County News.

FAIRLEE NEWS.

Mrs. Geo. W. Bramble has offered a medal to the one in her Sunday school class who will commit the church catechism, thoroughly, by Christmas.

Mr. Archie Ramage is an expert sheep shearer, and he is receiving a goodly number of orders from the different yeomen.

An artist from Baltimore came over last Saturday and visited the M. E. Parsonage. He is executing, we learn, an oil painting of our pastor's better half, Mrs. J. B. Merritt.

Poison is still being thrown around, also along the roads, and dogs are *dying in agony.*

Mr. Lionel Keyser takes great interest in raising hogs, making two or three sales a year, generally, and he is not an agriculturist either. He finds it a remunerative business, and manages it in conjunction with his blacksmithing business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staats are the recipients of a most beautiful present from friends in California. It is an Ostrich egg, elegantly hand painted with a design of orange blossoms. The egg is about 7 inches long and 6 inches across. The yolk has been drawn from the egg, through a small aperture, and the shell is not far from 1-16 of an inch thick. What makes it more novel in this our part of the Union, is that it is held in a circle of orange wood about 5 inches in diameter, the wood being near ¾ inches thick. This circle is mounted on standards, and from the circle is suspended a nicely polished orange-wood knot, Recherche Souvirnir.

A short time ago, a man went to the pump at Mr. James Bramble's, on the Fairlee farm, to get a drink of water. An inch hose about 6 feet long was attached to the nozzle of the pump, and the windmill was running, forcing water into a tank on the ground; not knowing how to get a drink with the hose attached, he appealed to one of the boys for instruction. The little boy for a little fun, suggested that he draw the end of the hose from the tank and place it in his mouth and the wind mill will do the pumping. He did so and the first stroke the pump made was sufficient. He scarcely knew, at the time, whether he had been struck by a current of electricity, had been kicked by a mule, or butted by a goat. Fun for the urchin, but not for the man.

Pear trees are in full blossom, as are also the lilacs, and all nature seems to be resuscitated.

Asparagus is bringing fancy prices, from 20 to 30 cts. per bunch, up to this date, but it is growing slowly; keeps most too cold for it.

Mrs. Rhundena Sparks was taken suddenly ill Sunday morning. Dr. Hines was called in immediately, and afforded relief. But she is still quite sick.

Mr. Wm. H. Barnes while sharpening harrow teeth, one became so heated, that a part of the melted metal fell from the anvil, struck his shoe, ran into it and burned his foot very badly. He is able to hobble around, but has suffered greatly.

A new bridge is being built at the first branch north of the village. Two large terra cotta pipes are placed side by side, and are encased in a stone wall, giving a very substantial and good job.

Mr. R. B. Noland has returned to his home in Kent, near Hanesville, with an afflicted family. Mrs. Noland has been confined to her bed for about 3 months with serious lung trouble.

It is wrong for boys to play ball on the road. They do it in almost every village one passes through. Only a short time ago, one of our physicians had his horse badly frightened by this sport, while hitched, which about caused the animal's ruin and the destruction of his vehicle.

Mr. S. H. Todd has been quite sick this week with a very severe cold and sore throat. He has been under the care of Dr. Dodd.

Mrs. Todd has been suffering with an affection of the eye.

One or two members of Mr. Gibson's family are very sick, and are being attended by Dr. Dodd.

Miss Ethel Ward is convalescent under Dr. Hessey's treatment. WEST END.

SASSAFRAS NEWS.

April showers! From Saturday morning until Saturday evening, both day and night, there was one continual downpour of rain.

The marvel of the shad season is that so many big beauties are caught. The big fish usually get away.

The Mite Society met at Mr. John Johnson's, near town, on Wednesday evening. Doc Hodson and sister, Mrs. James E. Hartly, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beaston, Mr. Walter Vansant and mother, Mr. Fred Vansant and wife, Mrs. Benj. F. H. Caulk and son, Roy, and daughter, Miss Lizzie, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Spry, Mr. Irven Spry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith went from here and had a very enjoyable time.

We are pleased to state Mr. George Kennedy is able to be at his post of duty at the creamery. He has been a great sufferer from an abscess in his arm for many weeks.

Mr. John Clothier, who has been running the engine at the creamery has resigned.

Miss Lizzie Lockwood, from near Warwick, and Miss Gertrude Deshane, of Cecilton, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith near town.

The asparagus is very backward this spring on account of wet weather. Messrs. Jacob Shallcross, Wm. Staats, Harry Griffith and Benj. F. H. Caulk are shipping some to New York and Boston.

Mr. Ford Caulk, who has been visiting his parents near town, returned to-day to his home near Kennedyville.

Mr. Andrew Johnson near town is loosing all his hogs with the cholera.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Geroge Kennedy, still very sick.

We are still without a physician.

Mr. Jessie Hartley left Sassafras and accepted a position in Middletown, Delaware, on Wednesday.

Mr. Walter Vansant was the guest of Mr. C. Brice's family on Monday.

Doc Hudson and Mr. Jessie Hartly visited friends in Middletown on Tuesday evening.

On Saturday Mr. Wm. Staats' horse fell down and broke a shaft of his carriage, on his returning home from Middletown. Fortunately no further injury done.

Mr. John F. Ernest, our wide-a-wake merchant, visited friends in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

KENNEDYVILLE NOTES.

The Aid Society met at Mrs. Thos. Redmile's on Friday evening April 26. Quite a good crowd was present. The principal feature of the occasion was a pound party. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Elias Othoson's.

The creamery is receiving milk every day now. Mr. D. U. Dewees has just finished putting an ice cooler on the ice house.

Mrs. Barwick spent part of the week at Odessa, Del., with her father, Mr. Dave Rose.

Mrs. William Price and daughter, Bessie, of Delaware City, have been visiting Mrs. John R. Bennett.

Mr. Oscar Jarrell, of Baltimore, made a short visit to parents this week.

Master John Copenhaver, of Baltimore, is visiting his cousin, Miss Emma Shafer.

Miss Laura McKnett, of Baltimore, who has been home nursing her mother, has been called back to the hospital. Mrs. McKnett is much improved.

Mrs. E. E. Hudson spent part of the week with Mrs. Isaac Davis, of near Townsend, Del.

Mr. Joseph H. Weer has received as a premium for tobacco an old time clock. It is a facsimile of the 1492 clocks and is made nearly entirely of wood. It has three wooden wheels and is run by a heavy weight attached to a long cord. It is wound up by merely pulling the cord. It keeps pretty good time.

Misses Hettie O. Bennett and Beulah Redmile returned home Saturday from visiting friends near Townsend, Del.

Mr. William Whitely has gone to Caroline to attend court during the trial of Marshall Price for the murder of Bessie Dean.

NEWS FROM WORTON.

Mr. Edw. Crew, formerly of this county, now of Philadelphia, who married Miss Laura Duyer, of Worton, lost his oldest daughter, Edner, on Monday. She was in her eleventh year and remarkably smart for her age. The little household will long miss the sweet little helpmeet of the mother.

Mr. Thos. J. Parsons, whose accident was noted in the NEWS last week, went to Baltimore again this week to have an operation performed upon his eye. He has been a great sufferer. His little boy who was hurt by being thrown from a horse is improving.

Miss Nannie Brown, of the "Monumental City," is visiting Mr. Samuel W. Brown. The latter, by the way, is a great acquisition to Union Church. He tenants the farm of Col. Wm. J. Vannort.

Mr. R. G. Nicholson has commenced the erection of his new Creamery building on Mr. H. E. Cooper's lot, about 250 yards from the railroad station. The people here feel very grateful to Mr. Nicholson for the advantages promised. All the enterprising *young* men are not dead yet! Mr. Wm. Copper is doing the work, which is a guarantee of good work.

Mr. Geo. T. Williams has greatly improved the buildings on the Porter farm. The new tin roof on the large dwelling was put on by the Messrs. Aldridge of your town.

Mr. "Dad" Keiker has improved his dwelling at the Fair grounds by a substantial addition, the work being done by Mr. Wm. Copper.

Mr. Harry E. Cooper proposes to open a new store at the Station in a few days. He will keep a general country store. This will make the fifth store in our town, namely: John W. Carter, Frank Rouse, Miss Annie Startt, Edw. Jones and H. E. Cooper.

Mr. Carter, is also our postmaster, and here let me say that he is giving universal satisfaction to the patrons of the office. His disposition seems to be to please everybody.

Mrs. Lydia A. Duyer who has been spending the winter in Wilmington and Philadelphia, returned home to her son's, Mr. Wm. W. Duyer's, last week.

Mrs. John W. Carter is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. Chas. England is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Wm. W. Duyer.

We are glad to note the improved condition of our old friend, Robert L. Usilton, Esq. He was able to take the mile-and-a-half walk to the Station one day last week.

Mr. Wm. Everett also is about again. He is in his 85th year, and, like "Squire Bob," has hosts of friends.

Here it is not out of place to note the fact that Kent should be proud of her "patriarchs". What county in the State can beat her in old citizens? A few come to mind: George Davis, of Still Pond, between 94 and 100; Wm. England, near Galena, 94; Ex-Sheriff Edward Plummer, of Smithville, 75; R. L. Usilton, Smithville, 75; W. K. Everett, Worton, 86; Isaac Duyer, Still Pond, 74; Capt. Edw. Crew, Still Pond, 76. There are numerous others, no doubt. But here are seven persons with an average of over eighty two years!

We have nothing new in politics. When the time comes we think we can furnish as *sound timber* for the good old Democratic ship as any district in the county. We hope to have no "wrangle" here. The times are certainly not auspicious for mudslinging politics in our party, and the one who indulges in it will be considered an enemy to the Democratic cause. MORE ANON.

CRUMPTON ITEMS.

Elmer, the six-year-old son of Mr. Thomas Cannon, of Marcus Hook, Pa., formerly a resident of this place, died of membranous croup and was buried in Crumpton cemetery on Friday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. J. G. Sullivan, pastor of the M. P. Church.

Mr. Amos Lynch and Mrs. Martha Barnes were married at the bride's residence on Wednesday evening by Rev. Dr. Sullivan. They will make Crumpton their future home.

Mr. Harry Wallis is training a three-year-old colt which shows signs of considerable speed.

Messrs. Enoch Clow and Job Price are also possessors of very speedy animals.

Crumpton and vicinity has several aspirants for political honors. Among those most prominently mentioned are G. Fennimore for sheriff, L. C. McGinniss for commissioner, and Chas. W. Clements for senator. They are all well fitted for the respective positions and we hope to see them receive the nomination. STANLEY.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

The oyster season just past is said by some to have been a better one than for a long time, while others consider it the worst for years, yet both agree that the outlook for next season as regards quantity and quality is good.

Owing to the constant rains gardening has been checked. Next to his canoe, the oysterman's pride is his garden, and on Friday last in every direction he could be seen plying his hoe, rake and plow.

Among the ladies house-cleaning is now the fad, and as their first act is the removal of the stove look out for colds, coughs and pneumonia from the present cool spell.

Marbles! marbles! Big boys, little boys, young men, old men and even ladies enjoy this game. The air is resonant with 'everies,' 'fen-dubs' and 'knuckles down.' So fascinating is the game that one of our young merchants indulges in it the entire distance as he goes to and from dinner.

Some excitement was created here a few days ago by a runaway horse attached to a buggy in which were two boys and a keg of gas-tar. The boys being unable to control him concluded to guide him toward the fence and from the collision the boys were precipitated to the ground the tar after them, and no Ethiopian ever looked darker than those boys when they emerged from under the fence. Lucky no one was hurt.

The U. R. K. of P. will visit Lankford Lodge on the 11th inst. in full dress uniform. So look out Piney Neck and be prepared to give the boys a hearty welcome, but don't inform them who told you!

D. K. Ayres who has been on the sick list for some time we are glad to report improving at this time.

One of our bachelors "who knows how to draw the bow" entertains our young people once a week by giving them lessons in the fantastics at his lonely domicil. Young ladies remember the fable of the "spider and the fly."

Considerable anxiety for the reservoir at your place was manifested by our people during the session of the grand jury.

Maxwell Lodge I. O. O. F. will celebrate their fifth anniversary on the 15th inst. Prominent men of the fraternity are expected to be present. Supper at the Chesapeake House.

Hilda, the two-year-old daughter of Capt. W. H. Sanford, died Saturday. Funeral preached by Bro. Davis from the following text: "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

Mr. Geo. E. Lambert discontinued the confectionery business on May 1. What will Bro. Smith do for his mixed ——?

Shad fishing will soon close here. The season has been almost a failure.

Messrs. Geo. A. Schoon and Frank Ayres, two of our citizens, who left here some time ago to accept positions in ship yards, the former in New Port News, and the latter in Philadelphia, it is understood will return during the summer.

Capt. Jas. P. Hatcherson is unfortunate in the loss of considerable growing wheat along the bay shore because of the washing away of the bank, which pricipitates the land on which the wheat was sown.

Mrs. S. J. Stevens after enjoying a delightful visit to her daughter, Mrs. Waxter, and friends in Baltimore, returned home on Wednesday afternoon, much to the joy of Miss Lillie, her youngest daughter, who has been playing the role of general housekeeper, during her mothers absence.

Capt. Peter Reynolds is converting the store room recently vacated by Mr. F. M. Satterfield into a dwelling room, and otherwise improving his residence. This is a most excellent location for summer boarders, shady and pleasant, with a splendid view of the harbor and bay.

Capt. Jno. H. Coleman, who has long been incapacitated from doing manual labor, because pulmonarily affected, contemplates a visit to his daughter in Pennsylvania, for the benefit of his health.

The whooping cough is still prevalent among many of the children in the neighborhood. The disease has been very violent and troublesome to control.

MATRIMONIAL.

W. J. Atkinson—Jennie T. George.

The city papers have accounts of the marriage in New York on Thursday night of last week of Mr. W. J. ATKINSON, late of Philadelphia, and president of the Baltimore Home Telephone Company, to Miss JENNIE T. GEORGE, eldest daughter of Henry George, the well-known advocate of the single tax. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edw. McGlynn at the house of the bride's father, 327 East Nineteenth street. Mr. Cecil R. Atkinson, a brother of the groom, residing near Chestertown, was present at the wedding. The couple have gone to Fortress Monroe.

Bradley M. Keyworth—Luella Chamberlain Holliday.

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized at 1926 Linden avenue, Baltimore, on Thursday of last week, the contracting parties being Mr. Bradley M. Keyworth and Miss Luella Chamberlain Holliday, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Holliday, formerly of this county. Rev. Edward R. Wroth officiated. The bride was attired in a handsome white satin gown trimmed with point lace, and carried an ivory prayer-book and lilies of the valley. She also wore a magnificent sunburst of diamonds, the gift of the groom. The maid of honor, Miss Stella M. Maclin, of Howard county, wore a white silk gown trimmed with lace, and carried La France roses. The ushers were: Messrs. R. S. Thomas, Stuart Holliday, Brown Harper, John S. Owens, Dr. J. H. Marchant and Julias Erdman. The parlor, dining-room and halls were elaborately decorated with palms, ferns, Marechal Niel and La France roses. After the ceremony an elegant collation was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Keyworth left for Old Point and other seaside resorts. Mrs. Keyworth is a niece of Mr. H. M. Thomas, and has several times visited Chestertown. Miss Laura and R. Snowden Thomas attended the wedding.

Judge Frederick Stump's fine prize registered Durham bull, "Grover Cleveland," was instantly killed by a locomotive on the P. W. & B. railroad, last Thursday. Some men were driving the bull from Perryville to Judge Stump's farm on the B. & O. railroad, when the animal ran away, and on the track in front of a rapidly moving train, by which it was struck and cut to pieces.—*Havre de Grace Republican.*

STILL POND NOTES.

Rev. Alfred Smith, the presiding elder will preach for us to-morrow morning.

The Good Templars will install their officers Monday evening, May 6th. A good literary program is being prepared for the evening, after which refreshments will be served.

The W. C. T. U. will hold their convention here. We will, I am sure, give them a hearty welcome; for the temperance army is getting very strong around us.

Mrs. I. R. Starkey met with a very painful accident last Monday by breaking a needle in her hand. Doctors Hines and Maxwell were not successful in finding it, but at this time she is much better.

Wm. H. Thompson has improved his shoe store by adding another room.

Misses Sue and Sallie Jones have accepted positions in Baltimore.

Miss Hackett Robinson is now in Baltimore.

The Epworth League will be lead tomorrow evening by Mrs. H. L. Crew.

On Tuesday evening, May 7th, the League will hold a public meeting in Still Pond Church. All are invited.

The W. C. T. U. desire all members to be present this afternoon at half-past two. B.

"IMPROVEMENT SOCIETIES."

On April 11th the pupils of Hopewell School, organized a Junior Public School Improvement Society with the following officers: President, Mamie Newcomb; vice-president, Spencer Biddle; rec. sec., Clara Staats; cor. sec., Stanley Matthews; treasurer, Janie Anderson. The object of this society is to improve their school in any possible way they can. The plan to be pursued will be devised at the next regular meeting. The committee on entertainment gave the patrons a hearty welcome to their school on Friday, April 26th. The programme was as follows:

Report of Secretary.....Clara Staats
Improve Your Time.....Etta Matthews
Punctuation Marks.....First Grade
Arthurs Arithmetic.....Arthur Prettyman
Days of Week.....Seven Girls
Report of Treasurer.....Janie Anderson

On Friday, the 26th ult., the patrons organized an "Improvement Society."

FARM LIFE IN KENT.

The interesting discussion at the Still Pond Farmer's Club will be found on the second page.

The jump upwards in the price of wheat is good news to the farmers. It will be better still if the price will yet further ascend and *stay up* until our farmers can get some wheat to sell. The present rise is of no advantage except to speculators. Kent farmers want to see it touching a dollar when the crop is harvested.

If wheat continues up—and it is likely to do so as the foreign crop is short—then corn must take a rise also. The acerage of corn, therefore, should not be lessened this spring.

The wheat acreage in Kent this year is much short of previous years, on account of the ruinous prices.

The wheat prospect in this county has been most excellent. The fields generally look full and green and if the season continues favorable a good crop will be realized.

The *five days rain* this week has led to apprehension on the part of fruit growers relative to some of their crops. Pears and cherries especially are thought to be injured by the long rains, as the bloom was just out and the fruit endangered by the washing away of the pollen, which is the life-power of the germ, or by the rotting of the germ itself. The extent of the injury has not yet been determined.

The peach bloom was out long before the rains so this important crop is not thought to be much hurt.

Queen Anne's Real Estate.—On Tuesday Messrs. T. J. & B. P. Keating, attorneys for S. R. Hurlock, sold the farm known as the "Walsey," containing 332 acres of land, to Mrs. Madeline Davidson for $5350; the Temple Farm, containing 245 acres to Mr. W. H. Bians for $33 per acre, aggregating $7075; and the "Smith Farm" to Mr. James Mackubin, of Ellicott City, 205 acres for $15 per acre, aggregating $3075.

The go ahead firm of Moody & Lusby are offering Men's Boys' and Children's clothing at greatly reduced prices in order to cut down stock before moving into their new and commodious storehouse. This firm is a progressive one, and have earned for themselves the creditable distinction of selling good goods at fair prices, and also as reliable advertiser of facts. Read their advertisement and go see them, for this is an exceptionable opportunity to clothe man or boy at a very small expense.

Cash Buyer! No Credit! Cash Seller!

CHARLES S. SMITH'S BOOGABOO!

CASH, and WHAT IT WILL DO!

California Prunes	5 cents per lb.
Can Corn	5 cents per can.
Clear Starch	4c. pound or 13 pounds for 50 cents.
Corn Starch	5 cents package.
Ten Cent "Ketchup"	4 cents bottle.
Lard, Pure	10 cents.
Lard, Compound, in 3 lb. cans	25 cents can.
Jelly or Apple Butter in 1 lb. cans only	5 cents can.
Prunes, California	5 cents pound.
Frying Tomatoes	7 cents can.
FLOUR, Good	2c. lb., $3.25 per barrel.
Let me say just here, its going higher.	
Best Soda Crackers	7 cents pound.
California Apples and Peaches	9 cents pound.
Baking Chocolate	11 cents cake.
Washing Blue, worth 10 cents	4 cents bottle.
California Rasins This week, only	5 cents pound.
Best Prunes	5 cents pound.
Fine Syrup	13 cents gallon.

We Must Sell! We've Got to Sell!

AND WE WILL SELL!

MONDAY
Chocolate Drops and Butter Cups 13c. lb.
Clark & Jones' Best Taffy, 13c. lb.
Lemons 17c. Dozen. Dates 5c. lb,
1 lb. or doz. to each customer, no halves sold.

TUESDAY
Prunes, 6 pounds for 29c.
Rolled Oats 4c. Pound.
7 Bars Oleine Soap for 27 cts.
7 Boxes Pearline for 29 cents

WEDNESDAY
Macaroni 7 cents package.
1 pk. Macaroni and 3 lbs. Prunes for 19c.
Vinegar 17 cents gallon.
2 Gallons Molasses for 25 cents

THURSDAY
Mushroon Crackers, 2 pounds for 33c.
Graham Crackers, 2 pounds for 25 cents.
3 Pounds Best Soda Crackers 19c., no broken Packages.

FRIDAY
Diamond Dust. Mrs. Rambo says it is Better than Gold Dust, 4 Packages 19c.
Washing Fluid 5 cents per Bottle.

SATURDAY
Plug Tobacco as low as 20c. lb, we don't say its good to Chew, but to Smoke.
Butter Cup Flat only 29c. a lb., or 7c a bar.
GRAVELY TOBACCO today 6 Cuts for 25c.

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Chestertown, Maryland.

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