ROCK HALL LOCALS.

EDITORS KENT NEWS:—We heartily congratulate you on the splendid improvement of your most valuable paper. It is now "a thing of beauty," therefore will be a household joy to its thousands of patrons. As great as has been the success of the NEWS, we wish it all the increased success which is justly due it. The same is the unanimous expression of the people of Rock Hall and vicinity.

Many of the taxpayers of the lower (5th) district are slow to become reconciled to the enormous cost of opening the public highways of the upper districts during the snow blockade of last month. They recognize the importance of the commissioners having the work done, but are at a loss to understand how the great cost of certain districts could be so large. One of our most influential citizens—also a large taxpayer—proposes to be one of twenty or more to place in bank the amount of cost for this district subject to the order of the commissioners, in order to relieve the taxpayers of the burden, and then issue petitions for the signatures of all taxpayers of the district declaring against paying one cent of the debt created by any other district. This is the sentiment of many of our best citizens. We are always willing to bear our share of every burden, but condemn the seeming bad management of the late work.

The blacksmith, of Alexville, accidentally shot his hand while carelessly handling a revolver a few days ago, the ball passing through his hand.

We have for a number of years considered our friend, C. H. S., a practical farmer of the most pronounced type, but we regret to say that he has lowered his record a peg or two. He had at the steamboat wharf the other day a very fine calf, for which he was offered $11; but, thinking he knew a thing or two, shipped the animal to Baltimore, and when the bill was received from the commission man lo, the amount of proceeds was just $8.50! Charley, Charley, wake up, boy, and get on your old-time hustle. We know the times are gloomy, but don't let that detract you from the even tenor of your way.

The dredgers during the past ten days have shown a determination to make the most telling efforts to close up the season to the best advantage, both by legal and illegal work. There seemed to be little effort made to violate the law during the day (except so far as Wickes' Beach and the mouth of the river was concerned), but they have put the nights in for all they were worth, as can be attested by the large number of vessels seen daily lying in harbors on the western side culling off their deck loads. Why they were permitted to work the Beach and other bars inside of their boundary line unmolested, is a mystery which we would like solved. This is the case not only of the season just closed, but has been the case during the closing part of every season; and these things are what shakes our confidence in men and things. "Turn on the light." Two dredge vessels, as the result of their illegal work, are at this writing hard and fast on the shore between Swan Point and East Neck Island. Another vessel was reported capsized above Bay Neck, and all hands save one lost. It is said that a number of dredgers on Friday of last week had concluded to drive a lot of tongers from the "Mary Jane," one of our local oyster bars, but for some reason the plan was not carried out; and well it wasn't for SOME, as they were known, and may yet hear something fall not to their liking.

Quite a number of our people were found observing the total eclipse of the moon Sunday night, but as there were no features of special interest they soon retired from the field of observation, more disappointed than pleased.

The low prices for oysters immediately after the clearing away of the ice was thought by many to be an imposition on the part of some buyers, and this impression also prevailed among a few of the buyers, therefore, a determination was made by those of the buyers who were so impressed to raise the price, which was carried out during the present week; then began the tug of war among the buyers as to who could pay the highest price, all of which was gratifying to the catcher.

Those of our fishermen who usually ply their vocation off Romney Creek, Sassafras and Elk rivers and the Susquehanna Flats, are busily engaged in extensive preparations for a departure to the head waters of the bay in the course of the next ten days or two weeks, with anticipations of a successful season.

Mr. A. Alexander has placed his store in Alexville in the list of bargain stores. His prices are simply astonishing. A new and large stock of dry goods, notions, &c., have been received and those who know a good and cheap article when they see it will do well to call at Alexville bargain store, before purchasing anything in the dry goods, notions and grocery line.

We cannot give the full account of the entertainment held in Downey's Hall, on Thursday evening by the young ladies, in the interest of Pastor Davis, of the M. E. Church, but we can say that the program was superb, and equal to any talent in the county. The ladies of this section deserve great credit for their heroic rescue in all the emergencies of the Church. It would, we think, be eminently wise to place them in official control of all the affairs pertaining to the Church; in such event there would be no lagging financially.

Melitota News.

The huntsmen of this place enjoyed a lively fox chase Saturday. The fox was bagged at Georgetown, near Fairlee, and turned out at this place.

Say readers of the Kent News, what is the county coming to, any how. Here the commissioners have passed a law for to tax "dogs" to keep them from going mad. So have the money ready and when the tax collector comes, pay the taxes and you need have no fear of your dog going mad. It seems as if that is what it means, for they are not even allowed to kill the dogs if the owners refuse to pay the taxes, but to sell them, but there are several around here that I know of, that they would not be likely to get a bid on. It is rumored about here, that people can keep a little house dog without paying taxes on it, whether this is true, or not, I am not able to say, but if it is so there will be more than one little house dog about here. I should like to know what protection this law is to the people against mad dogs.

STILL POND NOTES.

The supper of the Knights of Pythias was a success in every way. The tables looked more attractive than ever on this occasion. The gallant Knights were all present and put forth every effort to make it entertaining, which they did. Their colors were red, blue and yellow which were worn by each Knight and the ladies who assisted them.

The Still Pond Sunday school celebrated their missionary anniversary last Sunday night. The church was filled to its utmost capacity while many were compelled to stand. The program was well rendered throughout. The school marched around the church while they sang:

"Tell the Glad Tidings."

Prayer.....Pastor.
Opening Address.....Jackson Hackett.
Singing, "Tell the Nations".....School.
Select reading.....Miss Josephine Jones.
Duet.....May Pennington, Jessie Crew.
Recitation,.....A little Maid's Amen,"
Estella Roseberry.
Singing, "To the Rescue,".....School.
Exercise,.....The Door of My Lips,"
Infant Class.
Singing,.....At the Gate called Beautiful"
School.
Recitation,.....A Tangle Skeine,"
Florence Rasin.
Exercise, "The Heathen's Plea,".....Six Girls.
Singing, "Who will follow Jesus,".....School.
Address.....Bro. W. R. Galloway.
Recitation,.....Take up the Collection."
Lewin Usilton,
Collection.....
Singing, "An offering of Praise,".....School.
Report of Classes.....
Presentation of Banner.....Prof. Watts.
to Mrs. Jos. W. Harper's Class.
Benediction.....Pastor.

$155 was collected during the year and Sunday night.

Our meetings are still well attended and much good has been done. Mr. Galloway, has and is still laboring earnestly with the people here.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson, of Baltimore, have been visiting her mother Mrs. Parrott.

Miss Florence Burgess has returned home from a visit to friends in Balto.

Miss Ida Crowding is the guest of Mrs. Elva Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Parr, have gone to Baltimore for treatment for his eyes.

Mr. Conner, of Wilmington, Delaware, is the guest of Mr. C. B. Krusen.

Many of our town folks are complaining of colds and sore throats.

Rev. J. D. Kemp will go to conference next week. BONNEY.

CRUMPTON NOTES.

Quite an excitement was caused last Wednesday morning by a mad dog belonging to Mr. Henry Anthony, of Kent county, appearing on our streets. After biting a number of other dogs, the brute was killed. Dog owners in the town will, of course, wait until some one is bitten before taking steps to prevent the spread of the disease. But, then the dogs are of so much more value than the children, and it is such a pity to deprive the poor brutes (the dogs, not the children) of their liberty.

It is quite noticeable how many of our citizens have become addicted to the use of walking sticks.

Mr. Chas. W. Clements is having a well driven in his yard by a new and improved process.

The "Deestrick Skule" entertainment was well attended in spite of the rain, many persons being unable to gain admission. Those present were so well pleased that they are anxious to have it repeated.

Mr. Wm. B. Richardson, our popular canner, met the farmers on Tuesday, and made arrangements for the tomato crop. The price to be paid is five dollars per ton.

Mr. Frank Wild and family, of Del., are visiting at Dr. Wallis.

Mr. Chas. A. Bradley had the misfortune to fall from a wagon into which he was loading some goods, and bruised his face and leg, the latter so severely that he is obliged to walk with a crutch.

Mr. Andrew Medders has been confined to the house with rheumatism for some time.

Crumptonians are much pleased with the work of their road supervisor Mr. C. W. Kibler.

Our fishermen are having an abundant harvest. A golden carp weighing exactly thirty pounds was caught Saturday.

The drug store is again without a tenant, its late occupant, C. H. Carter having taken his departure leaving his board bill unpaid. There is an excellent opening here for a good physician.

A small band of gypsies are encamped in the woods near the school house. B.

SCHOOL MATTERS.

To the Board of School Commissioners of Kent County.

MESSRS EDITORS:

I wonder if the school commissioners would think it proper to still ignore the wishes of the people of Worton Station if they knew the condition of things at the Catt's Corner School. Do they know that the school was closed several days during the recent cold spell, on account of the schoolhouse being in such bad condition? The teachers and scholars could stand it no longer and the result was that a mechanic had to be sent there in midwinter to replace the plaster, put in new doors, new window lights, and do a lot of other work, and all this time lost to teachers and scholars alike; now I ask is this right? Ought not the patrons and the tax-payers have a little consideration shown them. We are sadly in need of a school-house at Worton Station, where fully two-thirds of the scholars go that are enrolled at Catts' Corner. I challenge contradiction, and can establish the above fact. If we had a school here there would be more regular attendance, for the present school grounds is not fit for a hog wallow, its an injustice to our cats for the place to have such a name. Our little children are compelled to lose nearly the whole of the winter months, when they could put in full time at a school in the village. We ask the commissioners if they won't give us what we are justly entitled to. We have over forty scholars south of Catts' Corner that now attend that School when its navigable.

TAX-PAYER.

NEWS FROM BLACK'S.

Mr. T. A. R. Pierce lost a hog Monday morning from hydrophobia. It was bitten by a mad dog sometime in January, but did not show any signs of rabies until Monday, when it was seen snapping at everything. The hog has been closely watched from the time it was bitten and has done no damage. The dog escaped. The hog weighed 150 pounds.

Farmers can not do much work yet. Most of them have engaged their hands to start next Monday, 18th.

Mr. D. J. Nowland is about to engage in the fish business in a small pond in a small way.

Black's is quite lively at times. We have a good delegation that assembles at the station every few days and discusses all subjects, except politics. The latter has died out.

Our farmers have sold lots of corn to Mr. J. C. Sutton, but owing to the bad roads, they cannot deliver it.

Snow from five to six feet yet remains in some of our roads. Our commissioners done a wise thing in opening the roads and we believe them to be men who have always tried to do what was best for the people's good as far as it lay in their power.

The railroad company have done a fair business the past month but now running light. A few cars of bailed straw are being shipped by J. T. Quinn & Bro., packers, who pay $3 per ton delivered at station. TRUTH.

MILLINGTON NEWS.

Allow me to congratulate you on the new form and general improvement of the NEWS. Chestertown seems to be the banner newspaper county on the Peninsula, and the KENT NEWS the banner office of the town.

A series of revival efforts in the M. E. Church of our town have stirred up this whole community, and seven nights resulted in twenty conversions, among whom were persons hitherto hard to reach, and of great promise to the church. And it can be said that never in the history of Millington Methodism did the flock more generally and enthusiastically and efficiently back up their pastor than in the present case. And when this unity of effort exists outside human help is in no wise required.

The election of three town commissioners to serve for one year, was held on Saturday afternoon, at the office of T. J. McWhorter. It was rumored, and without foundation, that the present commissioners were in favor of having the sidewalks paved, and as a great many do not feel able to pave their sidewalks, they used their ballots in defeating the present board. Seventy-eight votes were cast, resulting in the election of Messrs. J. E. Hurlock, B. M. Hazel and J. C. Turner, who will be sworn into office in a few days. The present board have been of great service toward the improvements and order of the town, having laid several board crossings and water courses, and building a lock-up, which, since being built last fall, has not had an occupant.

The financial exhibit of the M. E. Church two weeks ago showed a very encouraging state of things on all lines, and far in advance of a year ago, and emphatically so in reference to salary. A year ago, March 17, the stewards owed on salary $225, this year this date will not find a dollar unprovided for. This gives great satisfaction to both pastor and his official board. The people did not need a revival here to incite them to their duty in this regard.

There is an epidemic of colds of the grip character in our town and community. Only one department of the public school is now running, Prof. Tonkins and Miss Vic Powers having been added to the sick list. Thus far the disease has yielded to the treatment in a few days.

The anniversary of the Sunday School Missionary Society comes off next Sunday evening, and promises to be an interesting occasion. The receipts of the missionary cause may not come up to last year; but, considering the hard times of the year they will be creditable.

Golt's News.

There will be a festival held at Delaney's Church, beginning March 20th.

Mr. Clarence A. O. Neal, and Miss Tressie E. George, both of New Castle, Del., were joined together in holy bonds of matrimony the 27th of February by Rev. W. N. Conway.

Mr. James Matthews, of Golt's, lost a valuable pair of mules a week or more ago.

Miss Julia Hall, of Townsend, Del., is visiting friends at Golt's.

Miss Bessie Airel returned home from a long visit to friends and relatives in Queen Anne's county.

Rev. Walter Ford preached at Golt's Sunday while the pastor in charge preached at Sassafras. W. N. C.

Our little village is very much excited over the dog question; have the County Commissioners the power to collect this tax without the consent of the Legislature, or have they already got it? This question has been argued here by all dog owners, J. and S. in the lead, Mack and King bringing up the rear. It has been fully decided that all the vital parts have been reached and after due consideration it was declared to be unconstitutional, and when J. made it known, it was accepted unanimously. Even Mack and King howled for joy, and some said, behold our masters what great men they are. If the worst comes and this verdict is upset King will be sold. Any one wanting a dog that likes to bark at the moon will do well to come this way and make a bid, he can always be found under the house during the day. Mack can be bought for a song providing the tune is "pretty airy."

[The act of 1888 gave the commissioners power to collect the tax.—EDS.]

Kennedyville Items.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—As we have not had a letter from this section for several weeks I write to let you know that we are still in the land of the living.

Although we have had quite a good deal of rain, we can still report plenty of snow as well as an abundance of mud, neither of which, however, keep our friends of this vicinity from attending the grand revival meeting still in progress at Still Pond.

As the rough weather still continues, the farmers are enabled to do very little work farming. Some have sowed their clover seed and a few others are engaged in repairing fences and in removing peach trees.

Peaches seem to be very badly hurt in this section, especially the yellow varieties.

This changeable weather has brought with it a great deal of sickness especially among the children. Among the older folks on the sick list we would mention: Mrs. Daniel Hill, Miss Bertha Redmile and Mr. Wattie McKnett, all of whom are improving.

Mrs. Carrie Jacobs, mother of Dr. Jacobs, who has been very sick since last May, is no better.

Miss Etta Rose, sister of Mrs. Barwick, was called to Newark, Del., last week where she was appointed to take charge of the public school at that place. We wish her success.

Mrs. Harry Hill, of Kennedyville, in company with Miss Maggie Hill, daughter of Mr. Samuel Hill, had quite a novel experience last Sunday evening, about 7 o'clock. Mrs. Hill was returning home from a visit and when in front of Mr. Alex Kennedy's, the horse fell in the mud and could not get up. In this predicament the ladies were compelled to get out in the mire and call upon Mr. Kennedy, for help, and he gladly assisted them and sent them on their way rejoicing. Because of the fearful condition of the roads in places, mishaps have been of frequent occurrence.

Mr. Edw. Baldwin, of the firm of Baldwin & Baldwin, tomato canners of this place, has sold his interest in the plant to Mr. Howard Baldwin. Mr. Howard Baldwin will now have entire charge of the cannery. He has contracted with the growers to can tomatoes the coming season at $5 per ton.

Constable Nickerson took Walter Starling, col'd to the House of Correction Wednesday morning. He was sentenced by Justice Davies for six months in the House of Correction for stealing a watch from Mr. Geo. Vandyke during the blizzard. O.

GALENA LOCALS.

The Creamery Company had their annual election on Wednesday, 13th inst. The old board of directors was elected. After the election there was a business meeting held, and they determined to get a new separator of the latest improved kind, with a capacity to separate at least 4,000 pounds of milk per hour. There is quite a large quantity of milk being received now, a much larger quantity than at this time last year. Lately there has been several new patrons added, though milk has not been paying as well this year as last.

We were glad to see the KENT NEWS in her new dress on Saturday last. All the readers of the NEWS are very much pleased with the appearance of the paper, and from the universal admiration of the people in this neighborhood we think the circulation will be greatly enlarged.

'Squire Parr sent a young colored man named Herbert White to the House of Correction recently for stealing chickens.

The roads in this neighborhood are in a very bad condition—hardly passable.

The steamer Sassafras is now making her regular trips.

The people here talk a good deal about the dog tax—some for and some against it. We cannot see where it would make any difference whether a mad dog taxed or one not taxed would make the rabies any easier on the person bitten.

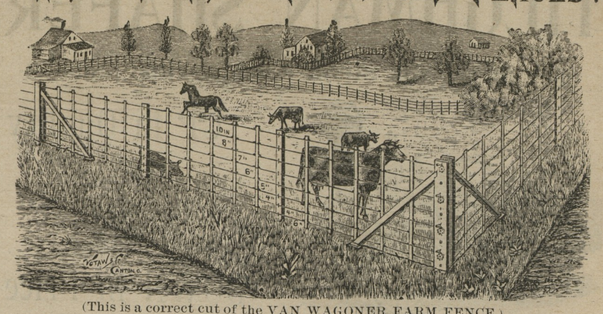
Mrs. Cannan, of damage suit fame, is still in a bad way, the doctor attending her daily. Some think she will not live until court. P.

Locust Grove News.

Justice W. H. Kelley the magistrate before whom a colored man was recently tried in Kent county and Sentenced to the House of Correction says the accused was not convicted of making threats against the family of Mr. Sam'l J. Hill, but upon Mr. Hill himself. Justice Kelley says Mr. H. hired the man in December last to work around the house and wait upon the women folks for seven dollars for one month. And when the man's month was up Mr. Hill paid him his wages. Then he told the man he might stay the winter through but would not pay him any money. He also promised that on the first of March his wages would begin but on the morning of March 1st the man demanded his money. Mr. H. told him he didn't owe him any thing. Then he made threats against Mr. H. and Mr. H. issued a warrant for his arrest. And after sentence, the constable took charge of him but while the officer slept he got away, but was re-captured near Masseys, about nine miles from the place where the action occurred.

Some 3 or 4 roads in the second district, the snow at this date, March 15, is five feet deep and the roads have not been traveled upon. People have to still keep to the fields in some places, or drive around other roads to avoid those roads.

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HATS.

We have arrived at a pinnacle that entitles us us to be classed Leaders in this line, for we have made it a special object to get the new productions of Dunlap, Stetson, Knox, Youmans and such houses. These, combined with our complete staple line, cannot fail to fill a long-felt want.

Neckwear, Underwear and Hosiery.

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Spring and Summer Clothing.

We will impart some good news to you on this line in ample time. Our orders were placed judiciously, you can rely, and when the time arrives the stock will be the sort to keep you from the city, we believe. We have a small line of WINTER SUITS AND OVERCOATS left. We haven't many, but if you can find your size we will not stand on the price. Thankful for the support our square dealing methods have received, we solicit your future patronage. Respectfully,

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Dry Goods! Dry Goods!

A few laugh producers in the shape of prices; Fruit of the Loom Muslin, 7c. yard; Hill Muslin, 6c. yard; Elephant Muslin, 5c. yard; Unbleached Muslin, 5 and 6c. yard; 42-inch Sheeting, 10 and 12c. yard; 90-inch Sheeting 18 and 20 cent yard; Canton Flannel, 6, 7, and 9c. yard; 400 yards Creton Remnants, 10c. yard, value 14c.; Table Linen, 22, 25, 40 and 50c. yard; Dress Linen, Cambric Muslin, 5c yd., Crinoline, 10c. yard, Canvas, 10c. yard, Drilling, 8c. yard, Silesia, 10c. yard.

Clothing! Clothing!

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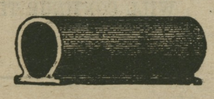
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