Kent News.

..., MD....MARCH 2, 1895

...ver police boat has been ...n's Creek, but hopes to ... Capt. Benny went down ...make the attempt.

OF A HOUSE.—E. F. Perkins, Esq., Tuesday last the dwelling belong- ... Henry Thompson, up town, ... was purchased by Mrs. Mary

R IN TOWN.—Mr. L. Hochman, of ..., has rented the office adjoining ...ard's shop and will make a spec- ...ne custom tailoring, scouring, re- ...tc. He will remove his family to ...ling in the Hudgins house on ...

...mer Emma Giles has been thor- ...overhauled and will make her first ...Colchester next Saturday.

...safras River Steamboat Company ...ding their pier in Baltimore, and ...a boat about the 20th.

...NDEGRIFT shipped a coop of ...ne chickens to Virginia this ... coop of Wyandottes to Eas- ...e coops were elaborately paint- ...D. P. Jones and no doubt at- ...siderable notice on the trip.

—During the past ten days ...s have been feeding in the ...er the county, but it is ...or any one to get close ...any of them. Messrs. Jas ...Jessie Middleton, of ne... ...onstructed a "sink box" ... and placed grain for th... ...pon. Mr. Middleton ha... ...ling three and Mr. Brambie ...

...dent Nowland at Colchester ...d in bagging one goose and of ...ery proud of it.

MONEY.—The papers of ...ect the following item: ...ge, of Chestertown, came ...and took up his abode tem- ...e of the big hotels. On Wed- ...rted in to have a good time, ...very well for awhile. His ...ure and the persuasive ...wly acquired friends in- ...e a hack to enable him the ...town. It was after 9 ...mbered into the con- ...artette and was driven ... His new acquaintances ...o back and told him ... he was, and when ...tive funny stories ... laughed long ... Ceppage just ..., according to story, for when the carriage reached Fairmount avenue and he alighted he suddenly found his pocketbook gone. His jolly, good friends were gone, to, and so was the hack; so after repoit- ing the matter to the police he strolled back to his hotel a wiser but a poorer man.

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...dition, Del., the weeks with her parents here ... Mrs. W. N. Conway—and re- ... on Thursday. ...a Reynolds, of Townsend, ...on a visit to her son, Mr. ..., the accommodating agent at this place.

Miss Carrie Everitt of Templeville, paid a visit to our town ... ing on Monday.

Miss Sallie Thomp... ... visited the parental h... ... Mrs. Silas Thompson ... Saturday.

While cutting wood in the forest near Galt's Station on Wednesday of last week a woodman came suddenly upon a strange and ferocious wild animal. In haste he summoned a brother laborer, and armed with revolvers they stealthily approached the spot where the beast was preparing to spring. They opened fire, and so true was their aim that the great fur coat belonging to their employer, a prominent Middletown citizen, and which he had taken off a few minutes before, looked like a porous plaster when he went to its rescue, attracted by the rapid firing and excited cries of the thoroughly terrified men.

Worton News.

"M. X." in giving the news of this place certainly does not go around on the *edges* when he says times are dull in this town. Our merchants say business is booming. Lots of our people got employment shoveling snow for the railroad company, and are spending their ready cash with us. I saw Cousin Ben and Dick smoking cigars last night. Dick has laid away his bicycle for the present, and has gone into the chicken business. "Dad" Kiker tells me he has to work over time in making sausage and scrapple to supply the demand.

...obe" is kept busy shoeing horses. ...aving quite an expensive boat ... ready for the first run of ...e is talk of starting a shirt fac- ... the near future, and why say ...all in this town? ... want to know how to run this ... States on *cut prices*, come out while ... the store stove and chew tobac- ...n give you some points.

THE GREAT STORM.

Opening ... Kent ... pa...

...e Snow Blockade in ... Cost and Who Ex- ... Money—The Item- ...d Bills, &c.

The ... commissioners spent much time ... Tuesday in the adjustment of the ... of those persons who had been authorized to open the blockaded roads which had been rendered impassable by the great storm. The supervisors were required in every instance to make out a detailed account of the work done—the amount paid to each hand employed, the number of hours so employed, and the particular road and distance opened—and then make oath to the same. The total cost is very heavy, but not near so great as had been estimated by many. We give below a full statement of the cost, and the names of each individual supervisor, at the expressed desire of the board of commissioners, as they have learned that some persons have indulged in criticism of their action, and questioned even the legality of the work. For this reason especially the Board invites the fullest scrutiny into the expenditures:

TOTAL COST.

First District	$ 1576 63
Second District	2141 55
Third District	982 11
Fourth District	894 75
Fifth District	99 96
Total amount expended in the county	$ 5694 40
Number of Supervisors employed in doing the work	79
Number of persons given employment and paid at the rate of 10 cents per hour	1141
Total employees	1220

The following is the list of Supervisors employed in the several districts and the amounts expended by each:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Thos. J. Dunn	$ 119 60
Mahlon Jones	9 50
Steele and McIntyre	316 60
Thos. Whi...	63 30
Richard ...	56 87
...	19 75
...	132 50
...	62 50
F. T. ...	486 00
C. S. T...	13 12
A. L. Hugson	75 00
W. B. Maslin	98 14
Jas. Quinn	126 25
Total	1576 03

SECOND DISTRICT.

John McKee	56 47
C. L. Gill	191 45
D. T. Nickerson	84 28
H. A. Meredith	14 75
" "	42 27
" "	36 40
W. J. Hurlock	58 62
B. J. Meagan	4 20
W. T. Stauffer	58 64
Aaron Taylor	16 25
J. H. Clendaniel	40 10
J. A. Stauffer	50 62
W. B. Price	13 18
Robt. Comly	52 80
W. C. Meeks	30 87
J. T. Hurlock	61 75
S. W. Webb	5 60
Eli Hasting	7 27
M. Stauffer	4 20
W. Stauffer	82 36
Wm. Benueti	58 64
Aron Taylor	128 93
W. B. Wilmer	36 50
W. J. Hurlock	33 00
Sam'l Erskine	74 00
C. S. Hill	7 50
T. J. Highly	98 63
B. J. Meagan	7 50
Thos. Rukly	19 40
W. J. Clark	23 63
W. Pratt	15 00
L. C. Sustis, Jr.	152 90
B. F. Davis, Ag	19 83
W. J. Clark	4 75
S. W. Webb	85 77
T. P. Sutton	52 40
A. Allston	7 84
J. P. Hendrickson	96 03
" "	74 75
Harry Kelley	27 20
E. W. Ford	28 50
J. M. Comegys	29 90
G. W. Walker	16 50
J. Thos. Hurlock	25 63
Wm. Pratt	5 60
Eli Hastings	
Total	2141 21

THIRD DISTRICT.

J. M. Severson	21 75
W. H. French	212 25
Pere B. Rasin	17 71
B. F. Crew	18 62
Harry Nicols	36 16
S. J. Lee	142 10
F. H. Meeks	39 65
T. J. Parsons	32 55
Vincent Lee	85 20
W. J. Tarbutton	41 40
J. E. Dority	16 35
Wm. Meeks	259 37
Total	982 11

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Geo. S. Biddle	415 76
J. Frisby Newcomb	
John McKee	38 90
T. J. Parsons	29 20
W. S. Scoone	230 00
" "	41 00
" "	141 00
Total	894 75

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Jas. C. Ringgold	27 73
T. E. W. Crew	72 23
Total	99 96

The commissioners say they understood the gravity of the situation under which they were placed, and hesitated to go to the expense necessary, but that the criticisms of the past when they had failed to do such work, and the demands made upon them when the fearful storm came and blocked every public highway, seemed to indicate a necessity for the action taken. The president of the Board states that he was advised to open the roads by some of the largest tax-payers in the county. They say that they are determined to cut off all extra road mending for the balance of the year and use every means to save as much as possible in the public expenditures in order to make up for this snow blockade expense.

In Talbot county only a few of the districts undertook to open the roads, and the expense was not quite $3,000. The Easton *Star* in referring to the matter says: "The work was a real necessity, and our board of commissioners we think did the right thing when they took the step they did in the matter. If the work had been full it would have required at least $10,000 to foot the bills. The people will sustain our commissioners in their actions and they are really to be commended for such."

The Farmers' Club met at the residence of Mr. William W. Moore to-day. The question discussed was whether the county commissioners should be compelled to open the roads through the large snow drifts, which still fill many of the roads, and will even with moderate weather, remain for weeks, or should the farmers unite and open the roads themselves. The unanimous opinion was that the county commissioners ... legally bound to open the roads, ... would cost many thousands of ... would be better for the farmers to ... to it.

Kent County, Del., has a law which compels the Levy Court to clean snow from the public roads. An act to repeal this has been introduced in the Delaware Legislature. The Wilmington *Morning News* says: "A few more snow storms like the last one would take all the moneys of all the counties of the Peninsula to clean the roads of the snow which falls. The last snow was a severe drain on the treasuries.

A LONG WALK.—Phil Daniels, Richard Barber and Abraham Robinson, three colored oystermen of Chestertown walked to Bogle's wharf about ten days ago, distance 25 miles. These men had left their boats tied up near the wharf, and receiving notice that they had gone adrift, started on the long journey. They left Chestertown at 4 A. M., arriving at Overton at 12.20 the same day.

THE mail to Overton has been carried from Rock Hall by Mr. Wm. Wilkins three times a week since the blizzard.

THE C. C. C. at a meeting Thursday night, decided to hold their grand concert early in April.

A FAITHFUL SERVANT.—"Aunt" Sarah Blake, a well known colored woman of Chestertown, died Thursday. She was born in 1812, and was one of the oldest residents in the community. She was a faithful worshipper of the Lord, having been a member of Janes M. E. Church for a number of years. Her favorite hymn was "Forever here my rest shall be," which she rehearsed shortly before her death. She had served many families in town, and was industrious and ...

NAVIGATION OPEN!

The Chester River Steamboat Company Successfully Breaks Open the Ice Locked Channels of Trade.

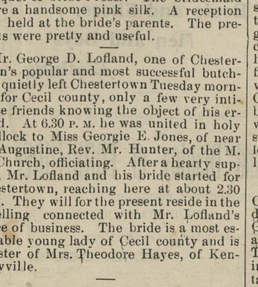
The NEWS has faithfully portrayed to its readers the efforts made by locomotive to reach the outside world, the pleasures on ice and snow, the terrible suffering and experiences during the winter, and now the last chapter in the history of one of the greatest ice and snow blockades remains to be told. Monday morning Capt. Clark, of the steamer B. S. Ford, received a telegram from President Warfield which read "Come to-morrow, ice boat will meet you at 11 A. M." This was a welcome message, and at 8 A. M., Tuesday, after a tie-up for twenty days, the steamer started. The crew consisted of Capt. Clarke, Mate J. Anthony, Mate Archie Bowers, Engineer J. Henry, Purser Allen Harris, Night Watchman Copper, Purchasing Agent Jones, and two deck hands. Her passengers included Mrs. John Lamotte and little daughter, Elizabeth, Miss Lizzie Sappington, Messrs. W. K. Ayres, George B. McWhorter. Jno. H. Aldridge, Mrs. Lamotte's father, and the NEWS reporter. Ice about three inches thick was encountered in "Devil's Wretch" and at Rolph's the floating ice measured six inches. A few men were standing on the wharf but no passengers boarded the steamer and so she continued on, passing Booker's because of no signal, to Quaker Neck. Capt. Jones was at his post and remarked that he signalled because he thought the Captain had forgotten where Quaker Neck was. Four boxes and one barrel of fine perch and rock were taken on board. A white flag at Cliff City caused the steamer to stop there but not a soul was to be seen, so we proceeded to Bogle's arriving at 9.30, but here there was no sign of life so the captain continued his journey. "My," we remarked, "this is fine, we'll reach Baltimore by noon surely." But upon turning Hale Point a sheet of ice



SCENE ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY TUESDAY—BY THE NEWS' ARTIST.

opened before us and extended in Jackson Creek, and as far as the eye could see! The captain hesitated and then decided to give it a trial and so he did, but it proved so thick that the steamer was run back to Bogle's. We reached Bogle's at 10.05 and then the long watch for *smoke* was begun. The captain was positive that the ice boat would meet us, and as the hours went by he remained firm in his faith, his reason for the delay being the thick ice. The stay at the island was passed in various ways. A number went oystering along the shore, others visited Messrs. J. H. Ruth and Will Wilkins while those on the boat passed the waiting hours in watching for the steamer, etc. At 2.30 it looked as if we would have to remain over night, so Purser Harris visited the store and tried to replenish his larder, but Mr. Wilkins informed him that no flour or meal could be had besides many other necessaries. At Rock Hall there was nearly a famine of flour while other articles were scarce. Capt. Clark accompanied Mr. Willson to the other side of the island and returned bringing the cheering news that the boats had left Rock Hall and would soon be in sight.

It was 3.30 P. M., when the ice boat Annapolis and Gratitude were seen ploughing through the ice, and we left Bogle's wharf at once. We met the two boats off Cedar Point. Commodore P. S. McConner and James E. Taylor were on board the Annapolis and as we glided up alongside they ordered us to return to Bogle's and go out in the morning. This did not suit our crew, and Capt. Clarke informed the commodore that he had a number of passengers on board. "Well, put them on the Gratitude and let them return to town." The Gratitude had by this time gone on her way up the river and after considerable exchange of signals, etc., the commodore cried out "well, follow us to Baltimore, but you'll have a rough trip." "All right," replied Capt. Clark. Capt. Grigg was in charge of the Annapolis. The wind was blowing very heavy, and as we entered the sea of ice, it reminded us of the stories of the frozen polar sea. We followed very close behind the ice boat, but at times we would get hemmed in by the gorging ice, while the noble ice breaker often had to retrace her steps in order to get headway to break through the thick ice. Slow but sure the two boats forced their way, at times being at a stand-still, the paddles turning and throwing ice over a foot thick. It was indeed a thrilling, as well as interesting scene. Grinding and crunching through the ice with a noise suggestive of a huge coffee grinder, the boats sped on. We went in the clerk's office, and as the wheels threw the cakes of ice against the side of the room, we could see the whole frame partition give to the tremendous blows and quiver at the repeated knocks. In the engine room Engineer Henry was hard at work with coat off and perspiration on his brow. Now the gong sounded once, then twice, then the jingle, now ahead, then back, and so it continued for two hours until the ship channel was reached. Several oyster boats were locked in off Jackson Creek. At Seven Foot Knoll the ice was over a foot thick and great cakes twenty feet square were stood on their ends, or sent sliding across the firm ice just beyond the vessel's width, and out of reach of her wheels. Now and then the steamers trembled and rocked and worked a little from side to side, but they kept going steadily ahead. It was like the distant booming of cannons or a busy boiler factory to hear the ice strike the bow and sides of the steamers. The ice was king from shore to shore as far as the eye could reach, acres and acres of the glistening rough surface stretching away to the distant gray horizon. At times we could see huge cakes of ice thrown up on the ice with a layer of snow quiving one an idea of the thickness of the ice. Just as the last shaft from daylight's quiver was shot across the tranquil scene we came out into open water, having been battling with the ice for nearly three hours. Leaving the ice boat in our rear we sped on to the city reaching our pier at 3.15. To the Chester River Steamboat Company, Captain Clark and his faithful crew, Captain Taylor and crew is due the thanks of the traveling public for their brave fight.



The Gratitude, Capt. Wm. Taylor in command, reached Rock Hall Tuesday about 1 P. M. She had her ice plow on and followed the lead of the ice boat Annapolis without quaking. The captain reported the ice as heavy as he had ever seen it. The boats were about two hours getting into Rock Hall. Centreville was reached Thursday and within a few days navigation will be safely opened.

CONFERENCE SLATE.

Some of the Changes That will Probably be Made by Bishop Hurst—Other Church Notes.

The Wilmington, Del., Morning *News* has the following: As the time for the Wilmington M. E. Conference approaches the preachers are busy making slates of the appointments. The session will be held in Smyrna and Bishop J. F. Hurst will preside. Several slates have been made and broken, but one was made a few days ago that will be hard to break.

The Rev. A. S. Mowbray of Newport will probably be sent to Elkton. Mr. Mowbray is well liked in the Maryland town. His charge at Newport will be filled by the Rev. Julius Dodd, now stationed at St. Georges. Dr. Waddell will not go back to Madeley. He is slated to go to North East. The Rev. W. G. Koons has received a call to Cookman M. E. Church, this city, and has accepted the call. The Rev. W. L. White, now pastor at Cookman, will probably go to Wesley. The Rev. H. W. Ewing of this city, now stationed at Port Deposit, will change this year and it is said he will go to Middletown. This is one of the best appointments down the State. The Rev. J. E. Bryan was invited to North East, but declined to go back to Rising Sun. Some of the members of Kingswood Church have invited the Rev. Warren Burr to that charge. The Rev. G. R. Niece of Houston will probably go to Kingswood. The Rev. J. B. Quigg of Wesley will go to Still Pond. It is said that Mr. Wise of Silverbrook will go to Madeley. The Rev. W. T. Valiant of Cherry Hill will go to Port Deposit. The Rev. George W. Bounds of Cape Charles City will go to Berlin, and the Rev. E. C. Adkins from Onancock to Cape Charles City. The Rev. E. H. Nelson has completed a five years term at Galena and will go to Greensboro. The Rev. A. S. Green of Greenwood will fill the place made vacant by Warren Burr and go to St. Pater's. The pastors at Bridgeville, Cambridge, Dover, Felton, Georgetown and Milford will return. The Rev. Mr. Green will leave Nassau and go to Frankford. The Rev. C. P. Swain will go to Nassau. No change will be made at Odessa, St. Michael's and Smyrna. It is rumored that a deal will be made between Deal's Island and Cambridge. It is said that the Revs. F. C. McSorley and C. T. Wyatt will exchange. The Rev. E. P. Roberts, of Milton will go to Silverbrook. The pastors of Asbury,, St. Paul's, Brandywine, East Lake, Epworth, Harrison Street, Grace, Mt. Salem, Scott and Union will remain another year

A prominent and well posted member of the Conference, at our elbow, thinks there is a good deal of guess work about the above. Rev. Mr. Arters will probably go back to Greensboro, and in that case our popular Galena pastor is asked for at Church Hill, if Rev. Mr. White concludes to change; but Rev. Mr. Quigg will not likely go to Still Pond and Rev. Mr. Nelson will go to Still Pond. Rev. Mr. Sheppard, of Sudlersville, and Rev. Wm. Mowbray, are both mentioned for Galena. Rev. Mr. Vandyke is spoken of for Pomona in place of Rev. J. F. Anderson. Rev. Anderson, of Pomona, is most likely to go to Millington, if Rev. Mr. Burke insists upon changing. Rev. I. L. Wood has a call to Chambersburg. Rev. C. Hill will go to Middletown.

The Kennedyville M. P. Church held a members' meeting Tuesday evening and elected Mr. James Newcomb as delegate to the next session of conference, which meets in Alexandria, Va.; Mr. W. T. Jones was chosen alternate.

Evangelist Galloway has been having ... grand ...

Matrimonial.

Kennedyville M. P. Church was filled Tuesday evening with an interested crowd to witness the wedding of Miss Vermadella Garey and Mr. Leonard A. Pennington, both of that neighborhood. The church was beautifully trimmed for the occasion, an arch spanning the chancel, from which hung a floral horseshoe. As Mrs. T. Megee, of Still Pond, skillfully rendered a wedding march the bridal party approached the altar. First came the ushers, Messrs. Jos. H. Weer and Wattie McKnett, then the bridesmaid, Miss Fannie Garey, and the groomsman, Mr. Henry S. Redmile, and then the bride and groom. At the altar they were met by Rev. R. L. Lewis, who performed the ceremony. The bride was becomingly attired in a skirt of pearl bengaline with silk waist and carried a bonquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore a handsome pink silk. A reception was held at the bride's parents. The presents were pretty and useful.

Mr. George D. Lofland, one of Chestertown's popular and most successful butchers, quietly left Chestertown Tuesday morning for Cecil county, only a few very intimate friends knowing the object of his errand. At 6.30 P. M. he was united in holy wedlock to Miss Georgie E. Jones, of near St. Augustine, Rev. Mr. Hunter, of the M. E. Church, officiating. After a hearty supper, Mr. Lofland and his bride started for Chestertown, reaching here at about 2.30 A. M. They will for the present reside in the dwelling connected with Mr. Lofland's place of business. The bride is a most estimable young lady of Cecil county and is a sister of Mrs. Theodore Hayes, of Kennedyville.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA.

J. T. Griffith, the polite and affable manager of the Washington Hotel, of this place, was married on Wednesday, the 20th of this month, to Miss Ada Loeb, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Loeb. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, and after receiving congratulations, took the 2.10 train for the South, a few days of which they will spend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Staats, near Sassafras, Md. Miss Bessie Cliff, their pleasing and talented niece, who has visited Schuylkill Haven and Shamokin for two months past, returned with them to Middletown on Thursday last. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Griffith will reside at the Washington Hotel.

Chesterville News.

Every house in this village suitable for residence is or will soon be occupied, which has not been the case for some time.

Mr. Chas. G. Carey is still in a low state of health at his home here. He has had the best of medical attention and the most faithful of nursing, a mother.

Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Hudson two aged residents of our village are very much indisposed. We sincerely hope that esteemed friend of yours, and of humanity, Mrs. Harriet Usilton, is entirely restored for she is, indeed, some of the salt of the earth.

Mr. Chas. F. Burris and wife, former residents, of near Melitota, have returned to their home in Newark, Del.

Mrs. Mary A. Burris is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Crittenden.

Our friend E. S. Bratton, is ... troubled with the grip. ... lose its grip on him ...

A good many ... here in raising the sno... completely obstructed highways. Mr. Thos. E... vise the road from here ... he will certainly give t... brain, muscle and conscien...

Miss Josie Harris, t... of this school has ... winter in going ... before the su... paratory to ... deserves a w...

ENTERTAINMENTS AND SOCIALS.

The "V's" at Fairlee and Locust Grove—"C. E." at Wesley Chapel—The "Silver Musical" at Chestertown M. E. Church—Chester League Smoker--A "Brown Supper"—Masked Ball, &c.

In addition to the Mt. Vernon Literary Society celebration on Washington's birthday Chester League gave a most enjoyable "Smoker" at their rooms in McDonnell's Hall. The evening's program included a minstrel, musical and literary entertainment. Mr. T. D. France read a brief sketch of the life and career of Washington; Messrs. J. P. Parrott and John W. Bordley sang base solos; Mr. Geo. B. Twilley rendered selections on the autoharp and Messrs. J. Hydie Thompson, J. R. Rollison, Samuel O. Crouch, Vernon Barnett and deputy-sheriff John Harlock did the minstrel performance with great credit to themselves and real pleasure and amusement to those present. Messrs. Geo. Burke, W. S. McDonnell, Wm. B. Usilton, Jr., and other members of the League had the management of the affair. The League rooms were tastefully decorated both exterior and interior with bunting, flags, japanese lanterns, etc., conspicuous among the decorations was a large portrait of Washington.

An Enjoyable Masquarade.

The impromptu masquarade ball which was held in Stam's Hall, Monday evening, Feburary 25th, was on of the most enjoyable occasions of the season. Considering the short time for preparation the costumes could not be excelled, many of them being evidences of taste and study. To say that some of the characters were funny would be putting it mild. Mr. Geo. Brice as the 'fat man' furnished the amusement for the occasion, and kept both participants and spectators in a roar of laughter by his funny antics. His corpulency was something enormous, so much so that it impaired his navigatory powers somewhat. The grand march was begun at 9 o'clock, and was led by the "bachelor" and the "quakeress." Violin and piano music was furnished by Mr. Chas. Beck and Mrs. John Brice in their inimitable way. Among those in disguise were: Mrs. H. W. Beck, peasant; Mrs. J. D. Welch, Trilby; Mrs. Geo. Brice, quakeress; Mrs. Philip Brooks, student; Misses Minnie Massey, Japanese; Mary Beck, Highland lassie; Emma Beck, pedler; May Ireland, Japanese; Blanche Constable, tambourine girl; Grace Whaland, America; Hallie Ireland, student; Bessie Anderson, Queen of spades; Annie Bose and Mary Hurtt, Heavenly Twins; Mamie Catlin, empire girl; Annie Brice, market woman; Mary W. Cavender, Swellsley girl; Morgan Beaston, night; Grace Greenwood, a daisy; Bertha Hynson, Oxford girl; Edna Ringgold, tambourine girl. Messrs. Harry Rickey, the Hunchback; Dr. C. P. Gilpin, the bachelor; George Brice, fat man; Jas. Beck, Japanese; John Rose, Yergmia Rosebud; Henry Deaver, colonial gentleman; L. W. Wickes, Sir Walter Raleigh; Horace W. Beck, Beau Brummel; Horace Constable, Topsy; Spencer Hurtt, Cinderella; Harry Simpers, Rebecca Einstein; Tom Perkins, Prince; Lenox Catlin, Tiger; Joe Brice, baby; H. W. Catlin, Prince of Whales; Jos. Rasin, Araminta Clovertop.

Miss Lizzie Corey entertained the United "Y" and many friends at her beautiful home near Fairlee Monday evening. The party was termed a "star" party and so it turned out to be a success in every respect. The rooms were neatly decorated with evergreen stars, ladies wore stars on their dresses and in their hair, men wore them on their coats, singers sung about stars, speakers spoke of stars and indeed so much was said about the stars that those in the heavenly firmament hid their faces behind dark veils. The program included a most excellent paper by Mrs. S. R. Hurlock, readings by Misses Bessie Miller, Clara Keyser, Acca Vandyke, Messrs. Whittier Copper, Stockton Startt and others. Songs were rendered by the little Miss Hurlocks which brought forth the applause of every one. Miss May Hurlock and brother, Arthur, also rendered several selections. Mr. Charles Skirven sang a pretty solo and the Chestertown Glee Singers sang a "Star Medley." Misses Corey, Hatcherson and Hurlock presided at the piano. Mr. Lou Aldrich amused the guests by his funny songs, recitations, etc. Good music was furnished by Messrs. Hurlock, Ford, Alrich and Skirven. Refreshments were served during the evening. A star fishing party went out on a trip which resulted in catching many big fish. Mr. Crew was caught by the dummy, but afterward got on the stars of two fisher ladies. It was an enjoyable affair and all concerned are to be congratulated.

The C. E. of Wesley Chapel gave a Hunter's Social last Friday night, Feb. 22d, which was decidedly their most entertaining one. The hunt for names pinned on their backs and exclamations such as "Do tell me who I am!" "What is my name!" etc. made those slips of paper a perfect burden to the wearer. When the hunt was over a few games were played which brought all into the fun. A cracker feast was delightfully amusing, the fair victims were seated in tailor fashion rugs and then blindfolded and given a dish of cracker crumbs and a spoon to feed each other. The ridiculous effort to reach the mouths of their companions when the spoon would so often send a shower of crumbs down the collar, or on the head or on the hand going entirely past the supposed recipient caused such volumes of mirth that the old hall rang. Mr. Chas. Miller was given first prize for the best feeding, which was a very pretty hatchet, and Mr. T. E. W. Crew the booby prize, a sailor in a bandbox. Refreshments of cream and cake were served after which "America" was sung and the evening was over, to be followed we hope by many more such delightful occasions.

Quite a social gathering consisting of the Corey "Y" and friends met at the residence of Mr. Thos. Bramble, near Locust Grove on Tuesday evening of last week, and a good time enjoyed by all present. The large residence was beautifully illuminated and could be plainly seen at a distance. Games of Station, Cold Frost Morning and Dusty Miller, were indulged in, by the old as well as the young, which made the young folks the merrier. Vocal and instrumental music was rendered by those who felt thus inclined. At a late hour all were invited to the dining room where cake and ice cream were served in abundance. While partaking of this repast the sweet sounding music box played "Hail Columbia," and other familiar tunes. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Bramble, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. John Price, Mr. and Mrs. W. Newton and daughters Bessie and Carrie, of Earlville, Cecil Co.; Misses Mamie Moore, Mary Bramble, Linda Redding, Lizzie Scotten, Hannah Scotten, Ruth Bramble, Fannie Bramble, Etta Kelley, Willie Price, Etta Bramble, Lillian Price, Annie Willides, Clara Scotten, Mabel Price. Messrs. Sam'l Comly, Harry Redding, Frank Price, Thos. Bramble, Harry Kelley, Wilson Sutton, Robert Bramble, Spencer Sutton, Carleton Price, Clarence Scotten, Eddie Bramble.

Chestertown is a musical town and numbers among its citizens performers of rare ability and skill. This was evidenced by the musicale given in the M. E. Church, Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Epworth League. Miss Anna G. Lambert had the affair in charge and again proved her high ability as a musical director and singer. The choruses were well rendered by the singers mentioned in the ... week, while the individual ... grandly produced. The ... appreciative one and the ... to $34. The ... Lamb...

Arrested for Stealing Corn.

Two colored men, Joe Harding and Geo. Stouts were arrested by Officer Kelley some days ago on the charge of stealing corn from Mr. Atkinson, who owns a farm and lives on the river about a mile below Chestertown. Officer Copper made the first discovery in the matter. He was on duty on Wednesday night of last week as night watchman, and as a faithful guardian was on the lookout for any description of law breaking. At the very early hour of 4 A.M. he saw a dearborn passing up Main street and hailed it; a colored man was in it and had a load of corn. "Where are you going with that corn?" asked the officer. "To the depot to send it to a man in Worton," said the man, and drove on. The officer examined the corn, looked at his watch and told the man the hour. He afterwards went to the depot and found the man not there. A hearing was had Thursday night before Justice Johnson. In the absence of the State's Attorney, J. D. Urie, Esq., represented the State and H. W. Catlin, Esq., the defence. Mr. N. C. Crow testified to having purchased the corn Thursday morning, 7.50. He had no suspecion of anything wrong. W. C. A. Thompson testified that Harding offered the corn to him a little before 7; Stouts was with him. He thought all was not right and refused to buy. Mr. Atkinson, owner of the corn, testified to having lost about the quantity and kind in question, believes the men were in the barn over night and used his horse and dearborn. Other witnesses were examined. Each of darkies testified against the other, one claiming that the other stole the corn. The justice sentenced each to a year in the House of Correction.

THE Trustees of the Poor have purchased of Mr. Hiram Brown four Stempel Fire Extinguishers which were put into practical use a few days ago at the County Almshouse. A lamp was upset and a fire imminent but Mr. Wm. Knight extinguished the blaze in a few seconds by the use of the new machine.

A DEMOREST CONTEST was held at the Chestertown Public School yesterday afternoon. The contestants were Blanche Cox, Bessie Wheatley, Josephine Thompson, Gleen Howard, Addie Leeates and Barbara Anthony. Mr. C. F. Stam in behalf of the judges presented the medal to Blanche Cox.

ROCK HALL LETTER.

Some Suggestions Regarding Church Work—Collections vs. Saving Souls—Fruit and Oysters—Our Live Merchants—Accidents—Sickness, &c.

Last Sunday was a typical spring day and but for the muddy condition of the roads, would have been a general outing day.

Rev. Mr. Davis, of the M. E. Church, put the day in for the cause of missions. He read the missionary report for the conference, showing a total amount of about $35 as against $70 for the last year, which brought from the Rev. gentleman a scathing rebuke to our people, stigmatizing it a "burning shame," because it was the result of a spirit of *I won't*, rather than *inability*. As a matter of fact, our M. E. people, who have always been as generous as any on the shore, considering their circumstances are placed in this condition, first, by sheer inability, brought about by the *same* circumstance, that have depressed the entire country, second, they have been impressed with the idea that the "powers that be" are more grasping than consistant, for the more that has been contributed, the more the *apportionment* has been increased or demanded, third, the *modus operandi*, is not to their idea of missions. Unfortunately another means, has somewhat dampened the ardor of the rank and file, that is the *uncharitable*, and *unchrist* like conduct of certain leaders of Peninsula Methodism among themselves, which is freely aired in the *Christian press*; again the impression is prevalent that there is more concern about the collections, than there is about the salvation of souls. It appears that if a minister wants a good appointment, what ever else he fails to do, he must not let the collections get behind. However, these things should not deter any one from doing all they can. "God loves a cheerful giver." "Freely ye have received freely give," &c.

There is a diversity of opinion regarding the fruit prospects. Some maintain that the cold weather has killed the fruit, while others say this has been the *very* winter to insure a *good crop*. Undoubtedly some varieties are very much injured, but our impression is that the time for basing a calculation has not yet arrived, wait and see.

Mr. John Smith felled a large tree some days ago that had ice in the heart thereof.

It is amusing to listen at the talk of our oyster buyers, as they relate the many tricks and jokes, they play on the packers while engaged in running oysters to market. Now, fellow catchers, if they play their tricks on the packers, think you not they play them on us? Let us watch them. It has been more difficult to become reconciled to the inactivity caused by the hard freeze during the past month for many years, the hardship has been a general complaint both among farmers and watermen. Capt. J. B. Willson, has been diverting the monotony somewhat by dispatching cats. Wish he would come this way; he could have all the fun he is looking for besides rendering to his fellow men a good service.

Capt. G. T. Sewell has become impressed with the idea that he can do what any other man can, and verily we believe he can, to a great extent. He has just built himself a splendid buggy, and if we can arrange for last summers job, we would be glad to contract for painting it for him, give us a call Tom.

Messrs. Crew and Downey, two of our enterprising merchants are the most elaborate advertisers in this section. Their bulletin boards, and every available space, are artistically displayed with tempting baits, but alas! the money. Oh, if we had the money, how those articles would be bought up!

Capt. Benj. Sewell jumped on the ice from his vessel last week, for the purpose of getting a drink of water, which resulted in giving him a cold batn, and the ice broke through from his weight.

The health of numerous persons have been very much impaired. Dr. Selby has been quite busy giving relief. Among the sick are Messrs. Tom Ayres, John Ashley, Elmer Stevens, Mrs. Thos. Sewell, Mrs. Allen and Mr. J. H. Coleman, ... about the same.

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To Be Remodeled.

Mr. Alwyn M. Culp has contracted to make some very decided improvements to the Kennard-Barroll house on Washington avenue. The front is to be materially changed, a pretty porch and bay window added, also a back building 16x32 feet. A cellar is to be dug, hard wood mantels put in place and the exterior to be painted Japan yellow with white trimmings. It will be occupied by a well-known gentleman and his *family*.

CHANGES.—The Adams