County News.

Rock Hall Notes.

Persons unfamiliar with the natural resources of this section, would think as they noticed the large number of retired gentlemen, that the oyster industry is one of the most independent and lucrative means of obtaining a livlihood, but unfortunately such is not the case. This is the "lenten" season, which by force of circumstances, the large majority of oystermen are compelled to observe for a period of four months, and while *all* have *much* to do penance for it would be far more compatible to their circumstances to be allowed to engage in continual combat between labor and capital.

The oyster just closed on the 25th, has been the most unprofitable for a decade, owing to generally low price and blustering weather. Some one, it is said, kept a diary of the season's work, which is shown that out of the 236 days composing the season, only 109 could be utilized, as follows: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 18, Dec. 19, Jan. 5, Feb. none, Mar. 15, and April 10 days.

The fishermen's experience has been about as gloomy as the oystermen's, and they have cut out their nets.

Great satisfaction is expressed here on account of the Board of Public Works recinding their order to retire the sailing vessels of the police force on May 1st, and extending the time for their retirement to June 1st. It is hoped that the crew on the A. B. Smith will be continued through the closed season as their withdrawal will result in considerable devastation to oyster bars, especially those of Chester river. We know the fund is exhausted and the same is now $12,000 in debt, but this very fact will, undoubtedly, prove a blessing to the oyster industry next winter at Annapolis, as it is likely to put an end to dilly dallying with oyster legislation. There must be a new departure from the old system of each succeeding legislature on the oyster question, and the sooner it is brought about the better it will be for the industry and the State. Politics on this question must be relegated to the rear, and to that end men with no axes to grind must be sent as representatives to the coming General Assembly.

There is cropping out in our community a desire for a poll tax, the same to be applied to the school fund, also have all revenue derived from oyster licenses, &c., applied to the protection of the industry, and in case there is a surplus in any year, let the same be placed to the credit of the general fund for the use of the whole State. The poll tax idea is growing greater each day, and why should not such a system be established in Kent? Hundreds of non-tax-paying people enjoy every right guaranteed to tax-payers, and they are just in demanding those rights. Since by a system of taxation must our great country live and thrive, therefore, every citizen should be compelled to contribute to its support. We find many of our young men who own no taxable property, in favor of a poll tax.

The Odd-Fellows of this place are making preparations for a big time on the occasion of their fourth anniversary celebration to be held on the 15th inst. Amicable Lodge, of Chestertown, will be here, Grand Secretary John M. Jones and other prominent members of the order in Baltimore, will be here, and the families and lady and gentlemen friends of the membership of Maxwell Lodge will be there. An entertainment at the hall of the lodge and banquet at the Chesapeake House, will be features of the occasion. Miss Maggie V. Hersch will have charge of a chorus of twelve or more voice, Prof. Willson will have charge of the stringed instrument department, while town officer, B. H. Coburn, will be master of ceremonies.

On the evening of the 2d, the banquet at the Chesapeake House, under the the management of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Lamber by Burdette Lodge I. O. G. T. in the celebration of their second anniversary, was a grand affair. The bill of fare included almost everything good, and was served admirably. The following were present: Rev. Edward Davis, wife and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Crew, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judefind, Mrs. J. Walter Skirven, Mrs. Samuel Keating, Misses Maggie V. Hersch, Bessie Satterfield, Clara and Julia Middleton, Nettie Hersch, Mamie Ryan, Sallie Hogans, Jennie Rodney, Sadie Fogwell, Rhoda Downey, Annie Trew, Nannie Coleman, Minnie and Nellie Maslin, Nellie Kerr, Daisy Sewell, Myra Ayres, Gertie Judefind, Nora M. Elburn, and Messrs. Wesley Satterfield, Damon Rollison, Milton L. Maslin, Edw. H. and Jos. W. Apsley, Virgil W., Jos. W. and Ellwood Kendall, Geo. H. Davis, Fred. Harding, James Harrison, Wm. Clayton, Charles S. Porter, Geo. E. Lambert, Jr., Wm. Downey, John E. Hadaway, Walter C. Dickinson, B. Frank Urie, Augustus Ayres and Frank Sappington.

East Neck Island school had a May party yesterday at the school under the direction of Miss Mabel Price, the popular and efficient teacher.

Large audiences greeted Prof. Judefind's class at the musicale, and the Professor has reason for gratulation in his success. The following ladies and gentlemen took part; Soprano, Mrs. John W. Downey and Miss M. V. Hersh; Alto, Misses Gertrude Judefind and Rhoda Downey. Tenor, Chas. Judefind, Wm. T. Downey and Harry Webb. Basso, Jos. Kendal, Jr., Charles Hynson, Marian Miller, Frank Downey and W. Hynson. The soloists of the eveuing were: Mrs. Downey, A. L. Judefind and Chas. Judefind.

Chorus, March Onward.....Adam Geibel
Male Chorus, Jolly Old Crow (comic)..Decker
Solo, Island of Dreams.....R. Stuls
Male Quartette, Minstreis' Lament..Chandler
Quart., Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming
Stephen C. Foster
Male Quart., Negro Medly.....C. F. Shattuck
Duet, Forest Joys, ...Franz Abt
Solo, Yellow Roses,.....Watson
Reading, Humorous.....
Male Quartette, Pussy Cat (comic)..Ingraham
Solo, Thoughts,.....Paul Norwood
Quartette, Under the Moonlit Sky..Thompson
Solo, Whatever Is, Is Best.....Ludds
Male Quart., Masseys in de Cold, Cold Ground
Stephen C. Foster
Chorus, Sleep on Thy Pillow,....Adam Geibel

Rev. Alfred Smith, presiding elder of Easton District, is to deliver the Alumni Oration at Drew Theological Seminary, during commencement week. Brother Smith is one of Drew's graduates of whom the institution has reason to be proud.—*Wil. Conf. Herald.*

FAIRLEE NEWS.

On last Sunday night thieves took from Mr. Wm. Diehl, a fishing net for which he paid $14.00 this spring, some flour and meat. He is fishing from the shore of the Fairlee farm.

Miss Ida Hudson is suffering from the flesh wound received by falling on the stumps of cut-off bushes, while visiting her father's at Worton Point. In the early part of the week she was brought to the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Legg, and since they have been very apprehensive of serious trouble, resulting from the wound.

Mr. Jas. Bramble's boys have the whooping cough, and little Henry has suffered greatly with one eye.

Miss Cummings, of South Africa, delivered a very interesting historical lecture on South Africa, with maps accompaniment, in the village Tuesday evening. About 20 persons were present to hear her! She is strongly in favor of temperance, and along the line she made some argumentative and logical remarks.

One of the most popular games with us now, is croquet, and many enjoy it.

The horn blower still "toots" his horn. A fine lot of white spokes is being cut and split in proper sizes in a woods near Tolchester.

Sacramental occasion at the Fairlee Church tomorrow (Sunday) at 10.30.

Master Norman Blackiston, who stays with his grand-pa, Mr. W. E. Keyser, was bitten by a dog a few days ago.

Parson Merritt, in the quarterly conference last Saturday stated that he was as happy as a King and hoped that the people were as well pleased with him as he was with them. WEST END.

Kennedyville Notes.

Dr. George I. Barwick and his friend, Miss Bond, of Baltimore, spent the earlier part of the week with Mrs. S. E. Barwick.

Mrs. E. E. Hudson spent part of last week with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Bolton, of near Centreville.

Mr. and Mrs. Redmile were called to Philadelphia suddenly last week to see Mr. Redmiles' brother who is very sick.

Miss Anna Smyth, daughter of Mr. L. J. Smyth, has been quite sick this week.

Mr. Wm. Medders, of Still Pond, spent Sunday with Mr. Robert Hill.

Mrs. John Shallcross and son, Ralph, and Mr. John N. Bennett, all of Trenton, N. J., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bennett.

Mr. John R. Bennett and Miss Sarah Cavender and Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cleaver, attended the funeral of Mr. George Burgess, of near Odessa, on Tuesday.

Mr. Alec. Bartlett has gone to Philadelphia to secure a position.

Mrs. Frazier, of Cecil, visited her mother, Mrs. Garey on Sunday.

Miss Caddie Shritz, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Clendaniel.

Mr. Wattie McKnett spent part of last week in Baltimore.

Mrs. Wm. Hague is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Galena Locals.

The farmers are very busy getting their corn planted. Some few are done planting. Nearly all around here expect to get done this week; the wet weather of last week kept them back.

The Creamery is getting a large quantity of milk now.

Rev. I. G. Fosnocht and wife is visiting at Mr. Hyland's for a week. Mr. F. preached on Sunday eve last in the M. E. Church to a large congregation.

Rev. Father Connelly paid a flying visit to Galena on Wednesday last. This was his first trip to Galena since he left on Easter Monday.

There were some disappointed Sunday week on account of the weather as a good many intended hearing the new priest, Father Ott, preach. The weather both morning and evening was quite stormy.

A large quantity of asparagus is being shipped from this vicinity by F. P. Cochran, R. Lockwood and others, by the steamer Sassafras; report says it brings gook prices.

From Golt's Station.

Farmers in this section are very busy planting corn.

Mr. James Matthews, of near Golt's, is building a new dwelling.

Mr. John Canner, of Golt's Station, is making an improvement to his new dwelling by building new kitchen, &c.

The "Aid Society" of Golt's M. E. Church, met at Mrs. Charley Smith's on Thursday night last. There was a good attendance, after the business of the Aid was over there was refreshments served. All had a pleasant time.

Mr. John Rolph, of this place, went to Philadelphia on Saturday morning.

Mr. Willie Hall, of New Castle county, Del., made a visit with friends Saturday morning last.

Miss Parsons, of Middletown, the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, is making them a visit.

Our M. E. minister says: "Since our return from conference we have had large congregations to preach to; from all points our Sunday schools are good; large attendance."

MR. R. Y. WALLEN has been elected town commissioner of Clayton.

STILL POND NOTES.

The Good Templars, had a public installation last Monday night and the officers were installed as follows: Chief templar, C. B. Krusen; vice templar, Miss Annie B. Roeder; past chief templar, J. B. Krusen; Chaplain, Mrs. Wm. G. Rasin; treasurer, Miss D. A. Crossly; financial secretary, Miss Myra Crew; secretary, T. B. Dalton; assistant secretary, Miss Ella Sutton; marshall, Sam'l Roseberry; deputy, Miss Cora Jewell; guard, John Boulden; sentinel, Lizzie Rasin; organist, Mrs. Medford Porter; this installment was very pretty and enjoyed by all. Then following was an interesting report from the literary committee, Music by Prof. Wm. W. Watts; Reading, Mrs. Sallie Morris; music, Watts, Dalton, Roseberry and Krusen; reading, "Mother's Dumpling," John Suiton; quartette, Mrs. Turner, Miss Wood, F. B. Dalton and W. W. Watts; recitation, "Shall Your Boy Go," Miss Lizzie Rasin; singing, Temperance Town; stump speech, Ben Krusen; bass solo, "The Old Sexton," Prof. Wm. Watts; recitation, "Rock of Ages," Miss Annie B. Roeder; singing, 'Gates Ajar,' Miss Ella Sutton and B. Dalton; calisthenics, by Miss D. A. Crossly, Mrs. Elva Porter, Mrs. Sallie Norris, Miss Lizzie Rasin, and Miss Cora Jewell, After this refreshments were served and very much enjoyed.

The Epworth League met in the Sunday school room last Tuesday evening quite a number were present. They decided to hold a strawberry festival at the earliest date possible. Miss Amy Barnard was appointed to attend the convention at St. Michaels, in place of Miss Nellie Krusen. Music was furnished; after reading by Miss D. Crossly and address by Bro. Nelson, the League adjourned.

Mrs. George Rodenhizer and sister Miss Mollie Clements are now in Balto.

Miss Myra Crew and Miss Mamie Rosebury are visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. C. B. Krusen is visiting her daughter, Mrs Joseph Wilson of Pa.

Misses Sue and Sallie Jones, have returned after a pleasant stay in Balto.

Mrs. J. B. Crowding and daughter Ida have returned from Philadelphia.

Mrs. Martha Harris, of Clayton, Del., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jos. Rasin.

The W. C. T. U. held a business meeting last Saturday afternoon preparing committees for the coming convention to be held the first Tuesday in June. Another meeting will be held this afternoon at 2.30 P. M. All are desired to attend.

The Epworth League will be lead by Mrs. E. M. Taylor, beginning at eight o'clock. The weather is now warmer and all can be present at this hour, and find it very interesting. B.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

Miss Jennie Brice is spending some time with the Misses Eichenhofer, in Middletown, Delaware.

Mr. Jesse Hartley, of Middletown, spent Suuday with his parents here.

Mr. John F. Ernest, our enterprising merchant, is having his store put in thorough repair.

Mrs. Cnmmins Brice visited friends in Middletown, Del., Wednesday.

Mr. Walter Vansant, our enterprising young butcher, is moving a cold storage refrigerator, built by his brother, Mr. Fred. Vansant. Walter surely must be doing a good business. He has a first-class store room and is very obliging and sure of success.

Our young and energetic farmer, Mr. Wilson Cochran, has two large fields of the finest grass in this section. It is knee high—one of timothy and one of clover—75 acres in each field. It is surely marvelous such beautiful grass so early in the season,

The ice-cream saloons and soda water counters are all Cecil county can dare to aspire to nowadays.

"Strawberry rash" is due.

Mr. Walter Vansant ottended the dance given by the Misses Echenhofer at Middletown on Thursday evening of last week in honor of their guest, Miss Jennie Bsice, and they all had a most deligetful time.

Mrs. Honnah Staats, of Warwick, visited Mrs. Alexander T. Laws Tuesday.

Our farmers have all finished planting corn and are now very busy shipping their asparagus crop to New York and Boston.

The cut worm is very bad here destroying the gardehs, etc.

Messrs. Henry Hess, of Fair Hill, and Wm. Deshane, of Cecilton, was in town on Tuesday. Mr. Hess is a guest of Mr. Deshane.

Mr. George Gill was in town on Thursday last. He moved Mr. Reid and wife from here to his farm near Ceciiton, as owing to the death of Mrs. George Gill's mother Mr. Gill has moved his family from his farm to Middletown, Del. Mrs. Drummond died a very sad and sudden death, and her only child living has gone home to comfort her father in his old days. Mrs. Drummond was a very lovely Christian lady and all who knew her loved her. She is gone but not forgotten.

"Leaves have their time to fade and wither at
the north wind's breath,
But thou hast all seasons for thine own, oh
death!"

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Dreaka returned home from Florida un Tuesday eveniug, after an absence of over six months. They were tendered a beautiful reception and home coming by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dreaka at their old home on Tuesday eveniug. The aged couple felt the surprise and pleasure very sensibly of meeting their many friends after so long an absence. The supper and reception lasted until eleven o'clock. The company was a delightful one and the entertainment and menu was greatly enjoyed by those present, who were Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Finey Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, son and daughter, Mrs. James E. Hartley, Mrs. Agnes Tarbutton, Mrs. George Kennedy, Jr., Mrs. John F. Ernest, Mrs. Thornley, Mrs Ruth Vansant, Mr. Luff Spry, Mr. and Mrs. Calhoon.

IT has just been discovered that Franklin Knapp while traveling with "Arizona Bob's wild west show" last summer, was murdered in Elkton, and his body weighted with stones, was sunk in the Chesapeake bay, near Turkey point. Cecil authorities are endeavoring to apprehend the murderer who is believed to be "Arizona Joe" an attache of the circus.

GOV. BROWN'S WIFE is seriously ill, and numerous friends are gravely concerned for the result.

SUMMER PLEASURES.

The steamer B. S. Ford has been chartered by the Sunday School of Grace M. P. Church, Centreville, for an excursion to Tolchester on Friday June 28.

The Chester River Co. is having two 16.foot metallic boats built for the B. S. Ford.

The "new freight line" from Sassafras river to Baltimore only lasted two weeks. What Capt. Cundiff can't do for the people on that route, it seems, "is not worth doing." He says he only asks the co-operation of the people to insure first-class accommodation always.

Worton Manor Beach.

Mr. John Gale, the popular proprietor of Worton Manor Beach, is pushing his improvements for the summer. New groves have been opened, new cottages built, and many additional attractions added to make this delightful summer resort more beautiful and attractive-than ever.

TOLCHESTER BEACH IMPROVEMENTS.

Baltimore Morning Herald.

Tolchester Beach has literally become a household word with the excursionists of this city. It would be difficult to estimate the number of happy people who have visited the queenly little nook since it was established.

The improvements at this resort for the coming season have been of a most extensive character, and are being pushed rapidly to completion in order that the beach be in perfect readiness when the season opens May 31. The grounds and buildings have been supplied with new water and sanitary arrangements, two immense water towers 35 feet high having been erected for the purpose. A large bronze fountain, standing 25 feet high, is being erected and will receive its supply from one of the towers.

The hotel has been remodled and supplied with new sanitary appliances throughout. A cottage for the exclusive use of the ladies has been erected near the hotel, and will be known as the Ladies' cottage. It will be equipped so as to be available in case of sickness. The appointments will be selected with a view to making the cottage as comfortable and convenient as possible.

A new pavillion has been built, many additional picnic booths erected, and various large iron urns and statuary distributed throughout the grounds. A neat and attractive iron fence has been placed on top of the knoll, from which point it extends along the front of the grounds. The pretty vista in front of the hotel has been enhanced with a iron fence. The grounds have also been beautified, and the building made bright and attractive with a new dress of paint.

Many new amusements have been added and several first-class attractions booked. One of the first to begin will be Signor Connors' wonderful pony, dog and bird circus, which will give exhibitions twice daily. For this purpose, seats have been placed on both sides of the ravine, forming a perfect arena, and so arranged that every body can have an unobstructed view.

The wonderful Johose Burgaloon and Java house have been relieved of their winter dress, and will be as much of an attraction as last year.

The steamer Louise is about getting her finishing touches at the shipyard of William Skinner & Sons. During the winter she has been thoroughly overhauled from stem to stern and from keelplate to smokestack. Every department has been thoroughly looked after and put in first-class condition. The massive machinery and boilers have been tested, new furniture and carpets supplied and she is now being newly painted inside and out.

The company has more churches, Sunday-schools and large organizations booked at the present time than they ever had at this early date, which shows conclusively that Tolchester continues as popular as ever.

DEER PARK.

On tho Crest of the Alleghanies.

To those contemplating a trip to the mountains in search of health and pleasure, Deer Park, on the crest of the Alleghany mountains, 3,000 feet above the sea level, offers such varied attractions as a delightful atmosphere during both day and night, pure water, smooth winding roads through the mountains and valleys, and the most picturesque scenery in the Alleghany range. The hotel is equipped with all adjuncts conducive to the entertainment, pleasure and comfort of its guests.

The surrounding grounds, as well as the hotel, are lighted with electricity. Six miles distant, on the same mountain summit, is Oakland, the twin resort of Deer Park, and equally as well equipped for the entertainment and accomodation of its patrons. Both hotels are upon the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, have the advantages of its splendid Vestibuled Limited Express trains between the East and West. Season excursion tickets, good for return passage until October 31, will be placed on sale at greatly reduced rates at all principal ticket offices throughout the country. The season of these popular resorts commences June 22nd. For full information as to hotel rates, rooms, etc. address Geo. D. DeShields, Manager, Deer Park, or Oakland, Garrett co. Md.

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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.

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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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