County News.

EDESVILLE LOCALS.

KENT NEWS: Miss Florence, daughter of H. H. Gresham, Esq., is at home watching at the bedside of her sick mother, who we are pleased to learn is improving.

Mr. J. Walter Sutton spent several days this week with his brother, George, near Perryville, Cecil county, Md. Knowing his brother's almost insatiate appetite for diamond back terrapin, he carried him a dozen.

Capt. H. C. Hadaway and son are busy plying the paint brush on their vessel at the shipyard wharf. They hope to do a good business in the general freight line.

Talk about peaches is general, and the opinion is that a failure in this and all other fruits may be thrown into the balance against farmers' caculations for the year's profits.

Grass and wheat fields are doing well, but the cut worm is playing havoc in corn fields where the corn is trying to peep through the ground.

Miss Lula, the accomplished daughter of Rev. Jesse Shreeve, of Kennedyville, was at church last Sunday evening and immediately after service was surrounded by the many friends, whose friendship developed during the past four years while her father was pastor here. Come again, Miss Lula and *stay* with us.

Mr. George T. Cosden is preparing to do considerable work about the new bridge at Price's mill, the contractors being nearly ready to admit filling in.

Mrs. H. Wheatley and daughter, Miss Belle, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. J. F. Wheatley at Walnut Cottage. Mrs. Wheatley is very fond of historic St. Paul's Church and arranged so as to be here during the convention.

What might have been a very serious affair, culminated fortunately with little damage to the vehicle used. Mrs. Wm. Stevens and daughter, Miss Edith, were on their way to service at Wesley Chapel Sunday afternoon, and while passing the home of Mr. Lewin Wheat near the village, the horse took fright at some children playing on the road-side, and at once began to run and kick. Although the reins were nearly snatched from Miss Edith's hands, the mother counselled and bade her be still, for God would take care of them. The horse continued his vicious efforts to loose himself from the carriage until near Mr. W. K. Judefind's gate when enough harness gave way to free him, and which, happily left the carriage and occupants by the road side and no one hurt. Why should they not trust Providence?

The Ladies Aid Society met last Monday evening at the pleasant and beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Maslin's. A goodly number was present, but surely the majority had something extra for supper that caused them to delay their coming until long after the hour for meeting. It was, however, an unusually pleasant meeting. Business was dispatched, and among other things attended to was a festival which will be held on the church grounds June 5th. proceeds for the society's fund. The literary progam was enjoyed by all, and as it was a new departure in addition to the society's work, we trust this feature may properly develop. The autoharp expert, Mr. W. T. Miller, captivated the assembly; Miss Fannie Sappington's pathetic selection enlisted all attention; Miss Eva Gresham's vocal solo accompanied by autoharp was rendered in her usual style which, no one enjoys more than the writer. The new pastor Rev. C. K. McCaslin was present and entered into the spirit of the business, also gave evidence to become thoroughly acquainted with his congregation and community generally. After adjournment the host and hostess entertained the inner man with refreshments. Collection excellent.

A few days ago a friend called and stated his business was to know the political news for county ticket, and who would be delegates to the State Convention, etc. Our reply was you have asked hard questions, especially we are out of politics, but one thing is sure, harmony must prevail, and if the Democrats expect to win, they must cease their splitting on the doctrine of the party, tariff, what is legitimate currency, etc., else the future will be too ugly for comfort. We would not be surprised if the masses rise in their might and thus remind some persons that toleration on "party principle splitting" is wholly threadbare, and that if time and its flight could be turned backward to those periods in our history where Jefferson and Jackson, Calhoun and Tilden, constructed Democratic teaching, it would appear *plainly* that the president should be upheld in his interpretation of his party principles. That giant in leadership is for the people and not alone the wire pullers. We know of ten or twelve young Democrats who purpose casting their first vote this coming fall—and we hope to see them imbibe the true Democratic doctrine— unadulterated on *all* public questions. A number of names have been mentioned for places on the county ticket, and most excellent material can be gathered therefrom. It is definitely learned now that Mr. John P. Nicholson has consented for his friends to use his name for House of Delegates.

OBSERVER.

Kennedyville Items.

Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs has been in Centreville nearly all the week in attendance upon his baby who has been very ill at grandfather's, Col. Wm. McKenney. He is reported better at this writing.

The cut worms are playing havoc with the early corn in this vicinity. Some fields have nearly all the corn cut off. Quite a number of farmers will be compelled to replant the entire field.

Shafer & Davis are having the Creamery beautified with a coat of paint. Mr. Charles Nickerson is doing the work.

Miss Lula Shreeve spent a few days in Baltimore this week.

Mrs. John Stouffer is sojourning in Philadelphia.

Miss Bertie Biggers, of Goose Hill, is visiting Miss Dora Pennington.

The Loyal Temperance Legion under the guidance of Miss Mary Pennington, will give an entertainment in the Town Hall Friday Evening, May 24. They are practising every evening for the affair and we wish them great success.

Mr. Wm. Bennett, of near Middletown visited his brother J. R. Bennett on Wed.

Miss Jennie Ware, of Queen Anne's is paying a visit to her cousin, Miss Jennie Whilely.

Notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather last Sunday Bro. Shreeve was at his post and preached two good sermons. He gave his congregation to understand that the weather would not prevent him from attending to duty.

Fairlee Notes,

Col. T. B. Bordley, though over 80 years still boasts of nerve. A few days ago he had a tooth drawn with a pair of carpenter's pinchers, and in the hands of not an expert in dentistry. He thinks, however, the next *molar* will be drawn with forceps and by a dentist.

Mr. Samuel Lee's fine young horse, Sleepy Dave, ran away a few days ago, being frightened by a hoisted umbrella. He was hitched to a dearborn, but nothing was injured.

Mrs. J. B. Merritt left home Monday morning to spend a week in the Monumental City with Mrs. Hepbron, her daughter.

Our P. M., Mr. Jno. Lewis, has bought the property that lately belonged to Prof. J. A. Greenwood. He is improving the premises right away.

House cleaning is the order of the day from Dan to Bersheba.

The boys turned out as a bare-foot brigade about the 10th, but the 14th finds them reshod.

Mr. Walter Sparks has another acquisition to his vast amount of machinery—a lathe.

Mr. Thos. Nugent, of Tolchester, hurt his back a few days since, and was necessitated to lay off from work for a short time.

There is a case or so of scarlet fever, reported, near Sandy Bottom.

It is conceded by our peach growers, around here, that the prospect is good for a fair crop of peaches, pears, apples, etc., and the farmers, generally, are in right good cheer, seeming to think that there are better days in store for them, and so may it be.

There has been some fast driving through the village lately. We do hope *senseless speed* will not cause any casualties. There are *children in Fairlee*, and their parents are not willing that they shall be driven over on their way to school or while necessarily on the road, or at any other time.

All is life around us, the creamery is running full blast, the shops are running on full time, the stores are booming, the carpenters are going, and our butchers are busy.

Our preachers and school teachers are pushing their vocations with a vim.

Rev. J. B. Merritt left home on Tuesday morning for Easton, to remain with his son, Dr. Merritt, until the end of the week. His son, the doctor has a very extended and lucrative practice in that town.

Mrs. Harry P. Jones, while alighting from a carriage a short while ago, stepped on something that turned her foot which caused a sprain that made her suffer quite a time.

Mr. Archie Remage is still shearing sheep, but is always ready to receive new orders. *He is recognized as an expert shearer.*

A large congregation at Salem on last Sunday evening; and the evening services are rather profitable, being conducted as prayer and praise services.

The services, hereafter we learn, will begin *promptly at quarter to eight*, and close not later than *nine o'clock*.

Miss Jennie Parr, of Galena, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Todd, Chantilly, and attended convocation at St. Paul's, on Wednesday and Thursday.

There seems to be a great lot of clover growing to be cut this year. Mr. James Bramble has an especially fine lot. There will be a good bit cut for seed and Mr. Sparks is ready with his new huller to get the seed out.

One of our citizens has received one of "Warner's" prizes given for the correct arrangement of misplaced words into sentences. These prizes range from $50 down to $2. The misplaced words are taken from testimonial sentences relative to the merits of his medicines.

Miss Minnie A. Smyth left her home last Saturday for Philadelphia, via Balto. and Ericsson line of steamers to spend a while with friends.

WEST END.

Rock Hall Locals.

A carrier pigeon came to Mr. Richard Coleman's a few days ago. It has J. Danbert, F. K. D. on the wing and L. W. T. 2-94 on leg.

Father Ott will preach a special sermon May 26th to Rock Hall Div. No. 10, U. R., at Rock Hall Catholic Church.

Mr. Jos. W. Apsley is assisting his father with his fish traps in Virginia.

Our ladies are preparing for a large number of boarders this summer and we guarantee plenty of good food, cooked in fine style.

The Improvement Company are putting their grounds in perfect condition. The Hotel has not been commenced yet.

Mr. R. A. Bogle has sold about fifty wheels in this locality this season.

Mr. J. H. Ruth has also sold a number.

Mrs. John Saylor, of Baltimore, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rodney, of near Tolchester, on Saturday and Sunday last.

The cold winds of the early part of the week did considerable damage to fruit trees, they have the appearance of being heavily touched by frost.

Lankford Lodge K. P., located at Crosby, gave a "smoker" to the members of Rock Hall Division, U. R., and Chesapeake Lodge No. 68, K. P., of this place on Saturday night last. Refreshments, cigars and speeches were in abundance, richly enjoyed by the large audience present.

The 4th anniversary entertainment of Maxwell Lodge on last Wednesday night was a grand succuss, notwithstanding the disappointment at the last moment, caused by the gentleman who was to deliver the address of welcome, who on acount of indisposition was prevented from being present. The music and oratory were superb.

C. F. Stam, Esq., delivered a most excellent response in behalf of Amicable Lodge, and L. B. Russell of the same lodge, followed with the best effort of his life as a public speaker, Grand Secretary, John M. Jones and P. G., Wm. Hamilton, responded in behalf of Baltimore members with their usual grand eloquence. At 10 P. M. the exercises were transferred to the Chesapeake House, where a banquet was held, covers were laid for 100, the menu was rich and all that could be asked indeed, Mrs. G. E. Lambert overreached her usual splendid catering, on this occasion.

After the needs of the inner man were abundautly supplied, the audience repaired to the parlor where the feast of oratory and song was continued until 1.30 A. M. E. C. Reiche, Secretary of Amicable Lodge, and Col. F. G. Maxwell of Balto. gave interesting talks, and Prof. Wilson supplied very enchanting music. There were present, besides the membership of the home lodge, about twenty three from Chestertown and four from Baltimore.

The entertainment has left a good influence upon the order and our neighborhood. The music was rendered by the following well known and intelligent voices: Miss Maggie V. Hersch, Mrs. J. W. Downey, Misses Gertie Judefind, Rhoda Downey, Mary Hersch, Mr. W. T. Downey, H. Webb, J. H. Kendal, Chas. Hynson, Prof. W. E. Wilson and Mamie Miller.

Our little town is alive with bicycles, our young men having nothing to do, have turned their attention to wheel and left marbles for the little ones. Among the recent purchasers are: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilkins, Will Wilkins, Frank Hartman, Jas. Warmsley and R. S. Crew, our popular merchant.

Messrs. James Durding, Peter Rynolds and R. S. Crew are giving their houses a new appearance by the addition of paint.

Health is far above the average as at this time no one is sick.

Miss Lullie Webb gave notice to her schoolmates that she would leave them to engage in business in Baltimore. Lullie is a good scholar and both teacher and scholars regret to lose her.

Rock Hall division visited Lankford lodge at Piney Neck on Saturday last and were entertained so royally that every member would be glad to renew it at an early day. Cake and lemonade were in abundance. Addresses were made by Messrs. Ryan, Ayres, Davis and Vansant. If there was more fraternal feeling toward sister lodges, their growth would be more rapid.

Miss Daisy Wilkins was given a surprise party on Tuesday evening by her friends, among whom were Misses Eve Downey, Nettie Boyer, Hope Greenwood, Jessie Cooper and Messrs. Arthur Greenwood, Billie Webb and Charlie Ayres.

Rev. Alfred Smith held the first quarterly meeting at Rock Hall Church on Monday, owing to "hard times" but little money was handed in for benefit of the pastor.

Many of our oystermen are scraping and painting their boats getting them ready for summer races and excursions. Uncle Phil has drawn the "Sparkling Sea" on the beach and says she will soon be ready to beat anything of the same length that carries sail.

Mrs. Camp has placed a neat fence in front of her residence which adds much to its beauty.

Mr. Enoch Moffet finished cutting his field of rye and curing it properly before the last wet weather. He now has hay sufficient for summer use.

Mr. S. J. Wickes received a wagon load of flowers from Baltimore Thursday for his beautiful front yard.

The Chesapeake Glee Club are preparing for their monthly ball Thursday night. As this is to be the last until Fall, they anticipate a large turn-out.

The fence around the school lot has not come yet. Come, trustees, assist the teachers in beautifying the premises.

Crumpton Items.

A party of young people from here went over to Sudlersville on Monday evening to attend an entertainment given by the Epworth League of that town. They were well pleased with their trip and reported an unusually well prepared programme.

The Crumpton League holds its regular meetings every Tuesday evening. The members are preparing to hold a festival in the near future.

The fishing season is practically over. Shad and herring are very scarce.

Mr. J. P. Hartly is beautifying his residence by a new coat of paint.

Mr. Geo. E. Harrison has built a high board fence around his lumber yard and has received a new supply of building material of all kinds.

The teachers and pupils of the puplic school have occupied their recesses during the past week in improving the appearance of their school ground.

The brass band has resumed practice after a winter's hibernation and expect to be in fine condition by the opening of the coming campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, of Dover, Del., and Mrs. Dr. Hackett, of Millington, are spending a few days with friends in town.

Messrs Alday and Chas. W. Clements made a short visit to Wilmington this week.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

The thermometer seems to have taken a drop too much over here in Kent county and local option.

The school children are counting the days to the summer vacation.

The Rev. Mr. Sheres, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mr. Wm. Staats, near town, he owns the two farms near here, occupied by Messrs. Roberson and Jos. Biggs, and is looking after them.

Mr. Harry Griffith came very near being seriously hurt Tuesday; he was thrown over the horse's head he was riding, fortunately no bones broken and he is doing as well as can be expected. Dr. Crawford, of Cecilton, is in attendance.

Miss Blanch Wright, of Warwick and her school friend, Miss Carrie Sinixon, of Bohemia Manor, took quite a long horse back ride on Wednesday and visited Sassafras.

King winter reigns here again and the farmers are very much worried over their corn crops. The cut worm is marching along through the corn fields.

Mr. John F. Ernest left on Tuesday for Philadelphia and Atlantic City on a business trip.

The fall of some fifty degrees in the temperature, which accompanied Sunday's cold wave, wrought considerable damage to orchards and market gardens. The cherries, early apples and pears are all destroyed in this neighborhood.

One farmer expected to have a large crop of pears, but out of 600 trees he will get 5 baskets, and the peaches are all destroyed. The farmers here are ploughing their corn over and they truly seem very much discouraged.

Unless it is the fashion of the weather, what is more uncertain than the game of baseball?

Our merchants here are putting up their stoves again.

Mr. Wm. Lockwood, of near Warwick, and daughter, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. Griffith on Tuesday.

The heavy rains of week before last, and last week's excessive heat and sunshine, have rusted the strawberry plants and it is believed have ruined half of the crop.

The growers are very much discouraged over the extremely low price of asparagus.

A. T. L.

College Averages.—The following students lead their classes in the examination just closed: Senior, Cameron, 97.5; Junior, Noble, 96.9; Sophomore, Thomas, 99.1; Freshman, M. deK. Smith, 96.6; 3rd Prep., Miss Longfellow, 98.9: 2d Prep., S. Brown, 99: 1st Prep., Miss E. Perkins, 97.1. Freshmen and Preps. making over 80: Miss Longfellow, 98.9; Staunton Brown, 99; Miss Murray, 97.8; Miss E. Perkins, 97.1; Miss Smith, 97.1; Coursey, 97; Smith, 96.6: Ward, 95.9; Miss A. Russell, 95.6; Miss E. Eliason, 95.5; Pardee, 94.9; Cooper, 94.4; Miss L. Stam, 94.3; Anthony, 94.2; R. Stam, 94; Wharton, 93; Miss C. Vickers, 92.9; White, 92.6; Blackiston, 92.3; H. Eliason, 92.2; Davis, 92.2; Misses Westcott, 92; M. Rogers, 92; S. Culp, 91.6: N. Wilkins, 91.6; R. Nicholson, 91.5; Miss H. Toulson, 91; H. Beck, 90.7; Dudley, 90; Miss S. Beck, 89.8; Lucas, 89.6; Watts, 88.7; J. Eliason, 88.5; Rickey, 88.5; McFeely, 88.1; Hines, 87.3; Anderson, 86.7; Boston, 86.3; Jackson, 85.6; Barnes, 84.4; E. McCabe, 84.3; Longfellow, 84.1; Miss Whaland, 84.1; R. Simpers, 84; Miss Thompson, 84; Patton, 83.7; Miss R. Frazier, 83.5; O. Wilkins, 83.5; J. Toulson, 83. 5; A. McCabe, 83.3; Janvier, 82.1; Nicholson, 81.7

A DISPATCH from Shamokin, Pa., says: "A crowd of men this morning went into a saloon with Joseph Swartz to see him drink a quart of whisky for a wager, and they emerged in a little while bearing his corpse."

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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.

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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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