The Kent News.

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THE sick as far as we can learn are very much better.

THE communication from the "Ins" of the Mount Vernon Literary Society; article on "Colonial History," Cure for Hydrophobia and other newsy items will be published next week.

THE OLD MARKET HOUSE.—The old eyesore in the shape of the old armory is to be torn down. This was decided upon at a meeting of the town commissioners Monday evening. Elsewhere will be found an advertisement to this effect.

THERE are thirty-two towns in New York with populations exceeding two thousand that have no newspaper printed within their limits! Several have over four thousand population; Chestertown, New York, with 2300 population, is among the number without a newspaper.

HOME FOR YOUNG MEN.—Mrs. Wm. H. Brown has rented of Mr. Wilbur Eliason the Eliason home on Spring avenue, where she will conduct a home for young men. Mrs. Brown is one of our most popular ladies, and we are sure that all who come under her roof will feel at home. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will remove from the country next week.

NEW REGISTER OF VOTERS.—Mr. Thos. J. Parsons has been appointed by Governor Brown register of voters for Worton district to succeed Mr. John W. Carter resigned. Mr. Parson's appointment, we understand, was asked for by Democrats of all "shades of politics," and now there are no factions in Worton! This is as it should be, but it is almost too good to be true!

BIG SALES.—Mr. J. B. Burchinal has sold nearly fifteen hundred head of poultry since October last at his store in Chestertown, Westcott & Dodd nearly 2,000, while the sales of other merchants in the town will aggregate about 26,500 head of poultry sold to residents in Chestertown within the past four months.

ALLIANCE MEETING. — Chester Alliance met at the residence of Mr. Josiah Massey's Thursday. Mr. John Bell the president of the organization delivered a most excellent address which will appear in the NEWS next week. The assessment of property will be discussed at the next meeting. The poultry fancier is expected to be present at the next meeting and will give his ideas as to the best poultry for utility. The meeting will be held at Mr. John Bell's on Thursday, Feb. 8.

RALLY OF OYSTERMEN.

A Meeting at Rock Hall—The Board of Public Works Commended—Better Protection of Chester River Asked.

Notwithstanding the very inclemency of the weather owing to the snow storm, in persuance to a call as per the press of the county, about seventy-five oystermen, and others, directly interested in the oyster industry, assembled in Downey's Hall on Monday night, for the purpose of having a general interchange of opinions and discussions on the current topics of the day, concerning the oyster industry of Kent county, Capt. Jas. B. Wilson, presiding. The chairman presented a general statement as to the object of the call, the sum and the substance of which was as follows:

1. The reorganization of the association by electing new officers.

2. For the consideration of reported violations by dredgers.

3. The deficit in the oyster fund and, what action should be had by the oystermen relative thereto.

4 The competency or incompetency of the police officials and the unfitness of vessels in the service.

Upon motion the four subjects were considered sereatum, with the following result.

1. It was declared advisable to continue the association and Capt. J. B. Wilson and J. R. Ryan were re-elected chairman and secretary respectfully, and ex-sheriff J. A. Casey was elected treasurer for the current year.

2. It was the unanimous opinion that gross violations of the oyster law prevailed, especially in Chester river, but in as much as it was thus far impossible for the tongers to positively prove this, by *ocular demonstration*, and the dredging and buying captains present would not disclose any proofs in their possession the association could do nothing at this time but rely on the honesty of those in authority, to see to it that the law was rigidly enforced. On this subject extracts from a letter received by the secretary from the Board of Public Works to do their utmost in carrying out every intent of the law, but at the same time showing the necessity of *co-operation* on the part of the oystermen.

3. On this subject it was thought best to defer action, at the same time it was declared by vote that the oystermen of this community held themselves ready to give, or assist in any reasonable manner to maintain the force.

4. It was declared the sense of the organization that the vessel used for protecting Chester river was perfectly staunch and seaworthy in every particular for the beat. J. R. Ryan then offered a resolution, declaring Capt. Benny entirely competent for the position he now holds, which resolution was unanimously decided in the negative.

The association then declared their purpose to give intelligent discussion on all topics cropping out of the oyster question in the future and render hearty co-operation with the law and force. An adjournment was then ordered, subject to the call of Chairman Willson.

The meeting was composed of gentlemen who are among our most conservative citizens of both political parties, the Democrats predominating, and was harmonious throughout the *best* of good nature prevailing.

There is no longer any doubt about illegal dredging both on Swan Point and the river, but *no one* scarcely believes that Capt. Hyland is wilfully negligent in the discharge of his duty. He is often compelled to go to the river for the purpose of driving off violators in consequence of which the dredgers working near Swan Point take advantage of the temporary absence and drag up hundreds of bushels of oysters; if Capt. Hyland gives chase to anyone of the offenders others will continue to destroy our "where-withall" to keep the wolf from our doors. The old adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," holds good in this matter of protection. We want the prevention, and the only way to have it properly, is to have two able vessels, commanded by men of Hyland's calebra, when Hyland can confine himself to Swan Point, the oysters are protected, so with a vessel confined to mouth of the river, the oysters there will be protected. Some of our home dredge captains say it is hard for them to work on their own grounds catching 25 or 50 bush. while others, and non-residents too, work on forbidden grounds, catching 100 bushels in the same length of time. They cannot inform on violators, because it would jeopardize their safety. The tongers are unable to ferret out violators, however much they may desire to, but they stand *ready to do what they can*. We have no complaints to make against the Board of Public Works we believe their aim is to do the best for all. We appreciate the efforts of Comptroller Smith in our behalf and believe he will continue to do all in his power for the oystering interests in the future. We hope to see a grand rally of oystermen all along the line, to a hearty co-operation with our friends the law and the officials, for on this alone, is based our right to expect a remedy and sympathy.

Death of Mrs. Baker.

Mrs. Margaret Baker, one of the oldest ladies in the county, died at the home of her nephew, J. Wesley Hadaway, in Quaker Neck, Tuesday night, aged 92 years 7 months and 15 days. The deceased has been confined to her bed for two years and death came as a happy relief to her suffering. She leaves one son, Mr. Benj. Franklin Baker, also two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Urie and Mrs. Mary Casey, of Rock Hall. The funeral services will take place to-day, Saturday, at 2 o clock, at Mowbray Chapel, interment at Bond Chapel, Undertaker E. J. Reiche in charge. The pall bearers will be Messrs. Daniel W., George W., Thos. B., J. Wesley, C. G., and W. F. Hadaway.

Mrs. Baldwin, an aged resident of Chesterville, died at the home of her son, Mr. Wm. Baldwin Tuesday, of paralysis.

INTERESTING PERSONALS.

James A. Pearce, H. H. Barroll and R. D. Hynson, Esqs., of Chestertown, attended court in Centreville this week.

Miss Bassett, of Laurel, Del., is the guest of Mrs. John Chilcutt.

Rev. Wm. B. Judefind, of Baltimore, spent several days with his parents at Edesville this week.

Jimmie Cook, preacher, has been the guest of Mr. S. F. Smith. He took his first sleigh ride Wednesday and seemed to enjoy it. In returning from church Wednesday night he found it very difficult to remain on his feet. Finally after falling repeatedly he cried out, "What kind of a climate have you, anyhow!" He was assisted home.

Miss Bishop, a pretty young lady from Queen Anne's, is the guest of Miss Claudia Thompson.

Miss Minnie Maslin, of Baltimore, has been visiting her parents in Quaker Neck, Miss Minnie is one of the best nurses at the hospital where she is employed and very much in love with her work. She returned Wednesday accompanied by Mrs. ex-Postmistress Brown.

Miss Emma J. Davis, of Smyrna, is the guest of her brother, Express Agent Davis, on High street.

Mrs. J. Gale Usilton, a native of Texas, but now a resident of our town, enjoyed her first sleigh ride Wednesday and was quite charmed with the sport.

Miss Nannie Bordley is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Lizzie Sappington, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents on High street.

Mr. W. F. Blackway is improving. The cancer on his lip has been removed.

Miss Julia Cacy, of Millington, is visiting Baltimore friends.

Miss Lelia Talbott, a popular young Baltimore lady, is visiting her mother in Millington.

Mr. Jas. R. Jones has retired from active farm life, his able son, William, taking charge. Mr. Jones has moved into his new home in the town of Milington.

Mrs. D. James Hall is visiting relatives in Wilmington, Del.

Miss Mamie Baker, of Pomona, is visiting Miss Price in Centreville.

Miss Daisy Jones, of Cecil county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. E. Hayes in Kennedyville.

Mrs. Maggie Melvin is visiting friends in Felton, Del.

Col. Wm. J. Vannort has been visiting in Dover and elsewhere. Colonel, why didn't you unlock the senatorial deadlock while you were there?

Mr. Jacob Calloway who for the past 2 years has conducted a general store in the Ascher property at Rock Hall is very ill on Kent Island. Mr. Calloway went over on the Island to visit relatives and while there was taken with pneumonia. His brother-in-law, Mr. Toulson, came over from the Island and packed his store goods preparatory to moving them.

Mr. J. D. Boyd and daughters are visiting their relations in Wilmington, and Philadelphia.

Mrs. M. E. Pratt, of Still Pond, has removed into a much larger home near Mr. F. H. Harper's store, where she will keep a first-class boarding house.

Mr. C. W. Kennard, of Baltimore, was in town this week. He is in the real estate business, and was accompanied by Mr. H. A. Sill, a Baltimore carpenter, who is looking for a small farm in Kent where he desires to locate with his family.

Mrs. A. M. Bowers, is on a visit to her son, Rev. J. S. Bowers, pastor of St. John's, Baltimore.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Grand Revival Services at Rock Hall and Chestertown.

Dr. S. R. Murray is having grand success at his protracted service in Christ M. P. Church. At the Endeavor meeting Sunday evening there were thirteen conversions of children while during the week there have been six young men and three young ladies converted. The brotherly feelings existing between the Methodist churches here were never so cordial as at present. All are one family and are working for the spread of the gospel. The pastor's exhortations are bright and pungent and his work here is prospering abundantly.

Rev. W. K. Gallowav has been engaged to conduct revival services at Betterton M. E. Church.

Rev. J. S. Willis as announced in the NEWS last week will preach in the Chestertown M. E. Church Sunday, Feb. 10th, and will lecture on the following Monday.

Rev. Kent M. Bull the new pastor of Worton and Presbyterian Churches has taken up his residence at Church Hill with his family.

Rev. E. W. Burke, the able pastor of Hanburg, Pa., M. E. Church, is visiting his father in Millington. Rev. Geo. W. Burke has been confined to his home with erysipelas, but we are glad to report him better.

Rev. Mr. Davis is in the midst of a glorious revival at Rock Hall. On Sunday evening there were fourteen persons seeking salvation while the membership is wide awake. Rev. Mr. Anderson and Rev L. A. Poole have preached during the week.

The Epworth League are rehearsing for a musicale to be given at an early date in the church. A large choir under the direction of Miss Lambert and others will furnish rich music, while Miss Sheppard, of Baltimore, will render several special selections.

A collection amounting to $16 was raised for Jimmy Cook Sunday. He has an engagement at the Southern M. E. Church next week. Jimmy preached to large congregations at Kennedyville Sunday.

The West Baltimore District Epworth League held the closing session of its annual meeting Tuesday at Whatcoat Church Stricker and Pressman streets, President Wm. C. Ballard presiding. An interesting feature of the convention was the "Question Box." Among the queries was "Whether Churches should Use Individual Communion Cups?" This was answered by Rev. J. St. Clair Neal, presiding elder of the district. Said Mr. Neal: I am afraid I cannot answer so great a question in the few words allowed. Now if it were a general question as to sanitation and the preservation of health, I could talk for two hours, and I would like to do so. But this is not the query. It is rather as to what is the law of the church as applied to individual cups. That is a question to be settled by each pastor and congregation as it suits them, the Book of Discipline saying nothing as to what kind of cups they shall use. But if I were the pastor of a church I would use the one communion cup." This remark led to loud "Amens."

Mr. Neal continuing said; "Microbes seem to be exciting the physicians and people as much to-day as the spinal meningitis did twenty years ago. Now, if I wished to guard our congregations from microbes, I would invent an arrangement of rubber tubes to be attached to each nose in the congregation, with a special alabaster box and tube for the pastor's nose, and these tubes I would connect with a ventilator in each church building. Such arrangements migat guard our people from the danger of microbes."

Presiding Elder Neal was also asked to answer the query, "Should Epworth Leaguers Use Tobacco?" He replied that for twenty five years he used tobacco, but now he uses chewing gum.

JINGLE! JINGLE! JINGLE!

Did You Go Sleighing?—Many Fast Horses—Pretty Turn-outs, etc.

The first man that wrote "Beautiful Snow" must have been inspired by a day like Tuesday. It was a white world that we woke to in the morning and it kept white all day. The snow was a delight to those who looked on it as a glittering toy to be played with, and when weary, to be admired from cosy rooms where warm fires gleam through the long evenings. To them there is a tingle in the flakes like the quick clip of speeding horses on the frosty ground. To others the flakes were as so many whited demons warning them that old King Winter is still on his frosted throne again and bringing to the destitute a sterner sense of the winter's hardships.

All day the thermometer stayed about the freezing point. It was cold enough to keep the snow clean and prevent that miserable sloppiness which everybody dislikes. It was a great afternoon for sleighing, also all day Wednesday Chestertown's boulevard was alive with handsome turnouts, fast horses, skilful drivers, pretty ladies and gallant gentlemen.

One of the fastest races was that between Mr. W. C. A. Thompson's pacer, "Jack" driven by Mr. J. W. Startt and Mr. A. J. Hynson's little beauty "Sailor Girl." "Jack" won the first three heats and Mr. Hynson the last two. Mr. Wm. Hendrix, of near Chester bridge, had his sorrel stallion on the track and Mr. Carson Harris, of Still Pond, drew the rein on a handsome black horse that could move along less than three minutes. He was very nervous, however, and made some bad breaks. Mr. McKee was out with "Tommy M," as was also John Gale with his fast trotter. Mrs. Stevenson Constable was out with W. B. Stephens' Grover S., and showed many of them the way down town, although Mr. Harris made it warm for the bay. Wm. McKee had his Maryland Russell horse out and Geo. Stephens drove the two-year-old Belton colt. Another class of fast horses included S. W. Maslin's sorrel, Frank Jester's sorrel, G. W. Hatcherson's Ringgold horse, Tom Anderson's black, J. W. Kendall's bay, Bill Morris' dark bay stallion, Chas. L. Dodd's little clipped bay, Thos. G. Wroth's bay, Fletcher Caulk's black, J. D. Bacchus' bay, Comptroller Smith's bay, Thos. D. France's black, Samuel Hick's gray, Frank Crow's gray, Vincent Lee's sorrel, Bert Decorse's black, H. H. Barroll's bay; and still another class came down including turnouts driven by Messrs. G. B. McWhorter, Wm. Bell, J. Gale Usilton, J. K. Aldridge, Dr. H. L. Dodd, Joseph Watson, Geo. Hudson, Jos. Trew, Jr., Harry Robinson, Father Scott and Mr. Dadley, Queen Anne's; Wm. G. Trew, Benj. F. Beck, Jr., Sheriff, T. S. Dodd, Harry Davis, Dr. W. F. Hines, G. B. Westcott, J. W. Chapman, Frank Gilpin, Percy Hendrickson, Earle Usilton, John W. Davis, Pomona, Lennox Catlin, T. R. Hubbard, Wm. Whiteley, James Beck, J. G. Roland, W. D. Shinn, Jr., Horace Constable, Wm. W. Beck, Lewin W. Wickes, Wm. Newcomb, Ralph Barnett, Frank Toulson, Frank Smith, Wm. Nickerson, Stockton Startt, Dr. J. A. Catlin, Wm. Lusby, John Brice, L. A. Hickman, Geo. S. Biddle, Edw. W. Emory, D. A. Bacchus, Allie Loud, Dr. J. W. Jarman, Bartus Trew, John Loud, John Rose, H. L. Loud.

Quite a number of ladies drove the rein over good goers and showed their skill in horsemanship. Among the number were Mrs. J. B. Hossinger, Mrs. T. R. Hubbard, Misses Minnie Massey, Clare Vannort, Anna G. Lambert, Anna Brown, Mrs. Wm. G. Trew, Miss Mary Ruth, Mrs. George Brice, Misses Elma Rasin, Katie Smith, Mrs. Wilbur Eliason, Miss Nannie Brice, Miss Clendaniel.

Among the handsome double teams were noticed that of Mrs. M. A. Wilkins, who drove a pair of bay horses to a two-seat cutter; Mr. A. M. Brown, with a pair evans to a two-seat cutter; Mrs. Richard Hynson behind her pair sorrels; T. E. W. Crew, pair grays; Wm. Kay single seat cutter and lovely pair bays; Harry Nichols, pair blacks; James P. Hatcherson, pair fine bays.

Incidents and Mishaps.

A young married gentleman started to take his wife out sleighing this week for the first time and when driving away from the house *upset the sleigh!* His wife got up laughing heartily and the sleigh ride proved vey enjoyable notwithstanding the mishap.

Dr. T. H. Cooper had his little yearling out on the snow and it surprised even the doctor by the excellent manner in which he trotted.

Mr. Frank Jester collided with a coal cart Wednesday afternoon, breaking the shaft of his sleigh and throwing the driver out. The horse came to a stand still almost instantly and prevented serious injury. Frank says he has not seen his lady since. She was not injured but scared badly.

Misses Mary Ruth and Belle Emory were enjoying the sleighing behind the "old gray horse," aged about 23. When near Stam's Hall Tuesday evening the breaching broke and the horse began to run. Miss Ruth retained her cool head and guided the animal to the wharf and around the granary, until he came to a stand still.

Mr. Bert Decourse collided with a carriage and injured his horse's front leg, though not serious.

Among the pretty ladies on the track were the two brides, Misses D., W., J., C., and L., Mrs. H. and others; Miss B., of Queen Anne's, Miss D., of Smyrna, Miss B., of Lynch's, and Miss W., of Edesville, vied with our town belles in beauty.

ROCK HALL ITEMS.

We have got the mad-dog craze here bad. Nearly every man goes armed with a club, some being two inches thick. "Jack" holds his tight, and cannot be persuaded to let it go. Friend Dobbs, while returning home a few days ago, met one of the harmless canines on the road, and in his effort to get a rail mangled his hands badly.

The State steamer Governor McLane has arrived with supplies for the police schooner Anna B. Smith. Captain Turner has been assisting Captain Hyland, of the schooner Smith, for a week, as there are many dredgers in Chester river and on Swan Point bar. The local boat, Geides, Captain Benny, is also guarding these oyster grounds. With such strict watch kept over them, it is almost impossible for dredgers to work illegally without being seen by the vigilant police officials.

A young gentleman in attendance at the dance last week entrapped himself in a closet, and was compelled to remain there over an hour.

Our fishermen have been having but little success. Charley, Jake and Captain Henry expect to have a big spring trade. We hope all may have.

The protracted meeting here is progressing grandly. Every night there are many persons at the altar.

The contestants for constable in our district seem to be very busy getting names, &c. We at Rock Hall think we ought to have a constable in the village, but will leave it to the good-thinking people to decide the contest.

Robert Smith, one of our oldest colored citizens, died Wednesday morning, aged about 60. "Aunt" Susan has the sympathy of us all.

We have had a sleighing carnival this week. Jack is very anxious to race some one and Charley has a good goer. Come down.

Mr. Bartus Wilkins and bride are visiting friends in Baltimore.

The following officers were installed last night by Burdette Lodge, I. O. G. T.: C. T., Wesley Satterfield; V. T., Miss M. V. Hersch; C., G. Downey; S., Chas. S. Porter; F. S., Milton L. Maslin; T., Edward Apsley; M., Elwood Kendall; G., Frank Downey; S., William Williams; L. D., Jas. Apsley.

Mr. Harry Wagner has removed his wife and daughter, a bright and pretty little miss of three months, from Rock Hall to Edesville, where he has a cosy, comfortable home prepared for them, near his father's shop, where he is employed. Mrs. Wagner is a very active, thorough-going lady, and her friends in Rock Hall will miss her very much; but we find solace in the thought that they are not so far away but that we shall see them quite often, for both Mr. and Mrs. Wagner have many warm friends in Rock Hall, which extend to them and theirs best wishes for happy and useful life. C.

SHIP SUNK AT SEA!

Over 300 Lives Lost—Collided With another Vessel—But 21 Survivors.

The North German Lloyd steamship Elbe, bound from Bremen for New York, was sunk in a collision with the small British steamer Crathie, 50 miles off Lowestoft, early Wednesday morning. She carried 380 souls most of whom were Germans. But 21 survivors have been landed, but a few others may still be afloat in one of the ship's small boats. The survivors of the wreck were landed at Lowestoft by the fishing smack Wildflower at 5.40 o'clock Wednesday evening.

The Fatal Voyage.

The Elbe left Bremen on Tuesday afternoon. The morning was unusually dark. Numerous lights were seen in all directions showing that many vessels were nearby. The captain ordered, therefore, that rockets should be sent up at regular intervals to warn the craft to keep out of the Elbe's course.

It was near 6 o'clock and the Elbe was some 50 miles off Lowestoft coast off Suffolk when the lookout man sighted a steamer of about 1,500 tons approaching. He gave the word, and, as a precaution, the number of rockets was doubled and they were sent up at short intervals. The warning was without effect. The steamer came on with unchecked speed, and before the Elbe could change her course or reduce her speed notably there was the terriffic crash of the collision.

Almost Cut in Two.

The Elbe was hit abaft her engine-room. When the small steamer wrenched away, an enormous hole was left in the Elbe's side. The water poured through and down into the engine room in a cataract. The room filled almost instantly. The engines were still, and the big hulk began to settle.

The passengers were in bed. The bitter cold and rough sea had prevented any early rising, and none except the officers and crew on duty was on deck when the ship was struck. The shock and crash roused everybody. The steerage was in a panic in a moment, and men, women and children half-dressed or in their night clothes, came crowding up the companionways. They had heard the sound of rushing water as the other steamer backed off and had felt the Elbe lurch and settle. The officers were convinced that she was about to founder, and gave orders to lower the boats.

In a short time three boats were got alongside, but the seas were breaking over the steamer with great force, and the first boat was swamped before anybody could get into it. The other two boats, lowered at about the same time, were filled quickly with members of the crew and some passengers, but the number was small, as the boats held only 20 persons each.

They were exhausted from excitement and exposure. Niss Anna Buecker, the only woman in the party, was prostrated as soon as they got clear of the Elbe. She lay in the bottom of the boat for five hours, with the seas breaking over her and the water that had been shipped half covering her body. Although her physical strength was gone, she showed true pluck, however, and did not utter a word of complaint, and repeatedly urged her companions not to mind her, but look after themselves.

The Vessel and Her Officers.

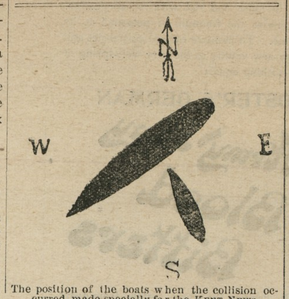
The Elbe was a four-masted, iron, screw steamer, 420 feet long, 45 feet beam and 36 feet 5 inches depth of hold. Her tonnage was 2,810 net and 4,510 gross. She had four decks and nine bulkheads. Her engines were of the compound type, the cylinders measuring 60 by 60 and 85 by 60 inches and were of 5,600 indicated horsepower. She was built in Glasgow in 1881 by the Fairfield Engineering and Ship Building Company. She was last surveyed at New York in July, 1894. She had accommodations for 120 first-cabin passengers 180 second-cabin passengers and 900 steerage passengers.

The Crathie is an iron screw steamer of about 475 tons. She is commanded by Capt. Kennedy.

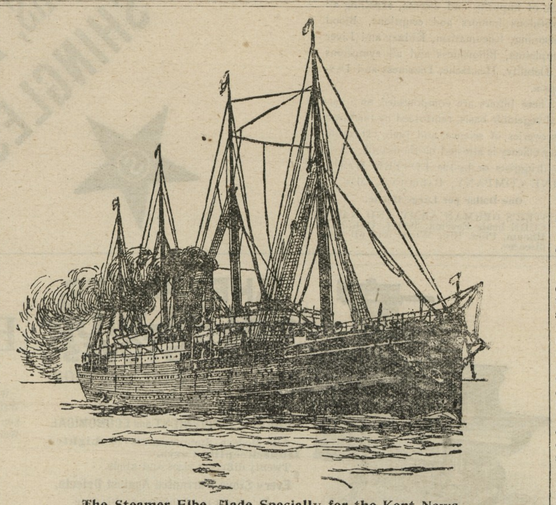
The Crathie reached port safely but had no idea of what boat had been struck nor what happened. She was badly damaged. The officers on the Crathie say they saw no signals of distress and supposed the Elbe had gone on as they saw her no more. The total number lost was 314, only 21 reaching shore; one lady was saved.

Only One Boatload Reached Shore.

The boat carrying the 21 persons who were landed at Lowestoft put off in such haste from the sinking steamer that nobody in it noticed what became of the other boat. The survivors believe, however, that she got away safely. They say that they tossed about in the heavy seas for several hours before they sighted the Wildflower. The little smack bore down on them at once and took them aboard.



The position of the boats when the collision occurred, made specially for the KENT NEWS.



The Steamer Elbe, Made Specially for the Kent News.

East Neck Island News.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family of Robert Wickes Strong, youngest son of Charlotte A. and T. Romie Strong. How heartrending to parents, sisters and brothers, how painful and sad to relations and friends, to part with Bobbie. Who can estimate the loss they have sustained, the depths of their unbounded love and devotion to one who was the pet and sunshine of their home? No want was unheeded or ungratified, so eager were they to administer to his ease and stay the enemy which wasted his dear form, and made war upon his youthful countenance. As the bud about unfolding its beauty to the eye, so was he in like manner physically developing into a fine and manly form. Even during his illness, when his existence was distressing in the extreme, where could be found one more pure and lovely, more patient and submissive in suffering, seldom complaining and ever thoughtful of those around him? Conscious to the last, he bid his loved ones farewell and told them to come soon to that heavenly home above.

Our people are enjoying one of the first sleighing seasons for years.

Mr John Goodman killed a large otter, the first one killed for a number of years. He says he has seen three different ones; a very unusual sight.

The young people of the Island are spending their time dancing. It only requires the word to have a dance. Mr. Boose Goodman has given two in the last two weeks. Mrs. John Goodman also gave one last week. Messrs. W. S. Bogle and Baker Lamb are chief musicians.

The dredgers have all disappeared from Chester river since the steamer has been on guard. A WRITER.

THE BANK WINS.—The most important case tried at the intermediate term of court in Queen Anne's was the suit of the Centreville National Bank to recover twenty-five hundred dollars from endorsers on the paper of A. R. Weedon. The plea of the defense involves a technical point of law regarding the proper serving of the notice of protest in the cases of protestable and negotiable paper. The law provides for each notice of protest to parties living within the limits of a town or city to be delivered in person. The plaintiff claims that such personal notifications are unusual to banks, and that a sealed notice through the mail is legal, established by custom and use, and is sufficient. The court decided in favor of the bank. Messrs. J. B. and E. H. Brown were attorneys for the plaintiffs, and Mr. B. Palmer Keating for the defendants. Mr. Keating is also one of the defendants. Messrs. Charles Estes, notary public, and W. Bradford Copper, cashier, of Chestertown, were present as witnesses in the case as regards the custom in Kent.

ARRESTED IN BALTIMORE.—James McDonald and George Moon were placed in jail Saturday on the charge of thieving. They were arrested in Baltimore and brought to town on the steamer Ford by Sheriff Dodd. They are charged with stealing a yawl boat, lot of clothing, etc., from Capt. Wm. H. Sanford at Rock Hall and $8 from Max Keil. They will be tried at the April term of court.

DON'T MISS IT.—Prof. Hawks will tell about the people he has met at Bond Church next Thursday evening. We have heard this noted speaker and if our readers want to laugh we would advise them to go and hear him. Admission 25 cts.

GUIDING STAR LODGE I. O. G. T. of Still Pond at its last meeting elected the following officers for the quarter commencing Feb. 1st: Chief Templar, J. Benj. Krusen, Vice-Templar, Katie Howard; secretary, F. B. Daulton; Marshall, Samuel G. Roseberry; finance secretary, Mira Crewe; treasurer, D. A. Crossley; Chaplain, Angie Rasin; guard, Robert Hill; sentinel, Lizzie Rasin; organist, Prof. William Watts. These officers will be installed next Monday evening by State Deputy, G. C. T., W. H. Krusen.

THE MAD DOG PEST.

Kent is not yet rid of the mad dog pest. Every now and then the subject is brought to public attention afresh by the presence of another of the vicious brutes and his havoc among his own species, and more terrible still, in numbers of cases by the attack upon human life.

The Strong Case—A Fearful Encounter and Bravery of an Unarmed Lad.

We announced in the NEWS last week the injury to one of Mr. C. C. Strong's sons from the attack of a mad dog. We have since learned fuller particulars, and the incident proves to be one of the most fearful struggles between a boy and a vicious beast we have yet read of, much less recorded as an occurence in our own county. It seems that Roy and Charley, aged 14 and 12 years respectively, both sons of Mr. Charles C. Strong, living in the lower section of Kent, had been to the public school during the day, and were returning home. To reach home they had to cross Swan Creek in a small boat. They had made the passage over the stream and were about to land when they spied the mad dog making its way toward them. The dog had just come from the boys' home, where he had bitten Mr. Strong's dog and four hogs. The boys determined, very wisely, to remain in the boat when they discovered the character of the dog, but the dog leaped into the boat after them! The brave boys then beat the furious animal out with the oars, but the animal renewed the attack again, and the eldest lad, Roy, caught him round the neck and held him while his brother ran for help. A fearful struggle this must have been! The fishing shanty of William Shaw was near by, and he happened to be at home and promptly went to the rescue with his gun. The fierce animal soon had a bullet in his heart. The lad was found to be bitten and the father at once took steps to have him treated at the Pasteur Institute in New York. He was brought to town on Friday night and Dr. J. A. Catlin took him in charge and saw him safely in the institute.

Shot His Bird Dog.

Mr. Owen Boone, brother of Mr. James Boone, of Chestertown, a resident of Quaker Neck, had a narrow escape Friday evening. He had kept his fine setter dog chained for several weeks and desiring to go hunting loosened the dog and started out along the bay shore. Soon after the start the dog was attacked with a fit and immediately afterward made a dash for its owner. Luckily Mr. Boone had his gun and put an end to the dog's life before any harm was done.

A Dog from Queen Anne's.

Richard Jones traded his dog to parties in Queen Anne's during the last dog scare, and on Sunday a dog supposed to be Richard Jones' dog came across Chester bridge giving unmistakable signs of being mad. Persons on the bridge gave him a wide berth, and several prepared to leap overboard rather than be bitten. The dog bit Mr. Pearce's pretty sheppard dog and others, and the last heard from him was at 9 P. M. Monday. He had visited Mr. J. F. Newcomb's and Mr. A. H. Crew's, biting all the dogs on these farms. Officer Kelley visited Richard Jones' at 3 A. M. Tuesday, but "the dog never came back."

Mr. Charles Long succeeded in killing the dog Wednesday. It was crossing Mr. Skirven's field having come from the direction of Plum Point. It was a strange dog in Worton and is thought to be the Queen Anne's dog. Richard Jones says he sent over to Mr. Snitcher's Wednesday and found that the dog he traded Mr. Snitcher for a hog was still well, and that the dog that came from Queen Anne's was not his.

A Courting Man in Trouble.

A case with a humorous side is told us. A young gentleman went to see his girl, near Cecilton, and *some time* in the night, when he started to go to his carriage to go home he discovered a rabid dog under the vehicle! The gentleman didn't like to wake up the family, but he had to do it. The girl's brother came out with his gun and delivered one charge into the animal and it ran around the barn, but soon returned and renewed the attack, running up so close to the gentleman with the gun that the muzzle was thrust into its mouth, and the full load finished him!

CHESTER LEAGUE'S BANQUET.

Celebrated in Commendable Style—Cosy Rooms—Warm-Hearted Members—Other Society Notes.

Chester League celebrated its third anniversary Tuesday evening at the club rooms on High street. It was one of the most successful affairs of the kind ever held in town. This league is an organization of young men banded together for recreative pleasures and the enjoyment of friendship. The rooms have recently been enlarged, refurnished and neatly finished. The club has many friends who have donated ornaments, pictures, etc., for the adornment of the rooms. Among these friends are Miss Alice Thompson, who gave a pretty hand-made calendar, and fancy wall banner; Miss Laura Black, Baltimore, presented the league with two card receivers, with stamp decorations; Miss Katie Smith donated very pretty silk tidies; Miss Gussie Cannan presented a fancy sham or head-rest; Mr. P. T. McFeely donated a pretty easel; Mr. Verne Barnett gave a well executed model of a sailing vessel; pictures were presented by Messrs. J. Hydie Thompson, W. S. McDonnell, G. B. Twilley, L. B. Russell and others.

On Tuesday evening the rooms were decorated with the national colors and evergreen. The banqueting tables were models of fastidious tastiness, and evidenced the fact that the dainty fingers of the fair sex had been there. At 9.30 the club, with its invited guests, sat down to the rich repast. The president, Mr. John G. Roland, gave a short, hearty, welcome address, after which the refreshments were served by skilled waiters. After the appetites had been fully satisfied the speech-making commenced. Rev. W. P. Compton said he was not opposed to clubs; that man had a religious and a social nature, both of which had to be looked after; he exhorted the young men to get married and make homes for themselves. Comptroller Smith congratulated the league, and remarked that it was a remarkable instance that a preacher should not only encourage the club by his presence but by his words, and thought the members should feel encouraged. Mr. C. S. York spoke of the pleasant memories of early friendships, and complimented the club on its rules and regulations, etc. Mr. C. C. Hopper remarked that Kent had different men from those in Queen Anne's, and knew how to run a club in a *creditable* manner; he congratulated the club and wished them success. Mr. W. T. Matthews spoke of the present club as an improvement over the old plan of sitting on boxes, etc. Mr. F. G. Usilton spoke of the club as a home for bachelors, where the joys of friendship were found and the pleasures of sense and reason realized; he praised the organization, but thought it secondary to the fascination of a happy home, and wished that the club might be known for its usefulness as well as for its enjoyments. Mr. T. D. France, on behalf of the club, extended hearty appreciation for the kind words. Mr. H. Rickey congratulated the club on its third anniversary and extended best wishes for a long and prosperous life, as did also Messrs. C. W. Wheland, J. W. Bordley C. J. Reiche, H. M. Wallis, John R. Rollison and G. B. Twilley. Messrs. James Parrott and J. W. Bordley sang solos, and the league's sextette, Messrs. Thompson, Barnett, Crouch, Rollison, Twilley and Burke, rendered several selections. The company dispersed about midnight.

The guests present were Rev. W. P. Compton, Rev. C. S. York, Comptroller Marion deK. Smith, Dr. C. Whaland, Dr. T. H. Cooper, Wm. Ford, Enoch N. Roland, John Shuster, O. C. Hopper, J. W. Bordley, James Parrott, Harry Davis, John D. Welch, Fred. G. Usilton, Harry Rickey, H. C. Emerick, J. F. Davis, J. F. Thompson, William Fitten, Fred. Russell, William Blakeney, Cyrus Howard, James Coleman, Owen Crow.

The league now numbers 32 members and includes the following: President, John G. Roland; vice-president, V. M. Barnett; rec. sec'y, J. Randolph Rollison; cor. sec'y, Wm. Davis; treas., William S. McDonnell; warden, J. William Howard; Horace W. Reed, J. Hydie Thompson, Chas. T. Howard, Harry T. Hoyle, Samuel O. Crouch, Geo. Z. Roland L. B. Russell, Geo. H. Burke, J. S. Vandegrift, J. C. Cannan, Geo. B. Twilley, Wm. Gale, Walter Needles, Ollie Estes, Wm. T. Matthews, J. Gale Usilton, Thomas D. France, William B. Usilton, Jr., M. Ellwood Baker, J. Allie Russell, H. Meeteer Wallis, Charles J. Reiche, Alvin M. Willis, E. H. Roland, W. C. Blackiston, Miller Maslin.

A delightful dance was held in Loper's Hall, Millington, Tuesday evening. Music was furnished by the Crumpton string band. At midnight ices were partaken of, after which the dance was continued until an early hour in the morning. The dance was enjoyed by: Mrs. D. J. McCauley, Miss Morgan and Mr. John Morgan, Galena; Miss Annie Cooper, Messrs. John Rowen and Jack Spear, Massey's; Misses Lula Downey, Grace Greenwood, Messrs. Frank and Turbert Greenwood, Chestertown; Mr. Hamden Massey, Crumpton; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Comegys, Misses Rose and Nannie Comegys, Eta Massey, Eva Comegys, Evelyn Cochran, Della Massey, Lelia Reese, Mary Hazell, Mrs. W. F. Collins, Jas. Vansant, Harry and Carlton Spear, Paul Comegys, Wm. Stevens, Irving Hurlock, Millington; Robt. Wallis and Edgar Pennington, Kennedyville.

The home of Mr. Geo. H. Phifer, in Worton, was last Monday evening the scene of a very pleasant affair in the form of a birth-day party tendered his daughter, Mary Stella. The house was beautifully illuminated which seemed to lend mirth to each approaching member. Various games were the general order or the evening. At ten o'clock refreshments were served after which the company reluctantly departed for their homes declaring Mary's party to be in every particular a decided social success. Mr. Phifer represents the extensive Tobacco firm of F. A. Davis & Co., on the Eastern Shore and resides in Worton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard entertained the Chester League at their home Thursday evening. Mr. T. D. France, on behalf of the club presented the bride and groom with a handsome clock which was responded to by Mr. Howard. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening enjoyed.

A gay party in a four-horse sleigh left Chestertown at 7.30 Thursday evening. They rode out to Mr. Frank Gilpin's, where a very enjoyable dance was held. About thirty young ladies and gentlemen were in the big sleigh.

A delightful surprise party was given Miss Della Lee at her home near Melitota last night.

A party was held at Mr. John Burris' in Worton last night by the young people. Dancing was one of the features of the evening.

THE Philomathean Society held its annual treat Saturday evening. The guests were the faculty, the ladies of the Pierian Society and the families of Mr. W. J. McFeely and Mr. Willard Melvin. The society received its guests in the college chapel, after an hour spent in pleasant conversation, all repaired to the dining hall, where cream, ices, fruits and confectionery were served. The room presented an unusually attractive appearance.

Mr. W. C. Brown, president of the society, acted as toastmaster, and after welcoming the guests in most cordial terms, proposed the following toasts: "The ladies," responded to by Mr. R. J. Nicholson; "College recollections twenty years after," by Prof. J. R. Micou; "The baseball club," by Mr. S. R. Duglas; "The Faculty," by Mr. H. V. Holloway; "The Pierian Society," by Miss May Matthews; "The Birth of the Philomathean Society," by Mr. Richard Merriken; "Washington College," by Mr. Chester Coursey; "The Future of our Society," by Mr