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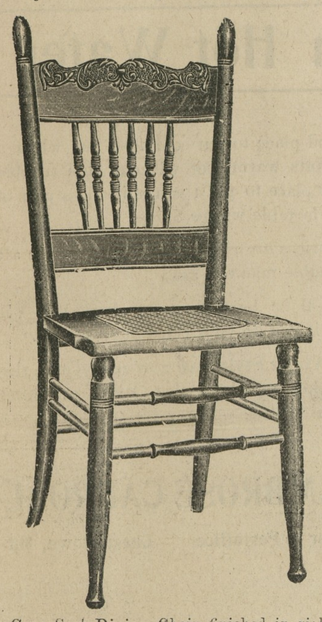

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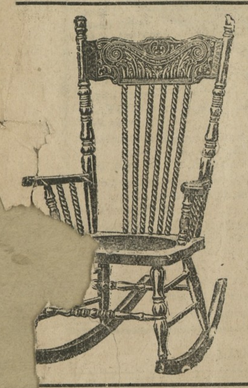

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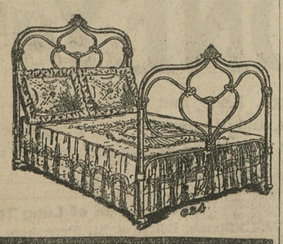

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STILL POND, MARYLAND

ROCK HALL NOTES.

Death of Lee A. Durding—The Oyster Law—Other News.

Lee A. Durding is no more with us, all that loving hands and medical skill could do was unavailing, disease and death, the relentless foes to man, had marked him as their prey and on Friday 26th ult, at the City Hospital, Lee succeeded to the grim monster's demand. Alas, how true! "All that are born must die." Lee was a citizen of no mean worth, a sturdy young man, full of life, of a sunny disposition, a loving husband and fond father, and enjoying the greatest respect of all who knew him and they are legion. He had been in failing health since early in the past year, local skill had done their utmost to break the onslaught of disease which was a heart affection culminating in a complication of diseases. During the past fall he went to the hospital on the advice of his physician and family when the best of skill was rendered. A widow who was Miss Minnie Legg, daughter of Benjamin F. and the late Sarah E Legg, and the following daughters, Edna, Ruth and Etta are left to mourn their loss but not without hope for the gladness came several weeks ago that Lee had found joy and resignation in the fountain that was opened on Calvary and had sent home by his Pastor to his relatives and friends a warning of the folly of putting off the salvation of their souls until their strength and life is almost spent. An aged father B. R Durding, Esq., and these brothers and sister, are also left to mourn their loss, Messrs. Wm. P., James M., and T. B. Durding and Mrs. Ella Burgess. The bereaved family have the heart-felt sympathy of our entire community. The remains were brought over via Tolchester on Saturday and funeral service conducted by Rev. Mr. Burr, was held in the M. E. Church on Monday afternoon in the presence of an audience that filled the edifice beyond its seating capacity. The pall bearers were the brothers of the deceased, ex-Judge Samuel Burgess, Messrs. Reybold Wilson and Thomas L. Rich. Casey Bros. were the undertakers in charge and interment made in Wesleyan cemetery.

A sweet air cometh from the shore immortal,
Inviting homeward at the day's decline,
Almost we see when from the open portal,
Fair form stand beckoning with his smile divine.

Rev. F. C. MacSorley seems to have been a "drawing card" while here last week assisting Rev. Mr. Burr in revival efforts. The services took on renewed vigor and so continued through the week. There has been a score or more acquisitions to the church and a number of the hangers on have been spurred to renewed activity. The meetings are still in progress.

In consequence of the fine weather of January our farmers have made considerable headway in their farming operations, pruning trees, clearing off new ground, spreading manure, fencing etc. The fine weather however has not been conducive to the watermen's interests, so far as concerns the oyster business, the prevailing winds have kept the tongmen from the bars in great part and the prices have not advanced. There is now the biggest glut of oysters in the city of the present season, it is reported that every packing house is full and there are afloat in the harbor oysters enough to run the packers for two months so the outlook is gloomy indeed. Fishing operations are at a stand still but this is not detering the men from making preparations for the spring fishing.

Capt. Crane, our Legislative Delegate, was down among us last week seeking information on the oyster issue, but as usually the case, he knew more before he came than when he left us. There are four or more petitions in circulation here, some favoring Capt. Crane's suggestions of shortening the season, these are signed by the men who have other employment in September and April. Others in favor of no curtailment of season, these are signed from among the hundreds who have no employment other than oystering during these months mentioned. Others favor no meddling with the present law, except to better enforce the cull law, others are being signed, for or against an increased license fee. Some suggest the election of a committee representative gentlemen to represent the oystermen's interests before the legislative committee on Chesapeake bay and tributaries. Yes that's the very thing to do, and do it now, get together, select Messrs. G. E. Noland, T. R. Strong, A. Alexander, E E. Leary and S. J. Wickes. These are representative men and when they go to Annapolis they will faithfully discharge the duty imposed upon them instead of sight seeing or holding conviviality with old acquaints. We doubt these gentlemen would cheerfully consent to serve the oystermen.

We understand that two men of our oystermen, Messrs. Clarence Culley and Orr Leary have retired from the business and secured birth on one of the M. & M. steam ships.

A number of the watermen of this place put in a whole day in the city last week seeking employment, but the answer at every place they tried was "full up."

News comes to us that Mr. James G. Greet, recently of this place, has bucked into matrimonial business again, having this week married a widow, with five young children; my Jim, you've got a brave heart, may fondest joy be yours.

While Parsons Parvis and Burr were taking a brotherly drive together the other day, the farmer's horse became fractious and handed up his heels to the reverend gentlemen's head. The dash board of the buggy was smashed beyond that no other damage was done. Mr. Burr seems to think that when he goes driving with Mr. Parvis again he will walk.

Yesterday was ground hog day but as the (?) ones say, his hogship, going to the extreme wilderness of January, has been perambulating the top of mother earth for several weeks, there is little fear of severe winter weather from now on. Let us not be too sanguine, there is no telling what's up the weather man's sleeve.

Casey and Ayres, butchers, have closed up shop, with no prospects of a reopening any time soon. Dullness of the business is the reason assigned.

Our people are somewhat alarmed owing to the rumored report of smallpox in the vicinity of Grey's Inn among colored people. A colored man some weeks ago left here for the hospital with the small pox, he is now well and home, now one of his children is sick with the disease, we hope it is incorrect.

Mr. Joseph Downey has been taking in the Congressional and other interests at Washington, D. C., this week accompanied by Mrs. Downey.

Spraying.—This is the season for spraying and no one in Kent knows more about it than Capt. Robert S. Emory, of near Chestertown. He advises spraying with sulphur, salt and lime and to use the Eclipse spray pump.

Home Made

Have your cake, muffins, and tea biscuit home-made. They will be fresher, cleaner, more tasty and wholesome.

Royal Baking Powder helps the house wife to produce at home, quickly and economically, fine and tasty cake, the raised hot-biscuit, puddings, the frosted layer-cake, crisp cookies, crullers, crusts and muffins, with which the ready-made food found at the bake-shop or grocery does not compare.

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FAIRLEE ITEMS.

Some of our agriculturists are plowing. We hear the farm bells ring this working weather indicating that there is at least a little work being accomplished, even during winter season. Wheat is looking remarkably well and in fact on some fields the ground is well covered. Some are apprehensive that it is advancing so rapidly that it will absorb all of the nutritive elements of the phosphate before the time when it comes out in head, thus injuring it very materially.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, of Locust Grove, visited their daughter, Mrs. T. Barclay Kilbourn, last Saturday and Sunday.

Social functions are in order almost every day. A few evenings ago the young friends of Miss Eva Lewis gave her a very pleasant surprise, a merry time was in evidence and refreshments were served during the evening.

Some of our marksmen went gunning on East Neck Island last week but did not see many ducks.

Quite a happy company of the many friends of Miss Annie E. Bramble gave her a genuine surprise on last Tuesday evening, en masse. Miss Annie was equal to the occassion, and in her characteristic style as hostess made it very agreeable for all present. Refreshments were served. The same evening a number of young friends visited Miss Addie Long, with her sister Mrs. Wm. J. Leaverton, and spent the hours pleasantly with music and various games.

At this writing arrangements are being perfected for what promises to be a very interesting and entertaining masquerade in honor of Miss Blanche Smith, at her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Smith on Thursday evening of this week.

Mr. Walter Sparks has placed his saw mill down on Mr. Geo. Faulkner's farm.

Mr. Everett and family, Lusby now W. J. Skirven farm, visited relatives in the city of Brotherly Love this week.

Miss Rose Bramble, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister and brother, Miss Annie and T. H. M. Bramble.

Rev. W. E Habbart preached a very forceful sermon last Sunday morning in Fairlee church, his theme being a reclaimed soul.

BETTERTON NEWS.

Mr. Horace Brice and wife have returned, after a pleasant visit with relatives, in Baltimore.

Mrs. Loraine Jester and son Morris are visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. Wm. Crew, who has been under the doctor's care, in Baltimore, for some time, returned home Monday night on the Ericsson boat and was greeted by many of his friends on the pier.

Mr. Wm. Taylor has returned home after visiting friends in Cecil County.

Mr. Reese Young, of St. Michaels, has accepted a position with Crew and Crew.

The fourth quarterly conference of the M. E. church will be held this Saturday evening. Presiding Elder Koons will preach Sunday morning 10.30 o'clock.

"A Pie Social" was held Monday evening last, at the home of Miss Daisy Clarke, for the benefit of the Sunday school.

Mr. George Crew and wife, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives in this village.

Master Clifton Owens, we are sorry to say, is on the sick list.

A meeting was held at the home of Rev. D. F. Ford, for the election of new officers of the Sunday school, Tuesday evening last. The following officers were elected: Mr. Geo. E. Owens, Superintendent; Miss Violet Moore, Ass't. Superintendent; Mr. Archie Crew, Secretary; Mrs. James Sutton, Treasurer; Miss Lillie Crownhart, Librarian; Miss Lolla Crew, Ass't. Librarian; Miss Helen Crew, Organist; Miss Hettie Crew, Ass't Organist.

In Charge of a Hotel for Ladies.—Mrs. Charles H. Gibson, widow of the late Senator Charles H. Gibson, of Md., and brother of Col. W. Hopper Gibson, of Centreville, has taken charge of a hotel recently in New York especially for ladies.

Miss Roosevelt's Wedding Robe.—The William Strange Company, of Patterson, N. J., which wove Mrs. Roosevelt's inauguration gown, has woven for Miss Alice Roosevelt the goods to make her wedding gown. The pattern is a brocade of pure white, relieved by a cross pattern of the crest that is to distinguish it. The greatest secrecy has been insisted upon, and the workman who watched the shuttle was given an envelope when the 20 yards were measured by the automatic reel. When he opened the envelope he found his week's pay as well as a fifty dollar bill. A brief note told him to lay off for a week at the expense of the firm and to keep his lips sealed. The design was then destroyed.

STILL POND NOTES.

Rumor has it we are to have a wedding soon. Who will it be?

Dr. L. P. Atwell is visiting friends in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mr. Willie Ford is attending the Md. Agricultural School, Baltimore.

Miss Cora Jewell, of Chestertown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Thompson.

Mr. Herbert Ford, of Black's Station, was the guest of his cousin, Chas. Ford, the past week.

Mr. Charles Ford has returned home after visting his uncle, Mr. Sam'l Ford, of Black's Station.

The Still Pond Farmer's Club met at the home of Mr. Daniel Hill on Thursday, January 25th.

The fourth quarterly conference of Still Pond M. E. Church will be held on Saturday, at 2 P. M.

Presiding Elder Rev. W. G. Koons will preach in the M. E. Church here Sunday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

Miss Emma Anderson has returned home after visiting friends at Kennedyville and Millington the past week.

Mrs. Chas. Severson's Sunday school class will hold a pie social at her home on Thursday evening, Feb. 8th. All are welcome.

The millinery contest held on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. F. H. Harper was quite a success. The amount taken in was $18.17.

Miss Delia Ford has resigned her school at Sassafras, owing to her health, and is at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Ford.

The Epworth League will be led Sunday evening next by Mr. Wilmer Ford. Topic: "A life that is a trust." Christian stewardship enrollment.

The young folks gave a delightful straw ride on Wednesday evening to Miss Mary Plummer's, at Still Pond creek. Quite a number were present and all report a pleasant time.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

Three marriages took place within seven miles of Sassafras last Wednesday. They were Cornelius W. Davis and Miss Mary E. Pearce; Wm. Rowan and Miss Helen Spear; R. B. Merritt and Miss Bessie B. Bishop.

Mrs. John F. Ernest was entertained for the day by her mother, Mrs. I. Gunkie, of Warwick on Tuesday.

Southern shad are reaching our markets in large quantities.

County Commissioner, C. Bradley Dudley, of near Millington, visited Mr. Alexander T. Laws on Monday.

We are greatly pleased to state that Capt. Andrew Woodal is not sick, but in most excellent health, he being a gentleman whom will be 87 years old in April and he is almost as active as a man of 60 years.

Messrs. William S. Shallcross and John R. Ernest visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, on Sunday, and enjoyed a most pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Gressart entertained Mr. H. Dorsey, of near Middletown, on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. H. Price and three sons, in company with Miss May Roe, who has been visiting them at their delightful home, near Warwick, for some weeks, visited Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Roe, near Massey. Miss Roe returned to her home on Monday.

The supper under the auspices of the Jr. O. U. A. M., on Thursday evening, was very successful, Mr. James Smith, of Ceciliton, added very much to the entertainment, he also brought his graphophone and gave some very fine music. The speakers from Baltimore was a great acquisition to the affair. About $40 was realized from the entertainment and there will be about $25 clear. The members of the lodge thank every one for their assistance.

WORTON ITEMS.

Mrs. Jas. Sheats visited her daughter Mrs. Vernon Barnette, of Chestertown, this week.

Mrs. Med Jones is quite sick at this writing.

Miss Mabel Gears is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Jos. Duyer, of Coleman.

Mrs. Gossmer, of near Betterton, is with her mother, Mrs. Campbell, who we are sorry to say, is not any better at this writing.

Master Earle Cooper and Ivens Sheats have been quite sick the past week.

Little Miss Mary E. Goodman was taken sick in school a few days ago and had to be removed to her home.

Fine Samples.—Captain James M. Downey sends to the NEWS a fine bunch of oysters which he found on Swan Point, all clinging to one shell. He says this is a sample of what nature will do, and if the beds are undisturbed and the shells returned the supply will be more than equal to the demand. Others have sent samples and the outlook is certainly bright for a big catch next season.

HARRY F. JEFFERSON

JANUARY REDUCTION SALE

AT

"THE NEW STORE"

Jefferson Building, - Opp. Stam's Hall

For this sale which will last during the remainder of this month, (January) we have made a most liberal reduction. The figures quoted below are genuine bargains, no fake nor skin game about them. The goods offered in sale must go during the month of January. We need the room you need the goods. Call and inspect.

COTTON *Blankets* WOOLEN

We have on hand some extra fine Cotton Blankets, patterns vary, sizes from 9-4 to 12-4, former prices—

Were 50c.....Now **39c** Were 1.25.....Now **89c**
Were 75c.....Now **59c** Were 1.35.....Now **99c**
Were 90c.....Now **69c** Were 1.50.....Now **1.19**
Were $1.00.....Now **79c** Were $2,$2.25 Now **1.39**

Now for the better grade goods, we offer our entire stock, which contains many pretty, silk bound, all wool blankets, assorted designs—

Were 3.50.....Now **2.75**
Were 4 50.....Now **3.75**
Were 6.00.....Now **4.98**
Were 8.00.....Now **6.75**
Were 10.00.....Now **8.25**

LADIES *Coats!* CHILDREN

25 Per Cent Reduction

The present season has been a very busy one in our Coat and Suit Department. The remaining stock, which has many nobby patterns to selct from, we allow a 25 per cent. reduction. This is a rare chance for wise buyers.

Call and you will find as stated above a genuine 25 per cent. reduction on all Coats, Suits and Wraps.

Fall AND Winter Waists

We have a few of those well-made Waists, which have been the talk of the town, in various materials, which we will close at figures astonishingly low

Prices were 1.25, 1.35, 1.50, 1.65, all must go at..**98c**

DRESS GOODS

In order to clear our shelves of all Fall and Winter Dress Goods, to make room for the immense stock of Spring and Summer Materials, we offer to the buying public a line with many fashionable patterns, varied in colors, ready for immediate wear which we will close at a liberal discount.

MILLINERY

This department still comprises a few Pattern Hats, together with a varied line of trimmed and untrimmed and ready-to-wears, which we are offering at a great reduction.

Our stock of Trimmings, Braids, Birds, Feathers, Wings, etc., will also be disposed of at a great sacrifice. WE DO NOT WISH TO CARRY THEM OVER.

Our Waiting Room is still at the disposal of the public. Have your friends meet you here.

Thanking the public for the most liberal patronage received, trusting we may still receive a share; wishing one and all a most prosperous New Year, I am, very sincerely,

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