that it was the first time that they had ever experienced such cold weather with the wind southwest.

THE REPORT APPROVED.

The First Step in Securing a Canal Across Swan Point Bar.

Gen. Casey, chief of engineers, sent, through the Secretary of War, to the House of Representatives, the report of Assistant Engineer A. Stierle upon the proposed improvements of Rock Hall harbor, heretofore fully mentioned and urged by the NEWS. The locality is considered worthy of improvement by the engineers to the extent of dredging a "cut across Swan Neck bar at a cost of $9,600, leaving it to those interested to do the dredging necessary in the interior basin to enable boats to reach the pier at the town of Rock Hall." The report is approved by both General Casey and Colonel Craighill.

Our Representatives in Congress have been interviewed on this subject and have promised to exert their earnest effort in behalf of this important project.

DREDGERS RUN AWAY!

Capt. Benny's Story of the Recent Fight—Corbett's Brother Arrested—Capt. Hyland Has a Brush.

The NEWS gave a report last week of a fight between the Chester river police boat and dredgers, the facts therein stated having been learned very indirectly from Capt. Benny. The latter gentleman was seen Saturday by a NEWS reporter to whom he gave a correct account of the battle. "At 9 o'clock," said he, "Mate Harris was at the helm. We went across to Wickes' beach and ran two boats out. Then we went to Ferry Bar where there were thirty dredgers at work. The first one was ordered to haul down her jib and refusing to do so, we fired. The fire was returned from a large vessel at our stern, and for one hour and a half the firing was continued. The dredgers only fired 14 shots while we shot ten times that many and *drove the boats away!* After the battle we had 180 balls left and returned to Wickes' Beach remaining on our beat until 5 A. M. We learned the next day that our shots in some cases came very near to killing a captain and his mate who were hid in the cabin."

Capt. John Ryan, brother-in-law of Pat. Corbett, was arrested by Capt. Benny Wednesday night while dredging on Piney Point. Ryan was run clear ashore before he could get his men to haul down the jib. They were afraid of being shot. He was taken before Squire Kerr at Winchester and fined $50 and costs, which he paid. Capt. Benny thinks the "Maggie Pohler" was also on the point when he arrested Ryan as there was another boat which escaped. The "Pohler" was seen next morning ashore on "Man of War" shoals. The captain stated that he had 850 bushels in the hold and 300 *bushels on deck*. He says he missed his course.

Capt. Thomas Hyland espied three boats on Wickes' Beach Saturday night and fired at them eight times from the Hotchkiss gun but failed to stop them. The captain thinks the boats are well marked.

Capt. Benny arrested Capt. Dave Hynson last week and took him before Squire Wilkins, who held him for court, his mother going his bail.

LOOK OUT FOR THIS MAN.—The *Sussex Journal* says; "A man evidently not over 25 years of age, name unknown, has perpetrated what seems to be a series of swindles on the farmers of Sussex county, Delaware. His method is to go to a farmer's house and buy poultry, giving him a check on John Scott, No. 416 New market street, Philadelphia. He seemed to have several bank checks signed 'Scott' which he filled out himself. His dealings will amount to several thousand dollars, as he bought all over the county. The protested checks range from $25 to $100." Keep your eyes open, as he may engage in business in Kent.

MR. A. FRIEDMAN commences his great semi-annual slaughter sale to-day. See by his notice in another column some of the remarkable figures.

ORPHANS' COURT, Jan. 15, 1895.—Present Judges Harris, Moffett and Burgess. Wm. M. Slay, Trustee for Josias Ringgold farm, filed Trustee account for 1894. Hope H. Burroll, administrator of Geo. O. Roeder, filed Inventory of the personal property of said deed. Norman P. Massey, executor of Henry T. Massey filed Inventory of said estate.

NEW CASE DOCKETED.—Albert Constable, Esq., attorney for Samuel E. Cannan, has docketed a claim against Jeremiah Peacock, of Galena, for $5,000 damages. Mr. Cannan is the husband of the lady who fell down Mr. Peacock's cellar and he claims $5,000 damages for loss of time, money paid physician, etc.

CAPT. ASHLEY PARALYZED.—Capt. Joseph Ashley, of Piney Neck, was stricken down with paralysis at his home last Friday evening. His whole left side was stricken and he is still confined to his bed. Mr. Ashley is in his 84th year and has the sympathy of the whole community. Dr. Selby is attending him.

A lady, and by the way one of the best farmers in Kent, asks of the NEWS the propounding of the following query: "Have the strawboard wagons the right to use private roads?" She says nine of them cut up one of her roads fearfully.

CAPT. CUNDIFF IN TOWN.—Capt. Cundiff, of the Sassafras River Steamboat Company was in Chestertown Tuesday. He is negotiating for the purchase of Buck Neck wharf, which is held by the Kent Mutual Insurance Company, but *his* figures would not buy it Tuesday. He stated that the Sassafras was being overhauled and would be placed on the line sometime next month. The company is in good condition and contemplate some changes to their wharf property in Baltimore, the most important one being the building of a new wharf and sheds.

WORTON'S NEW POSTMASTER.—Mr. John W. Carter has resigned the office of register of voters for the third district and has been appointed postmaster at Worton Station. He has appointed his wife assistant and executed the required bond, and his commission will no doubt be received in a day or two, so that the new P. M. will be on duty next week. Mr. Carter keeps a store at Worton and the location is as desirable as could be wished. The present postmaster's term expired Jan. 15th. Mr. Rouse has been a faithful official, and the patrons of the office of all parties, part with him with good wishes for his future. Mr. Carter's appointment is, we understand, pleasing to all concerned.

A Painful Accident.

John Nelson, the bright twelve-year-old son of Mr. Charles Nelson, of Chestertown, was painfully burned a short time ago and is today confined to his bed unable to wear his clothes. He had a pack of fire crackers and a number of paper caps in his pocket and in some accidental manner the caps exploded and ignited the crackers. It was impossible to rid himself of the burning crackers. His clothes took fire and had to be torn from him, but not before his side was terribly burned. Dr. Dodd was called in and has been treating the little sufferer daily.

Gunners in Luck!

Sporting men of the second district have been enjoying some fine shooting the past ten days. Wild geese in large numbers have been driven to the wheat fields for food; no better game is desired by the gunner than a goose. Mr. W. S. Hurlock, of near Kennedyville, is the most fortunate gunner of the district. He killed a goose with each gun shot and came into town the happy possessor of two fine geese. This luck induced Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs, W. T. Lane and Mr. S. J. Hill to try their luck. Mr. Hill carried a rifle, but was unable to hit his goose. Dr. Jacobs, with his shot gun, brought down a handsome fellow and was very proud of his game, Mr. Lane did not get a shot, but saw the big flock feeding in Mr. Hill's wheat field. A colored man killed two out in Mr. Garret Foxwell's field last week.

Mr. Kid Aldrich, of the bayshore, has killed thirteen geese this winter. They are very numerous and feed in many fields near the shore.

Messrs. George Beck, Walter Strong and John H. Aldridge spent several days last week at Cedar Point. They returned Saturday with 31 ducks, two of which were red heads and one canvas back. Mr. Aldridge says they saw hundreds of swan in the rear of Mr. Bart. Hatcherson's, but it was impossible to get a shot at them.

Messrs. Wm. S. Walter, R. D. Hynson, Wm. W. Beck and Hiram M. Brown spent this week at the ducking shore.

At their Old Tricks.

On Monday night, the 14th inst., the St. James parsonage was visited by a number of members of the church and congregation, bringing a donation to the pastor Dr. Mills and his family. Among the articles, were coffee, sugar, sausage, lard, apples, beef, muslin, flour, cabbage, potatoes, preserves, cake, pork, chickens, butter, ham, turnips, etc. After an hour or two spent in social conversation and prayer by the grateful pastor, they bade good night, leaving this additional evidence of their kindness, for rarely a week passes, that does not bring to the parsonage some evidence of the love of this appreciative congregation.

On Friday evening, January 11th, the inmates of Wesley Chapel parsonage were shaken up considerably by the pounding a number of the members and friends gave their pastor Rev. J. Shreeve. After thoroughly enjoying an excellent supper several games were played, old and young entering into the fun, some music was rendered by the young people and the guests departed leaving substantial evidence behind to prove their visit was no dream.

Rev. J. M. Boehm, pastor of Crumpton M. E. Church, was given a big surprise a few nights ago by his congregation. Provisions of various kinds were brought and his larder was filled.

Crumpton Locals.

The corps of engineers on the new Queen Anne's railroad have been engaged this week in locating the depot, which will occupy the ten lots so generously donated by Mr. W. W. Busteed, of Centreville, and a route across the river. After running three different lines they decided on the one crossing to the east of the bridge and running through Dr. F. N. Sheppard's back farm. Mr. C. W. Clements has charge of the right of way papers and our public spirited citizens are signing them cheerfully. The situation is becoming interesting, at least.

Our local court has been running on long sessions recently trying several interesting dog cases, the most interesting being that of the lately noted fox hound, Fairplay, which was shot "while returning from the chase," at which time, according to the Phillips bill, canines are exempt from punishment for trespass. His late owner, therefore, claims damages. It appears, however, that he was killed on Sunday, when a chase would be unlawful, and furthermore had been hunting on his own account. Now the question arises as to what constitutes a chase. Probably Attorney-General Poe, who so lately distinguished himself by his knowledge of catechetical law will be called upon to settle this dogma. B.

Three Dredgers in Jail!

Constable Walter Francis brought three dredgers to jail Thursday morning under commitments from Squire Dickinson, Rock Hall. The three men were Alonzo Evans, captain of the "Isaac N. Smith;" Capt. Edw. Lenzy, of the "Lottie N. Nash;" Capt. Wm. H. Ailman, of the "Bonito," all of Baltimore. The latter boat is owned by Patrick O'Brien and the other two by Charles M. Nash. The men were arrested in Chester river Wednesday by Captain Turner, of the steamer McLane and brought into Rock Hall harbor the same afternoon when a hearing was held and the men held for court. The vessells were heavily loaded, one of them having 1100 bushels on board. One of the captains remarked on the way to town, "why didn't the squire fine us $50 and let us go!" Of course, he would have liked that, for he had made at least three times that much while on the forbidden grounds.

Live Religious Items.

Presiding Elder Alfred Smith has been in Kent this week. He held quarterly conference at Bond Church Saturday. The congregation and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Anderson, are agreed that a change is advisable. A young man will be asked for. At Mt. Zion M. E. Church the quarterly conference asked for the return of Rev. C. S. York. The conference at Chestertown were unanimous in asking for the return of Rev. W. P. Compton.

Rev. J. L. Gill filled the pulpit of Christ M. P. Church Sunday morning and evening. He is building a $10,000 church in North Baltimore, and is asking aid from the various churches in the conference. The sum raised Sunday amounted $47, this together with other contributions will make about $75 received from Chestertown. The mission is a deserving one. Rev. Mr. Gill preached two very effective and pleasing sermons. Their strength was in the earnest manner in which they were delivered and in the simple language in which he expressed his thoughts. His morning theme was "Faith and Works" and at night it was "Love," in which he exhorted his hearers to be kind to one another, love now while among the living; speak a good word *now* of your neighbor when it will cheer him, and not wait until he is in the grave.

"The Church Affairs," is the title of a new paper devoted to the interests of the Diocese of Easton, and published at Easton by Dean Sutton. The first issue contains a picture of St. Paul's Church and vestry.

A letter from a church in Nebraska asking for help was read in the Chestertown M. E. Sunday school and a collection of $5 was raised by the school. The letter only asked for $1 from each school in the conference. It stated that on account of failure of crops, famine, etc., the church finances had gotten in bad shape and they were either compelled to ask aid or abandon the church.

Referring to an article published in several of the Easton papers recently about a convent to be erected at Easton, the *Every Evening*, of Wilmington, Delaware, the home of Bishop Curtis, says in its issue of Thursday: Bishop Curtis to-day said: "The story is a fabrication. I have not contemplated, even in the most remote manner, the erection of a convent at Easton or at any other place."

The officers of Bond Chapel Sunday school were elected Monday evening: Superintendent, James H. Baker; assistant, Henry Brown; treasurer, Walter Maslin; secretary, Mrs. W. S. Trew; chorister, J. C. Loud; organist, Miss Mamie Baker; assistant, Miss Mattie Edwards; librarians W. S. Scoone, W. S. Trew, Walter Maslin; curator, A. C. Loud.

Rev. C. T. Denroche preached in the Chestertown P. E. Church Sunday evening, the pastor being sick. Mr. Graham, of Washington College, read the service in the morning.

Persons on Eastern Neck Island are deprived of going to church in many instances and in order to accommodate them service is held in the school house, the last meeting having been held Friday evening, Rev. C. T. Denroche in charge.

Dr. S. R. Murray preached both morning and night at North Baltimore mission last Sunday.

Rev. W. K. Galloway, the evangelist, is now assisting the pastor of Dover M. E. Church.

MEETING OF THE LAW AND ORDER SOCIETY.

A Stirring Address by Chas. T. Westcott, Esq.,—Election of Officers—Resolutions, Etc.

The annual meeting of the Law and Order Society, of Chestertown, was held in Stam's Hall and shown to be as earnest and as active as when the society was first organized. The election of officers resulted in the unanimous selection of the old officers with the addition of Mr. Henry W. Deaver, as assistant secretary. A resolution was passed looking to the improvement of our juries in respect to getting men of character, sobriety and intelligence as members of the same. Then followed an able address by Charles T. Westcott, Esq., one of Chestertown's most enterprising, intelligent and practical citizens. The speaker gave a brief history of the passage of the first Local Option Law, stating that there had been but 25 convictions from 1879 to 1885, and $2800 collected in fines. This law was found to be defective in that the house was not liable and that a man convicted of selling liquor was fined or *placed in jail* for sixty days. The men generally went to jail for sixty days, after which they resumed business. Then a law was passed making the punishment greater. Under this law from 1885 to 1895 there were 27 convictions making 52 in all, 28 of which were in this, the fourth district, not any in the third, 9 in the first, 6 in the second, 8 in the fifth. He recommended that the law be amended so as to permit the trial by magistrates of all persons charged with selling liquor, which met the hearty approval of those present. The speaker then spoke encouragingly of the work done by the society during its organization, being more than the courts, officers, sheriffs and others had been able to do in twelve years! He felt confident that the good work would go on and that it would spread to other districts. Then as a very appropriate closing Mr. Westcott gave some practical remarks on "Good Citizenship," in which he refered to the corruption in all parties, and called on the citizens to rise above business jealousy, party affiliations, etc., and unite for the best interests of the home and the community. This address was to the point, and every member present on motion of J. A. Pearce, Esq., voted Mr. Westcott a resolution of thanks.

THE Chester Alliance will meet at the home of Mr. Josiah Massey, on Thursday, Jan. 31. Business of importance.

THE St. Michaels *Argus* has suspended publication.

INTERESTING PERSONAL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Welch returned from their wedding trip Tuesday, having visited Niagara Falls and Canada. While in the North they experienced some very cold weather and enjoyed a "sleigh" ride in a carriage. "Everything," says Mr. Welch, "is on runners as that is the easiest way to get along; carriage bodies, carts, etc., are on runners and of course many fancy sleighs are also seen." They have taken up their residence at the Watts House.

Mrs. Sallie Stratner, of Wilmington, has been the guest of friends and relatives in Chestertown and vicinity this week.

Mr. Robert H. Wright, now of Baltimore, was in town several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Archbell, of Evanston, Ill., are guests of Rev. S. C. Roberts and wife on Queen street.

B. F. Flounders, Esq, of the Elkton bar has entered into partnership with R. S. Albert, Esq., of the Baltimore bar, and the firm will continue the practice of law in Baltimore. Their office will be in the Equitable Building—in rooms 500 and 502. Mr. Flounders is a graduate of Washington College and remembered by many persons in town as a young man of fine talent.

Miss Lizzie Baker has returned to her home near Pomona from a pleasant visit to friends in Harrington, Del.

Miss Maggie Anderson has returned home from a seven week's visit to friends in Smyrna, Middletown and elsewhere.

Miss Annie Platt, of Wilmington, is the guest of Miss Maggie Bell, near town.

Mrs. Needles and son have been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Waddell, in Clayton.

Mr. Jackson Wickes Maslin, cousin of Mr. S. J. Wickes, of Rock Hall, has been elected a member of the city council Havre de Grace.

Rev. J. S. Bowers, of St. John's Church, Baltimore, spent several days in town this week.

Mr. Harry Messick, spent the past week as the guest of friends in town.

Miss Hattie Bacchus returned last week from a long visit to her brother in Washington.

Thos. Cochran, Esq, of Middletown, was in town on business Thursday.

Mr. W. H. McFeely says his advantages now are unsurpassed in the matter of insurance. Reader, protect your family by a first-class life insurance. Fire risks of best character are also taken. Call and see him adjoining Mr. T. W. Elisson's office.

Wm. B. Tilghman & Co., Baltimore, made an assignment for the benefit of creditors last week. The assets are placed at $7,500,

Mr. Frank Moch, who has been doing considerable crayon work about town, states that his father died of the hydrophobia having been bitten by a wolf, while hunting in the North.

Mr. Thomas Reiche, of Baltimore, is in Kent doing some work at his trade, paper hanging, having been sent for by parties in Crumpton, Still Pond, and elsewhere.

Mr. Jos. C. Rasin, Jr., of Baltimore, is spending the week at his father's home near Lankford.

Mr. Alonzo Ming returned to his home Thursday from a stay at the Soldier's Home at Hampton.

Mr. J. W. Kendall gives notice in another column of the re-opening of the Armstrong or Gilpin House, opposite the jail. He says he will keep a first class house and hopes to receive a liberal share of public patronage.

Mrs. Ida Duyer and little son, Julian, have been visiting Mrs. E. E. Hudson, of Kennedyville.

It was Joseph C. Quinn, and not Mr. James Quinn, who was married to Miss Essie Loller, in St. Dennis Church, Galena, last week.

J. W. Davis, son of Mr. Benj. F. Davis, has entered Saddler's Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Baltimore.

The engagement is announced of Miss E. Louise Broumel, of Baltimore, to Howard Hubbard, of Easton. The wedding will take place February 6 at the bride's home 1624 Eutaw Place.

Mr. B. F. H. Rouse spent his Xmas holidays in Philadelphia with his relatives and friends.

A letter to the NEWS from Mr. A. W. Wallis, of Maitland, Florida, was received Thursday in which he says: "The late freeze not only ruined our oranges but damaged our trees. We suffered worse here than in most parts of the orange belt as we hold our fruit until late in the season thereby getting best prices. Just before the freeze the outlook for high prices was never better and we could expect nothing less than $1.00 to $1.50 per box on the tree, but now we have to go to work to make another crop. It is unreasonable for us to expect to be exempt from calamities that befall other States. It was colder here this time than it has been since 1835. We have here the finest climate on the American continent and with the pluck and energy that the majority of our people have, the damage by the late freeze will soon be repaired and in a few years it can hardly be seen that we had ever met with such a disaster.

THE SICK IN TOWN.—Mr. W. T. Sutton is slowly improving and now has some use of the paralyzed arm and leg.

Mr. J. M. J. Byron, whose illness of pneumonia was reported in the NEWS last week, is nobetter though he was resting easy yesterday.

Dr. Roberts still has fever and is confined to his bed. Mr. Graham will conduct the services for him to-morrow.

Mr. Wm. R. Aldridge has been confined to his bed by sickness this week.

Mrs. H. M. Usilton returned from the Baltimore City Hospital Thursday accompanied by Mr. J. W. Skirven and her daughter, Miss Daisy. She will remain in town for a week or more the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vannort. She endured the trip very well and returns home very much improved in health.

Mr. W. F. Blackway has placed himself under the care of Dr. Meredith, of Church Hill, for treatment of cancer in the lip. The doctor has great notoriety in this line. We hope he may be successful in this case. The treatment is by plasters—three applications are made, each for ten hours, and they are very severe. The first was endured by the patient last week and another will be applied as soon as he is strong enough to bear it.

SKATING ON STILL POND LAKE.—On Monday and Tuesday Still Pond Lake was visited by the skaters of Still Pond village and vicinity, and of course all went to see Still Pond which is only a short distance from the lake. Still Pond, a pond about ninety feet across which was never known to freeze, is the origination of the name of our village and river. A series of races took place on the lake Tuesday. The skaters were divided into three classes—in the first class in which Caldwell Crew, Carson Harris and Walter Crowding (the skater who won renown on Lloid's creek) were the contestants; the race was won by Carson Harris, Walter Crowding second, and Caldwell Crew third. In the second class there were nine contestants—this race was won by Arthur Harris, John Boulden, second; Ben Krusen, third. In the third class there were five contestants the race was won by Thomas Crew.

In the Social World.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Welch were given a handsome reception by Mrs. Welch, mother of the groom, at her home on Maple avenue Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Crouch entertained a few of their friends at dinner Wednesday evening at their new home on High street.

Capt. Thos. H. Moore and wife gave a dance at their home at Betterton Friday evening. About twenty young people were present and enjoyed the evening in dancing, games, etc.,

Mr. Charles S. York, Jr., reached his majority Wednesday, and in commemoration of the noted event, was given a grand supper. The guests present included Miss Sadie Morris, chaperone, Miss Idel Baker and her Sunday school class of young men, of which Mr. York is a member. A most delightful evening was enjoyed.

A surprise dinner was given Mr. W. Bradford Copper by his estimable wife Tuesday evening, Mrs. Copper inviting the guests and arranging everything. It was Mr. Copper's birthday and a more delightful evening would be difficult to arrange. The guests included Messrs. Jesse R. Copper, Jefferson Bacchus, Clinton W. Wroth, Eben F. Perkins, Jr., Col. Wm. P. Howard, Henry W. Deaver, and Fred. G. Usilton. Dinner was served at 6.30, the menu comprising everything in season served in a most elegant manner. The company bade the popular couple good night at 10 P. M. with earnest wishes for continued health and happiness.

One of the social events of the season will be the grand opera, now being rehearsed, to be presented in Stam's Hall early next month by the King's Daughters. The opera is to be rendered entirely by the ladies. Misses Mary Hurtt, Mary Beck, Nannie Brice and other well-known musical students have the matter in charge and together with the patronesses will give the affair a high rank in society. The airs are catchy and pretty and some of the town's best talent will take part.

Another social event in prospect will be the grand minstrel show to be given entirely by young gentlemen, sometime in February. Those having the affair in charge are Messrs. W. W. Chapman, Alywin M. Culp, Frank M. Miller, Thos. W. Perkins, Harry Rickey, Wm. R. Aldridge, Fred. G. Usilton, Harry Simpers, Edw. W. Lambert and D. A. Bacchus.

The Y. P. S. C. E., held a social in the Sunday school room last Friday evening which was attended by nearly one hundred persons. Various games of an interesting character were tried for the first time and proved quite entertaining.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Hudson have issued cards to their variety wedding celebration at their residence, "River View Farm" near Crosby, Monday evening, February 4th.

Miss Rose Frazier was given a birthday party Tuesday evening at her home on Mill street. About twenty young folks were present and enjoyed the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bramble, of Fairlee, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Bartus Wilkins at a dinner yesterday. About twenty-five invited guests were present.

A "Poverty Party" was given at the home of Miss Lulu Shreeve by some of the young people around Edesville Monday. There was poverty in earnest; our minstrel troupe consisting of Dinah, (with her Odd-Fellows) Chloe, Caroline, Long Jim and last, but not least, our dude of ebony, created their share of the merriment. Margery Daw, Widow Burdette, Ragged Robin and numerous others came in for the jesting. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Sinbad were introduced amid shrieks of laughter. A number of games were played though laughter was really the prevailing feature of the evening. Refreshments were served and to all was handed as a souvenir of their poverty a gilded wishbone on which was tied a dainty knot of light blue and white baby ribbon. Among the number present were Mr. and the Misses Coleman, Mr. Frank Stevens and sister, Mrs. and Miss Burgess, Miss Judefind, Miss Gresham, Miss Shreeve, Mr. Chas. and Marion Miller, Mr. Lawrence Stevens, Mr. A. L. Judefind, Mr. J. Hadaway and Mr. Chas. Wood.

FAIRLEE ARCHIVES.

The thermometer registered 6° above zero at six o'clock here Sunday afternoon.

It was cold enough to burn any one. This might have been proven by applying a moistened finger—or still worse, the end of the tongue to a piece of frosty metal. Cold as well as heat can blister the skin and a wound of this kind is generally hard to heal.

Rev. H. K. Miller is very busy trimming the thorn hedge along the road near the village and laying it. On either side of the road this hedge has assumed mammoth proportions and to see it brought down in height is very gratifying. It would be well to enact a law for hedges not to be over a certain height along the roads, say five feet.

We want a dog law, requiring all dogs to be taxed, thereby making them property, and making their owner liable for any depredating.

A favorite canine, belonging to one of our Divines, suddenly expired on one of our principal thoroughfares a few days ago. The immediate cause of death must have been heart failure, superinduced very likely by "Shepherd" getting a dose of poison.

It is wrong to throw poisonous substances around, for no one knows where they may be dragged, and it might result in the death of something very much more valuable than the above animal, though it was in advance of many of its specie.

Canes are the order of the day with us. They are of the most grotesque design, generally, picked up after one makes his exit from his enclosures. They are used as weapons of warfare, when occasion requires it, the most belligerent element around being the feline and canine prodigy.

Some of our farmers have been losing hogs the cause being of the nature of the Cholera.

Mr. Sparks is kept busy sawing, cutting long fodder for the farmers, and crushing corn.

We boast of having three preachers, and goods ones too, to lead us in the way we should go, and two school-teachers, to brighten our intellects.

Some of our young men masticate pepsin chewing gum for the purpose of aiding digestion.

Miss Jennie Parr, of Galena, is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Harry Todd, of Chantilly.

Mrs. Vincent Lee is sojourning with friends in Wilmington.

Miss Lura Lee has been recreating in Wilmington, but is now at home.

Mr. Will Keyser is selling a motor run by gasoline. It can be used to run anything from a corn sheller to a sewing machine. It occurs to me that the motor will sell well, and that it will be a wonderful appendage in the household, if for no other purpose than to run sewing machines.

We have lively times in Fairlee and make the most of life. WEST END.

Beautiful Weddings.

As the sunshine is to be compared with the rain, so the brightness that shone about Fairlee Wednesday was to be contrasted with the gloominess of the day. It was a gloomy outlook for the bridal couple as they watched the downpouring rain, but as the hour of the ceremony approached the clouds passed away and the stars appeared in the firmament to witness the nuptials of the popular couple. At the appointed hour, 6.30 P. M., Miss LEONORA BRAMBLE, daughter of the late Henry Bramble, of Fairlee, and Mr. BARTUS J. WILKINS, of Rock Hall, entered Salem M. E. Church, preceded by the ushers, Messrs. H. Morris Bramble, Lawrence Stevens, Wm. Wilkins, and Calvin C. Lee, and the maid of honor Miss Rose Bramble, and to the sweet strains of the wedding march, played by Miss Gertie Ely, of Baltimore, approached the altar, where they were joined in holy wedlock by Rev. W. P. Compton, of Chestertown. The church was tastefully trimmed for the occasion and a large crowd assembled to witness the wedding. The bride was dressed in a gown of white silk with chiffon and pearl trimmings and carried bride's roses. She appeared handsomer than ever before. Miss Rose Bramble was attired in ivory silk and carried a bouquet of La France roses.

After the ceremony a brilliant reception was held at Tolchester by Mr. and Mrs. Noland, Mrs. N., being a sister of the bride. The bridal couple stood under a beautiful canopy of evergreen; each guest was first introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Noland and son, and then received by the bridal party. A sumptuous supper was served characteristic of those served by the superintendent and his estimable wife. After the reception the bride and groom retired to their new home at Rock Hall. Among those present were: Misses Annie, Rose and Ida Bramble, Mrs. Geo. E. Bramble, Mr. Chulton Kidd, Mrs. Bartus J. Wilkins, Miss Daisy Wilkins, W. T. Wilkins and wife, Frank Wilkins and wife, Miss Fannie Wilkins, H. G. Wilkins and wife, Edward Wilkins and wife, Mr. J. R. Franklin and wife, Mrs. Jas. Thomas, Mrs. Chas. Quartley, Miss May Helen, of Baltimore, Rev. W. P. Compton, Mrs. Hiram Brown, Miss Lillie Bramble, Dr. Charles R. Twilley and wife, Messrs. Jas. W. Chapman, C. C. Hopper, Col. W. P. Howard, Geo. B. Twilley, of Chestertown; Mr. Harry Messick, of Salisbury; Miss Ida Crew, Mrs. Melvin, Mrs. Corey, Miss Lizzie Corey, the Misses Smith, Mr. Todd and wife and daughter, Messrs. Major and Dixie Smith, T. E. W. Crew and hosts of others.

Two very prominent young people of Millington were married this week—Mr. WM. LOPER and Miss MARY E. TAYLOR. Mr. Loper is a successful blacksmith and the son of the late Chas. Loper. He is a very popular young man in Millington. The bride is the daughter of Mr. Frank Taylor and is admired by many friends.

One of the most interesting weddings of the season was celebrated at the Worton Presbyterian church on Wednesday. The conlracting parties were Mr. Vickers Hollinsworth, son of Col. Colin Hollinsworth, a farmer living near Church Hill, to Miss Hallie R. Crane, niece of Thomas R. Roeder. Two gates through which the bridal couple passed, were opened by two little girls, Misses Mary Rollison and Mary Fox. The ushers, Dr. J. Lane Finley, John Friel Edw. Valiant, Harry Chew, of Chestertown, led the way to the altar, followed by the bridal couple. The bride was dressed in cream silk and lace and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The Maid of Honor was Maggie Fox. The Lohengrin's march was rendered by Miss Agnes Smith. The Rev. Kent M. Bull performed the ceremony, after which a brilliant reception was held at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. Thomas Roeder.

DEATH OF A YOUNG LADY.—Miss Mamie L., daughter of Mr. D. U. Dewees, Kennedyville, died Monday morning at eight o'clock a victim of the dreadful disease, consumption. She had been in decline for several years, but her death at this time was somewhat unexpected, as she had not been confined to her bed a week, since the last and fatal attack. The deceased was a very popular and estimable young lady, a communicant at Shrewsbury church, and a faithful attendant upon its services. She was about thirty years of age. Funeral services were held at Shrewsbury, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. S. T. Chambers conducting the exercises. The following were the bearers: P. G. Wilmer, Wm. Janvier, W. R. Crow, John Sutton, Spencer Sutton, Clifton Hurtt.

CAPT. TRUITT'S ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.—Capt. James Truitt, commodore of the Tolchester Steamboat Company and commander of the steamer Louise, had a narrow escape from drowning Monday at Reeder & Sons' machine shop wharf. He was superintending work on the steamer Emma Giles, when he made a misstep and fell overboard. In falling Captain Truitt struck his head against the side of the boat He was rendered unconscious and a cut was made in his scalp. Thomas Gates, who was at work on the steamer heard the splash and succeeded in hauling Captain Truitt on board a raft which was lying along side of the wharf. The Captain remained unconscious until he was sent to his home, on Lee street, near Hanover.

Rock Hall Happenings.

Mr. Joseph Downey, of Chestertown, has sold his entire stock of goods and fixtures at this place to his brother, Mr. John W. Downey. The price is not mentioned.

Our letter box was torn away and badly damaged Monday evening. Some person hitched his horse to it and thereby caused the damage.

Miss Louisa Houston died at the home of Mr. Walter Lambert on the bayshore Saturday evening, aged 80. This farm on which she died belongs to her and is left to Mr. Will Baker. She had been sick for sometime. Miss Houston is an aunt of Miss Sarah Jane Houston, of Chestertown.

The oystermen are having a season of leisure at present. They have worked but one day in the last three weeks. Some of them are preparing for fishing, showing their push and vim. Friend Abe plies his needle with a swiftness to the surprise of many, but Jim can excel the best of them.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Satterfield expect to open a store in the Reynolds store vacated by Mrs. Greenwood. It is said that they will attend to the express for the accommodation of the public.

The Rock Hall M. E. Sunday school elected the following officers Sunday: Superintendent, George A. Downey; assistant C. D. Kelley; secretary, Robert S. Crew; treasurer, Wm. Downey; librarians, Wm. Davis and Arthur Andrews; organist, Mrs. Florence Hogans.

Mr. Haywood Middleton's five-year old son met with a painful accident Monday. He was playing on a stack of straw and in sliding down fell on a pitchfork.

Friend Jack is mentioned for coroner. We wish him success.

SURVEYING THE RAILROAD TO CRUMPTON.—Engineer Troxel and his assistants have just completed the survey of the new Queen Anne's railroad from Mr. James Brown's corner, above Church Hill, to Crumpton. Mr. Troxel says the road runs through a very fine country, and fortunately does not seriously damage the farms it crosses. It runs across the lands of Messrs. John T. Baxter, Wm. C. Robinson, Joel T. McGinniss, Charles H. Jefferson, A. P. Hoffecker, George H. Snitcher and others, and when built will open up that excellent trucking and grain growing country to market, giving the inhabitants facilities for trade and travel which they have not had advantage of.

HURLED DOWN TO DEATH!

THE AWFUL FATE OF MR. AND MRS. THOS. WHITRIDGE.

One of the most distressing accidents of recent years happened early last Tuesday morning in the fashionable section of Baltimore city, when Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Whitridge met a fearful death together, in attempting to escape from their burning dwelling, No. 13 West Biddle street. The young couple were wealthy, connected with many prominent families, and were popular leaders in the high social circles. Only last April the social world gathered at Emmanuel Episcopal Church to witness one of the most brilliant weddings of a brilliant season, when Miss Bessie Shoemaker became the happy bride of Mr. Whitridge. Their tragic death has cast a gloom over the social world, and excited expressions of heartfelt sympathy from all classes. Miss Bessie Shoemaker was the grand-daughter of the late Judge John B. Eccleston, a native and honored resident of Chestertown, whose home in the old white brick mansion and grounds now occupied by the residence of Mr. S. Vannort and the Voshell House, was for years conspicuous and inviting.

The fire was discovered about 4 o'clock; it had caught in the basement from overheated pipes. The alarm was given. Mr. and Mrs. Whitridge were awakened by the smell of smoke, and in their excitement, finding their house in flames began to cry for help. Their cries brought the maid and the colored servant to their assistance. Mr. and Mrs. Whitridge and the maid and the colored woman had reached the front windows and were crying for help. The smoke of the second story windows was not of a sufficient quantity to overcome them, but the density of that which issued from the windows below was evidently the cause of Mr. Whitridge's bewilderment, as it is supposed that he realized the fact that the entire lower floor was a seething mass of flames, and the fear that he and his wife were caught in a fire-trap rendered him frantic. The fire department arrived in three and a half minutes from the time the alarm was sounded. The hook and ladder companies are well equipped with life-nets, and Capt. Kelley, realizing that the couple at the window might jump before the ladder could be placed in position, ordered one of these nets to be spread. Capt. Kelley immediately had ladder run up to the second story window. Turning to Lieutenant John H. Morgan, a perfect Hercules, he commanded him to mount the ladder and bring the couple down. In an instant the Lieutenant was up the ladder, and had his arm around Mr. Whitridge, who was then climbing out the window, partly on the ladder. "Leave go," said the latter; "we will both go down together," meaning himself and his wife. Lieutenant Morgan during this time was tugging at him vigorously, and trying to explain that it was impossible for both to descend the ladder at the same time, and that if Mr. Whitridge was adverse to going first, to allow the fireman to pass, and carry Mrs. Whitridge out of harm's way. During all this time Mrs. Whitridge maintained the utmost composure, while Mr. Whitridge seemed to be perfectly bewildered, and would not descend the latter himself or allow the fireman to get near his wife. While Lieutenant Morgan stood, with extended arms, ready to receive them, Mr. Whitridge, with his wife in his arms, swung himself clear of the window, and that move sealed the fate of both of them. As he cleared the window, for the purpose of finding a resting place on the ladder, the weight of his wife overbalanced him, and the couple toppled over the head of Lieutenant Morgan, and were hurled down on the granite steps a distance of about 24 feet, striking headfirst, and rendered them unconscious. They were immediately removed next door, and laid side by side