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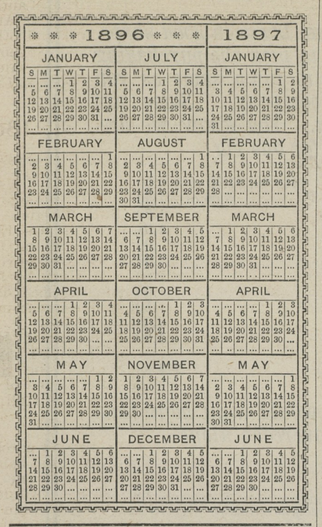

Thieving Cases.

Master Frank Hurlock, clerk for Mr. George Rouse, placed his new suit of clothes in his carriage Wednesday night, but when about to leave for home the bundle was missing and nothing has yet been heard of them. The loss to Frank falls heavy and he has the sympathy of many friends.

Several henneries about town have been visited by thieves the past week but the losses have been small.

Some one robbed the stable on Cross street, near Mr. Wm. T. Matthews' house, of a set of harness belonging to the Chestertown strawboard mill. The horse was found Saturday at the mill having been either turned loose or driven there.

Messrs. Arthur Hurlock and brother came to town Wednesday and hitched their horse in front of Mr. Rouse's store, but when ready to go home the team could not be found. Search was made all over town by Officer Kelley and others. Finally the team was located in front of Mr. Frank Jester's store on Queen street. The question how it came there has not yet been answered.

Interesting Game.

The football enthusiasts celebrated Christmas day with an interesting game of football on the college campus between two teams from town. There was quite a crowd of spectators to witness the game, as the day was warm and bright. Yale outweighed Princeton by a great deal and should have had a walk-over, but the Princeton boys put up a plucky game and held them very well. Yale led off with a kick and Princeton gains 6 yards. Princeton here makes short gains and keeps possession of the ball. After ten minutes play Yale gets the ball and Dalton makes a touch-down, after a good run. The first half resulted in Yale 14, Princeton 0. The feature of the second half was Baldwin's long run of 50 yards. The game resulted in Yale 14, Princeton 6. Thomas G. Trenchard, the great Princeton foot-ball player, witnessed the game. The line-up was as follows:

Yale.		*Princeton.*
Rickey	left end	Russell
L. Catlin	left tackle	Thomas
York	left guard	Reiche
Bradley	centre	Peregoy
J. Cannan	right guard	Smith
Crouch	right tackle	Pippin
Brice	right end	Shuster
Westcott	quarter back	E. Eliason
Massey	right half back	W. Eliason
Dalton	left half back	Baldwin
H. Cannan	full back	Carson

Refusing to Sell Corn.

The Wicomico *News* says the farmers of that county refuse to sell their corn at the prevailing low prices, and Salisbury dealers are importing corn from Worcester—car loads being received daily and paid for at the rate of 30 cents per bushel. The Wicomico farmers are lucky to be able to hold their corn crop. They are certainly better off than many of their neighbors. The berry crops, however, are a great help to the farmers of the lower peninsula. They can live upon the proceeds of their berries and snap their fingers at the corn speculators. May good luck continue with them and a portion of the same be early imparted to Kent "cerealists."

Family Trouble.—The residents of uptown were startled Christmas morning by the screams and loud yells of parties on Calvert street. Upon investigation we learned that Robert Gibson, colored, his wife and Wm. Johnson had been making the trouble. Officers Kelley and Rose arrested the parties, and before Justice McFeely the particulars were heard. It seemed that Gibson and his wife were quarreling and that Johnson interfered, causing Gibson to strike at him with a piece of lead and also with an axe. A general fight ensued. Gibson was placed in jail to await a further hearing. Gibson has sworn out a writ before Justice Johnson for the arrest of Johnson.

A remarkable feature of the present Christmas season is the Springlike weather. Christmas day was beautiful and balmy.

Christmas Entertainments.

The Presbyterian Church at Worton Station was the scene of much joy and happiness on Friday night, as the pupils of Catt's Corner school began to assemble between the hours of six and seven, to await the coming of jolly Old Santa Claus and his attendants. The unique church was very tastefully and beautifully decorated with holly wreaths and mistletoe, and in the centre of the pulpit stood a large and magnificent tree, which Santa Claus had trimmed the night previous, over which a red-shaded lamp threw its rays across the whole scene, making it one of much beauty and splendor. By seven o'clock the sweet place of worship was filled to its utmost capacity with cheerful hearts and smiling faces. The pupils were then called to order and the following programme was most admirably and efficiently carried out:

PART I.

Opening Chorus—"The Festive Time".School
Dialogue—"The Select School".....Hope Wallis, Millie Porter, Agnes Cooper, Nellie Porter.
Recitation—"A Rhyme".....Clara Jones
Recitation—"The Little Chief".....Marion Parsons.
Recitation—"Old Mother Hubbard"...Maggie Meekins.
Singing—"Welcome, Beautiful Christmas Day".....School
Conversation—"A Christmas Stocking"..Mary Moore and Minnie Jones.
Recitation—"The Very Best Thing"...Maggie Gears.

PART II.

Dialogue—"The Day After Xmas".....Minnie Jones, Cy. Kiker, Harry Ivens.
Recitation—"'Bout a Million"..Edith Benton
Recitations—"What Children Can Do"....Ten Boys.
Duet—"Jolly Old Santa Claus"..... .Pearl and Mary Shockley.
Dialogue—"The Christmas Fairy"...10 Pupils
Recitation—"Watching for Santa Claus".Minnie Jones.
Singing—"The Christmas Tree".....School
Recitation—"Grandma's Mistake"....Howard Carter.
Christmas Pantomime.....Ten Pupils
Christmas Tableau.....Ten Pupils
Dialogue—"Why we Observe Christmas".Five Pupils.
A Christmas Exercise .....Thirty Pupils
A Child's Prayer.....Bessie Cooper

If time and space would permit every pupil is worthy of special commendation, showing no lack of perfect training on the part of our noble teachers. The programme was read by the worthy superintendent, Mr. Beck, who, at the conclusion of the beautiful exercise, in a few brief but well spoken remarks, in which he most highly congratulated the efficient teachers, Misses Helena Link and Cora Hynson, on the perfect training of their pupils. An amusing feature of the evening was the delay of Santa Claus, but the children heard his bells jingle and they did not weary in singing his welcome until he put in his appearance, when all clapped their hands for joy. We suppose his delay was caused by having dropped one of his packs on the way. After the roll was called and each pupil was supplied with dainties by Old Kriss, all dispersed to their homes, delighted with the evening's entertainment. The children wish to thank Old St. Nicolas for showing them such a good time.

Monday night the little folks, and big ones, too, enjoyed one of the most delightful entertainments ever held about Lynch's Station. The public school, taught by Miss Katie Parsons, and the Sunday-school, Mr. J. W. Copper, superintendent, joined in the exercises, and it was a grand occasion. Miss Elsie Mann presided at the organ. The Old Kriss was well impersonated by Mr. Edw. Biddle, and every scholar received a bag of candy. Miss Maggie Clarke was presented with a prize for best vertical penmanship. The programme was as follows:

Song—"A Hearty Welcome".....School
Joe's Search for Santa Claus...Katie Parsons
Song—"Toyland".....1st, 2d, 3d, 4th Grades
Recitation, "Little Tommy Tupper"...Elmer Jones.
"Twins".....Lulu Benton and Mabray Rash
Song—"Hang Up Baby's Stocking".....Mary Neall.
Recitation—"Little Presents....Estelle Neall
Recitation—"A Loving Little Girl"....Bessie Pote.
Recitation—"What a Little Boy Would Like to Know".....Leonard Mann
Long—"Little Tiny Tots".....Lulu Benton, Mabray Rash, Bessie Pote, Estelle Neall.
Recitation—"Night Before Xmas"....Charles Jones.
"Christmas Wishes".....Five Boys
Song—"Jolly Xmas King".....School
"Our Troubles"..... .....Daisy Jones, Mary Neall, Lottie Copper.
Recitation—"Bertha's Story"...Bertha Biddle
"Beautiful Star"...Katie Parsons, Dora Mann
Dialogue—"The Delayed Letter".....Pupils of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grades.
Duet—"Santa Claus' Darling".....Rachel Copper, Maggie Clarke.
Closing Song—"We've Had a Very Pleasant Time".....School

Misses Gooding and Hadaway, teachers of Betterton school, gave an entertainment Monday evening which did credit to scholars and teachers. The program was as follows:

Chorus—"Welcome to Xmas".....School
Address of Welcome .....Lizzie Crownhart
Dialogue—"We are Happy Boys".....
Reading—"Old Jerry's Christmas Present" Lizzie Brice.
Acrostic—"A Merry Christmas .....18 Girls
Chorus—"'Tis the Merry Christmas"...School
Recitation—"A Young Girl's Soliloquy"...Elsie Crew.
Tableau—"The News Boys Dream".....
Recitation, "Will the New Year Came To-Night.....Minnie Jester
Duet—"The Little Milk Maid".....George Jester and George Brice.
"The Busy House-wives'.....4 Little Girls
Recitation—"Wreck of the Hesperus"..Stella Crew.
Duet .....Katie Crew and Lillie Pratt
Personation—"Aunt Jemima's Courtship" Sadie Brice.
Tableau .....Christmas Eve"
Solo—"Santa Claus' Dream".....Arthur Brice
Acrostic—"A Happy New Year".....16 Boys
Personation—"Entertaining Her Sister's Beau.....Flossie Smith
Chorus.....Jing-a-Ling the Bells"
Dialogue.....Violet's Christmas Presents"
Duet.....The Waif's Appeal'
Tableau.....Christmas A. M."
Recitation—"Kris Kringle is Coming".....Jessie Crew.
Chorus—"Hello to Santa Claus".....School

At the conclusion of the entertainment gifts were distributed by Santa Claus.

A Big Otter.—Messrs. S. Q. Moody and James Coleman captured a tremendous otter in Morgan creek Wednesday night. The animal weighed thirty-five pounds and its hide is worth about $7.50. Mr. Moody says he saw two otters, this being the smaller.

Crusade Day.—A memorial celebration of the Woman's Campaign in Ohio and other States before the formation of the W. C. T. U. in America, was observed in Chestertown on Monday night, at the residence of Mrs. Avis Vannort, president of the county organization. Papers were read by Mrs. S. E. Usilton on the "First Temperance Efforts in America," a paper dealing with attempts by a French settlement to suppress the sale of brandy among the Algonquin Indians and their own efforts to obtain it otherwise. By Mrs. Mary Brown, on "The Crusade;" and by Mrs. C. M. Lucas. The Crusade Psalm, cxlvi, was read by Mrs. Thomas, and prayer offered by Dr. Murray. Miss Annie Lambert played on the autoharp and sang several solos. Rev. Dr. Compton and a goodly attendance of his church people were present, as follows: Mrs. Compton, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Brown, Miss Anna Lambert. Mrs. S. E. Usilton, Mrs. John L. Shuster, Miss Houston were also in the company. An incident of the evening was the eloquent speech of Mrs. Lucas in presenting the president a gavel made of the wood of the Crusade Church, where the first meetings of the crusade were held. The gavel is in two woods, and has silver bands, stating that it is made of the church timber as here stated. The church was burned some years ago, but of its precious timbers and furniture enough remained for these purposes. Mrs. Vannort, though taken by surprise, showed no tremors, and gracefully thanked the W. C. T. U., and declared herself enleagued for life in the cause. Measures were taken to urge the Local Veto Bill, elsewhere referred to in the NEWS. Mrs. Miller, of Ohio, one of the original crusaders being present, she was introduced and gave some thrilling incidents of the crusade. Her visit was an unexpected pleasure.

A Great Show.—Manager J. S. Vandegrift announces the appearance here of the Famous San Francisco Minstrels at Stam's Hall, Monday, December 30, a reorganization of that celebrated aggregation that once represented all that was good and worthy of notice in the realms of Minstrelsy. The same high standard has been maintained. The same attention to detail that gained the confidence of the public for Birch, Backus, Wombold and Hooley, the pioneers in blackface art, has been followed in the present organization, and the only best burnt cork artists that could be found have been secured to give a truly old time minstrel show. The company has been playing to large and enthusiastic audiences throughout the Western States and more recently the principal cities of Pennsylvania, where it has received the unqualified endorsement of press and public. It is confidently claimed to be the strongest singing organization that has ever visited Chestertown, and the comedy element is the equal of the best that was ever seen in a minstrel company. It is to be hoped that our theatre goers and lovers of genuine Minstrelsy will show their appreciation of Manager Vandegrift's efforts to provide first-class amusements for them by a liberal patronage of this attraction.

Court News.

ORPHANS' COURT—Present, Judges Burgess, Byron and Harper. H. H. Barroll, guardian to Nannie P. Startt, presented first and final guardian account, which was passed. J. P. Nicholson, trustee for the children of C. H. Hurlock, et al, presented his trust account for the year 1896, which was passed.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Dec. 24.—Full board present, President Hill presiding: Applications for clerk to the board were considered and balloted for. T. Waters Russell received two votes and W. H. Lambert, Jr., three votes. A resolution was passed appointing Mr. Lambert to position, to take effect and salary to begin Jan. 1st, 1896, salary to be hereafter fixed by the board. John Dickinson, J. P., of 5th district, presented report of fines collected in State cases since last account, amounting to $12, which was paid into hands of board. Following accounts were examined and ordered paid, on levies subject to order, viz.: Jas. Ross, acct. $1.88 for repairs to Sassafras bridge. E. W. Ford's account for hauling pipe, $1.50. Mary A. Wilmer, account for dirt furnished for road, $7. National Building Supply Co., account for terra cotta pipe for second district, $37.30. Same for third district, $1.15. Robert N. Boston, account for work, $2. Jas. A. Palmer, account for laying flooring on Chester bridge, $7.50. C. H. Davis, Jr., account for witness fees and expenses attending Cecil Court in case Blain vs. county commissioners, $25.04. Wash. Gresham, account cert. witness State case, 33 cts.; Caroline Bennett, same, 33 cts.; Wm. Greenwood, same, 33 cts.; order passed for payment balance due E. W. Ford, supervisor, on contract road work, 2d district, $4. Order passed favor of James M. Severson, for balance on contract road work, $15.60. John Rose, constable, presented account for fees in State cases and delivery of Thomas Houston to House of Correction, $18.40, ordered to be provided for by levy, 1896.

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OEHM'S ACME HALL BURNED!

Acme Hall, the great clothing house of Oehm & Co., on the corner of Charles and Baltimore streets, Baltimore, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The fire started about 1 o'clock in the cellar. The loss is estimated at $275,000, and the insurance is about $225,000. Mr. Oehm was in bed at his home when the alarm was given, and when he reached the place his magnificent house was in ruins! Acme Hall was the best known clothing house in Baltimore and did a tremendous business. It was very popular with Kent countians, and its numerous patrons here sympathize with the proprietor in his loss, but hope to see him open again soon. Indeed this is a foregone conclusion as a firm of such enterprise and vast resources cannot be left in the background long, even by such a calamity as this.

TEMPERANCE VETO BILL.

Communication from Pastors and the W. C. T. U. to the People of Kent County.

The temperance people of the State have become aroused over the prospects of getting through the next legislature what the Temperance Alliance has chosen to call "The Gardiner Donaldson Local Veto Bill." It is supposed to be a basis upon which all the temperance forces of the State can unite. Following is the bill:

SECTION 1. Whenever a majority of the legal voters of any town, county, or ward of a city, and a majority of the citizens representing a majority of the taxable property of such locality as shown on the last assessment rolls, shall sign a petition against granting license to sell intoxicating liquors in such town, county or ward in a city, such signatures being acknowledged before an officer authorized to administer oaths and filed in the office of the clerk of the county where such petitioners reside, thereafter the sale, giving away or supplying of any intoxicant drink in any such town, county or ward of a city, shall be unlawful, except as herein provided, for five years and thereafter until a petition signed by a like majority of voters and citizens, qualified as in the first instance and acknowledged as before, shall be filed in such county clerk's office in favor of license.

SECTION 2. Drug stores may be licensed in such locality, but not exceeding one for every five hundred inhabitants, to sell intoxicating liquors for medicinal, sacramental or mechanical use. But no druggist shall sell, give away or supply intoxicating liquors to any person except upon a written order signed by a regular physician, and it shall be unlawful for any physician to give such order for any other purpose. Such order shall in every case, state for what purpose said order was given, and such druggist shall properly paste such order in a book which shall be placed in a convenient place for the inspection of the officers of the town, county, or ward of the city, or any person ordered by any court having jurisdiction thereof.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of every officer in such town, county, or ward of city, except an officer before whom complaint may come, to prosecute any person of whom he may have knowledge, who has violated any provisions of this act, upon the written complaint of any citizen, accompanied by the names of two reputable witnesses. Any citizen of any such locality may prosecute for any offence against the provisions of this act.

SECTION 4. Whoever shall willfully offend against any of the provisison of this act, or wilfully neglect any duty devolved therein, shall be liable in a civil action before any court of competent jurisdiction, and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars, nor more than one thousand in the discretion of the court, and the court, upon conviction and recovery of penalty, shall cause to be paid over to the person furnishing information upon which conviction is secured, so much thereof as shall be necessary to pay necessary expenses incurred, and counsel fees, and the balance shall be paid into the county treasury. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act shall be suspended in any town, county, or ward where this act is enforced.

The following communication on the subject is from Pastors of the Methodist Churches in Chestertown and the W. C. T. U.:

FELLOW-CITIZENS:—Strong efforts will be made at the incoming Legislature by all classes of temperance lovers and workers, to have passed by that body a bill known as the

LOCAL VETO BILL.

There is every prospect that this bill will receive the approval of Senators and Delegates, without respect to political ties. Indeed, it has *already* received the endorsement of leading politicians of *all* parties in Maryland. The bill contemplates removing the *saloon* question from the domain of politics by making it an *individual* question with the citizen whether he will or will not have it in his village, district or county. Sentiment is to be taken by *canvas*, and so save the expenses and excitement of an election. Morever, as the canvas requires house-to-house work, the demand or lack of demand, will appear in the signatures of any locality attached to the petition for "Local Veto." Thus, for instance, if a district or county want the saloon abolished they will readily sign a petition to that end. If they, however, *desire* the saloon, they will show that desire by refusing to sign. The question of the saloon, then, is reduced to this: That the *whole* people, and not a fraction, will make the law; and having so made it, they will respect it and punish its violation.

THE LOCAL VETO BILL

does not destroy local-option where that prevails. Thus the bill would not conflict with the present laws in Kent county. Local option would hold as before. But it would give for instance, Queenstown district in Queen Anne's, the right to have licenses suppressed. It would give any precinct or district in Baltimore the right to do the same thing. It would give *the State* the right wherever local option does *not now* prevail, *the chance to say whether they wish the saloon suppressed.*

There are many places now where this right does not exist. The Legislature has sometimes declined to grant the request for local option, even *when every householder* in a *certain locality* has asked for it. The matter *has been made to look* political, and the request denied. This bill removes all those difficulties, and being endorsed by party men of the leading political organizations as well as by ministers, the Maryland State Temperance Alliance, the W. C. T. U. and private temperance advocates, it cannot but commend itself to the intelligence and sympathy of all who love peace and order in their community.

The ministers whose names are here attached and the W. C. T. U. of Kent county call upon all ministers to present this matter to their congregations and secure signatures to a petition for the bill. They further ask all temperance organizations to carry petitions among the citizens for signatures.

These printed petitions will be furnished by Mrs. Usilton, of the W. C. T. U., or by the Maryland State Temperance Alliance, Baltimore.

The same thing, however, may be accomplished by having copies of the KENT NEWS and pasting the following draft of the petition on a sheet of foolscap or other large paper:

PETITION FOR A LOCAL VETO BILL.

To the Honorable, the Senate and the House of Delegates of Maryland—We, the undersigned voters of Maryland, do hereby respectfully petition you to enact into a law the Local Veto Bill of the Maryland State Temperance Alliance, which contains the following principles:

Whenever a majority of the legal voters of any city, election precinct or ward of a city, or of any county or election district of any county, shall sign a petition against granting license to sell intoxicating liquors in such city, election precinct or ward of a city, or of any county or election district of a county, thereafter the sale of intoxicating drinks, as specified above, shall be unlawful for five years, and until a like majority is filed in favor of license.

Drug stores to be allowed to sell for medicinal, sacramental, or mechanical use under strict regulations.

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These petitions when signed, should be sent to Rev. W. G. Herbert, secretary, 112 North Charles street, Baltimore, or may be sent to the undersigned or Mrs. S. E. Usilton, Chestertown. They should be sent to us by the 13th of January, *at the latest.*

We express the hope that all lovers of temperance will go to work *at once* with these petitions, and that pastors will *lead off in the matter.*

In getting ladies' signatures, strike out the words "voters of Maryland," and insert "women of legal age." Use a separate sheet for voters and for women.

Signed, S. REESE MURRAY,
Pastor M. P. Church.
W. P. COMPTON,
Pastor M. E. Church.
And the W. C. T. U. as represented in Chestertown.

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