Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - JAN. 4, 1896.

IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

Beautiful Christmas Exercises in Many of the Churches.

Christ Church Sunday School rendered a special Christmas program Sunday night before a crowded house. The service was entitled "The Prince of Peace." The main feature of the evening was the rich music rendered by the school under the leadership of Mr. W. W. Chapman with organ and cornet accompaniment. Miss Clara Usilton presided at the organ and Messrs. J. N. Dodd and A. M. Culp played the cornets. Recitations were given by Misses Carrie Belle Sappington, Blanche Cox, Nora Boston, Bessie Wheatley, Ethel Bacchus, Gusta Aldridge, Louisa Urie, Rose Duyer, Nellie Nicholson, Little Miss Ethel Bacchus sang a pretty solo and the infant class rendered the chorus. Misses Mollie Parks and Belle Boston rendered a pretty duet. Rev. S. R. Murray made a short address. Monday night the children's jubilee was held and Messrs. D. B. Ford and Frankie Smith impersonated Santa Claus and his wife. At the M. E. Church over 250 bags were given away to the school. Mr. George Twilley acted as Santa Claus.

A memorial service in the memory of the late Rev. D. W. Bates, D. D., was held at Wesley Chapel M. P. Church on Thursday night, December 26. The pastor Rev. C. K. McCaslin, W. Stevens, Frank M. Satterfield, Mrs. E. E. Gresham and Capt. C. A. Leary responded during the service, and spoke appropriately of the deceased.

The Sunday school of Wesley Chapel gave its annual Xmas entertainment Xmas night. The singing on the occasion was of a high order. The children as usual did themselves very much credit. Rev. A. L. Judefind addressed the school. Besides packages of candy a large quanity of various presents were distributed. The service used was entitled "The Morning Star." Recitations were given by Mrs. Mary Leary, Clara Meekins, Nita Maslin, Edith Blackiston, Pansey Cosden, Beatrice Maslin, Master Douglas Gresham. A quartette was rendered by Misses Gertie Judefind and Edith Stevens, A. L. and Charles Judefind and a duet by Mrs. Lulu Stevens and Miss Eva Gresham.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Wesley Chapel met at the parsonage, and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Miss Ida Wood; vice-president, Mrs. C. K. McCaslin; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Wagner; secretary, J. Frank Wheatly; progam committee, Lawrence Stevens, Miss Fannie Sappington, and the pastor. Collectors, Miss Edith Stevens and Charles L. Miller.

Rev. W. P. Compton commenced revival services Tuesday night.

Rev. Kent M. Bull, pastor of Worton Presbyterian Church, was called to Pennsylvania last week to attend the funeral of his sister.

Dr. T. E. Martindale has declined the invitation to become the pastor of St. Paul's Church in Wilmington, which was recently tendered him unanimously by the official board of that congregation, and has doubly endeared himself to the people of Milford by this decision.

At the Christmas morning service held at Still Pond M. E. Church sufficient money was raised to nearly wipe out the church debt. Rev. Mr. Nelson is meeting with success there.

Rev. Geo. Ott is quite sick at his home in Newark.

The Northern Convocation of the Diocese of Easton met in St. James Church, Port Deposit, on Wednesday and Thursday, January 1st and 2d. The order of exercise was as follows:

Wednesday, 10.30 A. M.—Administration of the Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. Frederick Humphrey. At 7.30 P. M., service with addresses, subject: "The Holy Communion as a Means of Grace, and a test of Loyalty to Christ." Speakers, Revs. Jessie Higgins, Samuel Edson and C. S. Davidson.

Thursday, 10.30 A. M.—"Missions." Speakers, Rev. C. T. Denroche and S. C. Roberts, D. D. "The General Convention of 1895," Rev. Wm. Schouler. Subject in the evening (service at 7.30); "Lay Work in the Church." Speakers, Revs. Samuel Edson, C. S. Davidson and C. T. Denroche.

Bishop Adams made the closing address each night.

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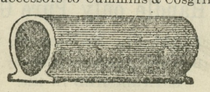

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BENJAMIN F. H. CAULK.

A wide circle of friends and acquaintances are pained to learn of the death of Benjamin F. H. Caulk, which sad event took place at his home near Sassafras on Sunday last. He was in his 60th year. He had been sick about two weeks, and had the constant and faithful attendance of his family physician, Dr. J. J. Wright, of Warwick. The deceased was one of Kent's most prominent citizens—a man of the highest character, and great popularity with all classes of people. He has been a devoted member of Sassafras M. P. Church for 28 years, and frequently represented that church in the Annual Conferences. His death will be sorely felt by the local church and indeed by the whole community in which he was so conspicuouse in very good work. For ten or fifteen years he has been a devoted Prohibitionist, and frequently served on the ticket as a candidate for office, knowing full well always that he had no chance of election, his only desire being to serve the cause he had so much at heart. At the last election he was the Prohibition candidate for county treasurer. Prior to his uniting with the Prohibition party he was a consistent Democrat and stood high in the councils of his party.

Mr. Caulk was one of the best farmers in the county. His homestead where he spent so many happy years and breathed his last, is one of the most beautiful estates in the neighborhood. It is located on the road from Sassafras to Coldwell, and is known far and wide for its big crops and splendidly kept premises, together with the unbounded hospitality of its owner, Mr. Caulk, and his devoted wife and children. Mr. Caulk also owned "Camelsworthmore," a large estate near Lynch's, and which has been tenanted for several years by his son, Mr. J. Ford Caulk. Mr. Caulk was very systematic in his business methods; he kept everything about him in neatest order, and did everything without noise; indeed he took things generally in the easiest way possible. He was tenderly devoted to his family, and a better neighbor was not to be found. Mr. Caulk was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and also took great interest in the Peninsula Pomological Association.

Mr. Caulk was a son of Jacob Caulk. He leaves a widow, Mrs. A. V. Caulk, whose maiden name was Ford, and the following children: Laura A., (Mrs. R. Townsend,) J. Ford, Fletcher, Temperance E., Benjamin F. and Roydon.

The funeral services at the late residence last Wednesday morning was very largely attended, and was conducted by his pastor, Rev. B. P. Truitt; the interment was in Sassafras cemetery, and the following acted as pall-bearers: Phineas Jones, Wm. H. Spry, Stephen Boyer, Geo. D. Kelley, George M. D. Hart, D. B. Maloney.

JOSEPH H. BOYER.

The startling suddenness of the dread death messenger was illustrated in the taking away of Mr. Joseph H. Boyer, a prominent farmer, near Millington, on the Queen Anne's side of the river. He was in Millington Saturday night and visited several stores, seeming in his usual good health. The next afternoon he was a corpse! He had been complaining a little for some time but was taken ill after his return home from the town. Dr. J. C. Hackett was summoned and relieved him, and he was able to get about the house, but was again taken ill in the afternoon and died. He leaves a widow, who is the sister of Mr. J. A. Benson; also one child, Mrs. Henry Roberts, of Townsend, Del. The deceased was in his 48th year, and for years prior to his removal to Millington had been a popular salesman in a large clothing house in Philadelphia. His funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Jas. Middleton, of Fairlee, died at Rock Hall on Sunday last, after a short illness, aged fifty years. Interment at St. Paul's.

Mrs. Josephine Mackey, daughter of Mr. C. B. Senart, died at her home on high street, on Monday night, aged about 35 years. The deceased was married in April last, and her untimely death is a sad affliction to her family and friends. Funeral services were held from Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Father McSweeney officiating. Interment at Chester Cemetery, the following acting as pall-bearers: H. L. Boyd, J. S. Bradley, D. McKee, Wm. Green, J. T. Dixon, Josiah Massey.

Mrs. Godwin died at her home in Millington last week after a long illness. She was a sister to Mrs. John McWhorter and a well-known lady in the first district. The deceased leaves one son.

Mr. G. Ellwood Long, son of Mr. George Long, tenant on Mr. Edgar Strong's farm, went to Mr. J. Hudson's in Fairlee to spend Christmas and while there was taken sick and died. He had been in bad health for some time. His age was 21 years and 10 months. The funeral took place Saturday, interment at Union. The bearers were the Barnes Bros., Wagner Bros., Edw. Duyer and George Cooper.

THE NEW LEGISLATURE.

Wm. Cabell Bruce Elected President of the Senate and Dr. Sydney E. Mudd Speaker of the House—The Governor's Message, Etc.

The Maryland Legislature met at Annapolis last Wednesday. Senator Johnson, of Dorchester, the Democratic caucus nominee, was made the temporary President of the Senate by a unanimous vote, and he proceeded to swear in the members. When the name of Senator Charles T. Westcott, of Kent county, was called, Senator Crothers presented the memorial of James Alfred Pearce contesting his seat. Senator Westcott was sworn in and then Senator John Walter Smith said the memorial need not be read, but it could be properly presented after the Senate had been organized and then disposed of. Senator Crothers said there was no occasion to read it. Similar action was taken when the name of Senator Bond, of Calvert, was called.

For President of the Senate the Democratic caucus, which was held the night before and all the members being present except Mr. Rruce, nominated Hon. John Walter Smith; how this program was changed is thus told by the Annapolis correspondent of the Baltimore Sun:

After the Democratic caucus adjourned last night Senator John Walter Smith felt very uncomfortable, and went to bed with a desire to get out of the way and have the Senate organize. It was true that if all thirteen caucus Senators stood firm for Mr. Smith the new Governor could not take his office and the State would be without a government.

The Democratic Senators talked the matter over. Senator Crothers said that he for one was prepared to bury all personal feeling for the good of the party. Senator Carrico suggested that he (Carrico) should go to see Mr. Bruce and ask him if he would yet be willing to accept the Democratic caucus nomination. This suggestion met with approval, and Dr. Carrico started out with the olive branch and soon returned with a favorable reply from Mr. Bruce. The absent Senators were summoned hastily. Senators Carrico, Crothers, Jackson and Hering urged that party safety and harmony demanded the withdrawal of Mr. Smith and the nomination of Mr. Bruce. To this Senator Smith cheerfully and quickly assented, declaring he was always ready to sink personal considerations for the good of the Democratic party, and that he would withdraw and stand by the caucus nominee who should take his place.

Upon motion of Senator Crothers, Mr. Bruce was declared the party nominee for President of the Senate. A committee composed of Messrs. Carrico, Hering and Jackson went after Mr. Bruce and brought him into the caucus. Mr. Bruce made a brief speech, thanking his colleagues for the nomination and promising that not one of them would ever have cause to regret it.

In the meantime the Republican Senators were at sea and out of sight of land. They had adjourned last night to await developments, but had pretty well determined to nominate Mr. Bruce with the expectation that one or more Democrats would come to his support. Senator Bruce being their nominee, they supposed he would give them control of the elections and other important committees. This morning the needed Democratic vote was not in sight and the Republican plan could not be carried out. Later on they heard Mr. Bruce cast his first vote with the Democrats for Mr. McSherry, the Democratic nominee for Clerk of the Senate, and against the Republican nominee.

Governor Brown's message was short and discussed financial and legislative questions.

Hon. Sidney E. Mudd, of Charles county, was elected Speaker of the House.

Both houses adjourned to meet on Tuesday night.

The Kent Election Contest.

The Senatorial Case Heard in Part Last Monday—What Mr. Westcott Expects to Prove.

In the contested election of J. A. Pearce against C. T. Westcott for the State Senate from Kent county, testimony was heard before Justice J. Evan Thomas last Monday in the interest of the contestant. Mr. Westcott on that day served notice on Mr. Pearce naming Jan. 27 as the date for taking testimony on his side. Mr. Pearce objected to the lateness of this date and it is thought an earlier time will be mutually agreed upon.

The hearing last Monday was begun at 11 A. M. and closed about 1 P. M. Mr. Pearce was represented by R. D. Hynson, Esq., his other counsel, Mr. Barroll, was unable to attend because of an engagement elsewhere. J. D. Urie, Esq., was present as counsel for Mr. Westcott, and looked after his interest. Mr. Westcott was also present, but left for Baltimore by an afternoon train, reaching the city in time for the Republican reception and caucussing that night.

Only three witnesses were examined. Richard Groves, a Democratic judge of election for the fifth district, testified that a *colored* man appeared to vote who called himself Alfred Wilson. There was no colored man on the book by that name, but there was an Alfred Wilson registered *white*. The colored man was allowed to vote on the name registered white, and he (Groves) entered a protest. He was not personally acquainted with Alfred Wilson. The name Alfred Wilson was checked as having voted in 1894. He signed the returns because it was the duty of the judges to do so.

William E. Keyser, chief judge of the election, testified: "My full reason for allowing Alfred Wilson, colored, to vote on name of Alfred Wilson, white, are, that I have known him for twenty years; never knew a man named Alfred Wilson, white, living in Georgetown, and I have been living in Fairlee for twenty-six years. I simply allowed this man to vote because I thought he was entitled to it. His age and residence corresponded, but color did not. Wilson told me that he voted a full Republican ticket at the last election. To this answer the contestee objected. He believed the "white" after Alfred Wilson's name was a clerical error. The name Alfred Wilson was on the registration book of 1892-'93 but once, and that colored. He (Keyser) was judge of election in 1893, '94 and '95. The name Alfred Wilson, white, is checked as voted in 1894, and it was the same book voted by this year, and there was no protest. The name was voted then as white. The name, age and place of residence (Georgetown) of Alfred Wilson on the books of 1892-'93, '94, and '95 agrees except one is marked white and the other colored. The name also appears between the same two names on the two registration books. No other person appeared to vote on the name."

J. Frank Wheatley, a Democratic ballot clerk at the last election, testified that Alfred Wilson, colored, appeared to vote, and only Alfred Wilson, white, could be found on the book, Mr. Groves objected to his voting. Alfred Wilson, colored, was allowed to vote and proceeded to the booth and called Mr. P. Jump, the Republican ballot clerk to instruct him. I followed and saw Alfred Wilson vote a full Republican ticket under the instruction of Mr. Jump. He made a mark in the block opposite the Republican emblem and made no scratches elsewhere on the ticket. Have known Alfred Wilson, colored, as a voter in the fifth district for twenty years, but know of no Alfred Wilson, white.

Charles T. Westcott, Esq., immediately following the taking of evidence, served notice upon James A. Pearce, Esq., as above stated. The notice states that the contestee expects to prove by H. H. Gresham, George E. Lambert, Virgil W. Kendall, Thomas H. M. Bramble, W. H. Tilghman, of Peter, Albert L. Corey, Walter F. Sparks, Jos. C. Kendall, James A. Casey and Samuel G. Fisher that the vote cast by Alfred Wilson at the last election in the fifth district was a legal ballot; that he was a duly registered and qualified voter; that there is no white man as said Alfred Wilson who is a qualified and registered voter; that the register of voters of said district made a clerical error in entering his name in one book "white" instead of "colored." That William H. Tilghman, of Peter, a duly registered and qualified voter of said district, attempted and offered to vote a full Republican ticket at said last election, but was refused by the judge of election. That Walter F. Sparks was allowed to vote a full Democratic ticket without having been registered. He further expects to prove by Cornelius G. Hadaway, A. S. Groves, J. T. DeCorse, G. W. Brown, Josiah Barrett, S. H. Lusby, A. M. Brown, Anthony Peterson, C. C. Brown, J. C. Davis, Henry Brown, Walter S. Trew, J. A. Casey and S. G. Fisher, that at the last election at Pomona, some one unlawfully personating one George W. Brown, voted a full Democratic ticket. It is expected to be proved by J. W. Lambert, J. W. Chapman, M. W. Thomas, Hiram Brown, W. H. Lambert, Jr., Alexander Bowser, Walter Diggs, W. F. Jones, C. H. Johnson, J. L. Ringgold, Charles Snowden, Fred Nichols, Jr., Z. T. Dunn and S. G. Fisher, that Alexander Bowser, Walter Diggs, W. T. Jones, C. H. Johnson and J. L. Ringgold, all duly registered and qualified voters, attempted to vote full Republican tickets but were refused; and that Charles Snowden, duly qualified voter, was also refused a vote, and that the judges of the first precinct, fourth district, refused to count four Republican ballots. He also expects to show by G. L. Bowers, G. E. Owens, W. B. Edwards, J. S. Owens, L. G. O. Raisn, G. T. Wilson, Lewis Roles, J. R. Usilton, G. W. Wilson, G. T. Williams, J. R. Owens, M. M. Rasin, S. G. Fisher, Simon Freeman and Wm. Riley, that Lewis, Roles and G. T. Wilson, both duly qualified voters, were refused a full Republican vote; that L. G. O. Rasin, a registered voter, attempted to vote a Republican ticket, but that the ballot clerk stamped his ticket so as to vote a full Democratic ticket, which error was discovered and attempted to be corrected before the ballot was deposited, but was refused. That there was one Republican ticket not counted in 3d district; that there was one ballot stamped opposite the name of John E. Hurst but was counted for the entire Democratic ticket; that a ballot stamped to the left of the Democratic emblem was counted for a full Democratic ticket; that a ticket stamped to the right of the Democratic emblem and also to the right of the name of Charles T. Westcott, and that the ballot was counted as a full Democratic ballot. It is expected further to prove by J. C. Turner, S. Mallalieu, C. H. Smith, E. R. Mallalieu, Benj. Brown, Robt. Comley, S. J. Comley, J. A. Blackiston, R. E. Butler and S. G. Fisher, that Benjamin Brown, J. A. Blackiston and R. E. Butler, of the first district, were refused the right to vote a full Republican ballot; that there were two full Republican votes in the same district not counted; that John Long, of the second district, voted first in second district and then voted a full Democratic vote in the first district.

The contestee expects to prove further by Chas. England, J. B. Harris, Sereck Shallcross, John Medders, R. A. Bowers, S. J. Comley, J. W. Harper, Daniel Hill, W. H. Lambert, Jr., T. J. Shallcross, Jno. Douglas, Chas. Norris, E. J. King, W. B. Price, Frank Carroll, S. G. Fisher, Henry Krusen, Benj. Collins, Clarence Redding, R. Bradshaw, Alex. Thompson, that Elias F. Lockerman voted two full Democratic tickets at Kennedyville; that L. C. Justis, Jr., was allowed to vote from his carriage, the ballot being carried out to him; that Alexander Thomrson, Clarence Redding and Robert Bradshaw were refused the right to cast a ballot, all intending to vote Republican tickets; that some one illegally personated and voted a full Democratic ticket on the name of Samuel Jess, Jess being at the time in Virginia; that a ballot having a blot or mark above the Democratic emblem entirely outside the emblem square, was counted for all the Democratic candidates; and said contestee expects to show that there were committed during election day in the second district so many flagrant violations of the election law, and such loose, improper and illegal conduct on the part of the election officials and other persons, as to render the election in that district "utterly null and void;" that the Democratic ballot clerks were unnecessarily, improperly and illegally changed during the election; that unsworn persons acted during the election as judges of election, ballot clerks and poll clerks, and such persons were never legally appointed or qualified: that the polling room was crowded with persons during the count of the ballots, and persons all during the election, after having voted, were allowed to go in and out of the polling room.

THE UNITED Y will meet at Mrs. John P. Nicholson's on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 7th, at 7 o'clock, to organize for the Winter's Work. All members will please attend.

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M. E. CHURCH, Chestertown. Services Sunday, Jan. 5, 1896. Class-meeting at 9.30. Morning service 10.30, sermon, subject: "The House of God, the Gate of Heaven." Monthly Communion service after morning sermon. Sabbath-school 2.15, monthly Missionary service at close of school. Epworth League Prayer Service 6.45. Evening service 7.50, sermon, subject: "Turning to God." Sermon followed by revival services, which service will continue each evening of the following week. Several neighboring ministers will occupy the pulpit on different evenings of the week. DR. ALFRED SMITH, Presiding Elder of the district, will preach Friday evening, Jan. 10th, and hold the fourth quarterly conference for the charge at the close of the service.

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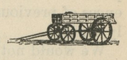

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