Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - FEB. 1, 1896.

Queen Anne's "Done Up!"

A few days ago while Mr. J. Hynson was driving his little "Sailor Girl" in Queen Anne's he attempted to pass Mr. Clarke, from Church Hill. The latter had a speedy little Belton colt also and gave Mr. Hynson a brush. Mr. H. was not prepared to race and held his horse in, but this fact was not known to Mr. Clarke. On Thursday Mr. Clarke, accompanied by about fifty or more of his friends, drove over to Kent and called to see Mr. H., challenging him for a race. Mr. H. accepted, and followed by quite a crowd, the racers went out by the mill and had the contest. Mr. John Evans drove a pair of Belton horses and also entered the contest, but "Sailor Girl" lead the van and her rivals acknowledged their defeat. Mr. Cahall drove Mr. Clarke's horse and had quite a number over to see him "do up" the little Kent mare.

WHEELING NOTES.

Wheel talk is being indulged in by the devotees of that sport now and many additions to the ranks will be noted this spring.

Among the notable people who ride wheels in Washington is the junior Senator from Maryland, Chas. H. Gibson, who is a recent convert to the bike, but a very enthusiastic one. He does not ride to and from the capitol, but is often seen springing over the smooth pavements toward some country lane.

J. C. Perry, a blind man, has just completed a trip to San Jose and return on a bicycle. The sightless man was in company of a friend, Gilbert S. Walker of Oakland, who led the way, and the only guide the blind man had was the little tinkling bell attached to Walker's wheel. With this for a guide Perry keept out of the rough places along the road, which are many, and received no more falls than an ordinary wheelman who has good eyes.

Messrs. David B. Ford, Sereck Shallcross, Stockton Startt and James Shuster took a spin to Centreville Wednesday night, leaving here at 6 and returning at midnight." "Davie's" friends in Centreville threatened to run him again but finding there were more than one, did not harm him. It is certainly a reflection on the people of Centreville that young men cannot visit the town without being disturbed.

HAGERSTOWN bicycle works have 1,008 men employed.

COLLEGE NOTES.

At a meeting of the Athletic society, Spencer M. Hurtt was elected manager of the baseball team for the coming season.

Prof. A. B. Burris has left college for a two weeks visit at his home, Houston, Del. Mr. Zearfoss has been instructing in gymnastics during his absence.

Intermediate examinations begin next Monday and will continue to the following Tuesday in next week.

Mr. E. M. Noble was elected president of the Mount Vernon Literary Society last Saturday night.

The Philomathean Literary Society held their fifth annual banquet last Saturday evening. The guests invited began to arrive at eight o'clock P. M., and were entertained in the chapel until 10.30 when they all retired to the basement to partake of refreshments. The chapel and dining room were both beautifully ornamented with evergreen fixed by the ladies. While refreshments were being served toasts were delivered. E. R. McDorman, president gave a most hearty address of welcome. He was followed by Miss M. B. Boston, who spoke in behalf of the Piera Society. S. Chester Coursey responded to a toast on "Our Society." Mr. S. R. Douglas delivered a toast on "The Ladies," in which he showed very evidently that he is quite partial to the weaker sex. Dr. C. W. Reid then spoke of "Little Things" in a instructive and interesting manner. At 11.30 the guests slowly departed thanking the P. L. S. S. for its kindness.

Sassafras Items.

Miss Lillian Echenhoffer, of Middletown, is being entertained by Miss Jennie Brice, at her beautiful home near Sassafras.

There was a fox hunt near Sassafas on Wednesday last, quite a number from here attended the chase.

Mrs. Augustus Dreka was taken seriously ill on Saturday night at midnight. At this writing she is very much better.

Mr. Alexander T. Laws spent Wednesday with relatives in Newark, Del.

Rev. B. T. Truitt commenced protracted meeting on Monday night in the M. P. church. Rev. Mr. Riche, the Baltimore evangelist, is assisting him. The singing is beautiful to listen to. I trust much success awaits their efforts.

Mr. Jacob Shallcross has been seriously sick for some weeks.

Mrs. Wm. H. Spry has been quite sick for the past two weeks.

Mr. J. J. Lockwood, of Chesterville, has been visiting relatives in Philadelpnia for the last few weeks.

About 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, a horse and carriage belonging to Mr. Fletcher Caulk, of near Sassafras, was taken from under a hitching shed at Middletown, Del. Diligent search was made for it all night, but nothing could be seen of it. In the morning it was found hitched to a tree about a mile out of town. A colored man was suspected and arrested and sent to New Castle on Wednesday.

Receptions, ... Personals, &c.

George W. Harper, Esq., of New York, spent Thursday in Kent on business.

Postmaster Shaw is quite sick at his home in Chestertown.

Miss Mary Clendaniel, of Kennedyville, attended the wedding of her cousin, Miss Annie Potter of Milford, Del., last Thursday.

Mr. Lewin S. Fowler, who has been confined to his house by sickness the past week, is improving.

Mr. Charles T. Howard was able to be out this week and his many friends were glad to see him.

Mr. Katie Woodall, of Galena, who met with an accident on the ice a short time ago, is able to be out again. She broke one of the bones near the ankle and for awhile suffered much pain.

Jonathan R. Thomas, Esq., of Pierson's Corner, Delaware, attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, Hyland P. Smith, last Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Gough, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Benjamin.

Mr. I. R. Leaverton has been confined to his house for the past week by sickness.

Mrs. Henry S. Cook, of Millington, has been enjoying a visit to her home in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. George Bell is visiting friends in Washington, after spending a week with her sister in Pittsburg.

Mrs. B. Lamb, who removed from Fairlee a short time ago, spent several days in Kent this week. She is now living in Washington.

Capt. Jno. E. Vickers, who was so badly hurt in Baltimore about a month ago, is expected home today.

Miss Josephine, the second daughter of Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson is quite sick with some nervous affection. The church bells on Sunday were not rung at length because of the effect upon Miss Thompson.

Dr. W. H. Jacobs and wife, of Millington, attended the wedding of Mrs. Jacobs' sister, Miss Linda Maloney, at Townsend, on Wednesday.

Mr. James Higman, of Milford, Del., is the guest of his sister Mrs. M. E. Clendaniel.

Mr. Alfred Higman is visiting his cousin Howard Clendaniel, of Kennedyville, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd McFeely have been visiting the home of Mrs. S. Bacchus on High street this week.

Mrs. Jane Schrietz who has been visiting her son, Mr. Leslie Schrietz, in town, and her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Rhoades, in Odessa, for some time, has returned to her home with her daughter, Mrs. John Clendaniels, near Chestertown.

Superintendent Quantz visited his home in West Virginia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. K. Pippin spent the past week with relatives in Balto.

The Sewing Circle, of St. James M. P. Church met at the residence of Mr. R. G. Nicholson, near Chestertown, Thursday night, and it was one of the best attended of the season. A grand supper was served in inimitable style. The company were entertained with music, games, etc. About fifty were present.

Col. Wm. P. Howard gave a novel supper to a number of his friends at his home on Cannan street Thursday night. The principal dish on the menu was muskrat served by Mr. Hamilton T. Gray, who is a chef of rare ability. The guests were delightfully entertained.

The Chestertown Cycle Club Quartette were beautifully entertained at Still Pond Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Harper after the entertainment in the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Francis were surprised by friends last Wednesday night. Some of those who were present on the occasion met Mr. Francis and wife leaving home, thus they received the first intelligence of friends dropping in. All kinds of games and dancing were indulged till 12.30. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sutton, Mr. Harry Wagner and wife, Mrs. W. E. Sadtler, Mrs. Emma Cosden, Isaac Gale, Misses Lida and Alle Gale, Belle Cosden, May Sutton, May Reese, Helen Wagner, Lavinia Francis, Pansy Cosden, Genevieve Sutton, C. F. Wheatley, Ray Sadtler, Walter Sadtler, Jack Francis, Romie Wagner, Walter Rees, Norman Sutton.

Mr. J. J. Roeder, who has been farming in Worton for the past fifteen or twenty years, has removed his family to Betterton where he will conduct a livery stable.

Engineer Benner, of the Emma A. Ford, was given a birthday party at his home in Baltimore. Refreshments and music were enjoyed to the full.

The Real Estate Journal states that Thos. Hill, Esq., is starting a movement to establish a new cemetery near Pikesville, and adds that the Messrs. Hill are skillful real estate operators, attending to their several lines of business with care and energy. They are active, energetic men whose judgement may be counted upon every time.

Mr. Harry Usilton, of Philadelphia, was given a reception by his cousin Mr. Harry Hudson, on Swan Creek, last Thursday night. Persons were present from Fairlee, Quaker Neck and elsewhere and a most pleasant evening was enjoyed. Refreshments were served in abundance.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Thursday night at the residence of officer Copper in Chestertown. Rev. W. P. Compton officiating. The contracting parties were Solomon N. Truitt, of Caroline and Miss Josephine N. Knotts, of Crumpton.

Mrs. Barnett is visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. H. S. Barnett. She is accompanied by her daughter and grand-child.

Miss Mamie Baker is the guest of Miss Bessie Price in Centreville.

Friday, Jan. 24th, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bailey, of Millington, gave a dinner in honor of their 25th anniversary, and in the evening her daughters entertained quite a crowd of young folks who participated in games and music until 10.30, and then the ladies were invited to bring the gentlemen out to refreshments which were served in abundance. After refreshments, more games were indulged in, and then expressing their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and sorry that the evening was at an end, the company returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey received quite a number of very pretty and useful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Price, of Locust Grove, celebrated their 25th anniversary on Friday evening, Jan. 24th. Among the company were Mr. Thomas Price and wife, of Smyrna, Del.; Mr. Charles Price and wife, of near Warwick; Mr. Herbert Price and wife, of Millington; Wm. B. Price and wife, of Turner's creek; Leonard Price and wife, Turner's creek; Lewis Price and wife, Millington; C. S. Hill and wife, W. H. Kelley and wife, Thos. VanDyke and wife, W. Ford and wife, John VanDyke and daughter, and many others. The evening was very pleasantly spent, supper and refreshments being served bountifully. A number of pretty and useful gifts were received by the couple.

Mrs. Alfred Greenwood, of Rock Hall, spent a few days in town this week.

Commodore P. T. McConnor, of the Chester River Line, was given a surprise party by his wife last Friday night. Among the pleasant features was the presentation of a gold-headed cane by Purser Allen Harris on behalf of the officers of the Chester river steamers, and wharf officers. A collation was served during the evening.

Mr. Samuel Maslin is visiting friends in New Jersey.

Mr. W. H. Price, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in Millington. He has been placed in full charge of one of Thomas Viguers' stores and does all the traveling for the house.

A "Povertie Partie."

The Epworth League, of Still Pond, gave a novel but delightful entertainment in the town hall last Thursday evening. The attendance was very good and the coffer of the League substantially helped. The program consisted of a chorus "Suwanee River," Children's brigade in the form of shadow pictures and the following tableaux of the same character: The Miser and the Spectre, St. Valentine, Home Amusement, Belle of the Kitchen, Alone, etc. These were very striking and appreciated by the audience. They were in charge of Prof. Wm. Watts. Miss Jesse Roseberry rendered a very sweet solo entitled "Better Bide a Wee." The Chestertown Cycle Club Quartette, composed of Messrs. A. M. Culp, Edw. Lambert, F. G. Usilton and W. W. Chapman, rendered several selections. Miss Pauline Nelson rendered well several special piano solos.

One of the most amusing features of the evening was the assessing and laying of taxes by some of Still Pond's most popular young ladies. Some of the boys from Chestertown were taxed as high as thirty cents, while *one* lady was dressed in exact compliance to the invitation and therefore did not have to pay a cent of tax. The rules regulations and fines were as follows:

Ye women must wear ye cotton gowne and apron or equal befitting apparel.

Ye menne must weare ye plain attire Biled shirts and standup dickies prohibited. Such menne as to bedeck themselves with gold watch chain or brocade tie shall pay ye fine of five cents.

These rules will be enforced by ye select committee, who will likewise introduce strangers, and also much be friende ye bashful young menne.

After speakin' and singin' by members of the Society, ginger bread and crystal clear will be handed round.

FINES.—These be ye fines for women—no apron, 1 cent; stick pins, 3 cents; bracelets, 2 cents; wool dress, old, 3 cents; new, 5 cents; white apron, 3 cents; finger rings, 3 cents; no glasses, 1 cent; gold framed glasses, 5 cents; silk dresses, 5 cents; side combs, 2 cents.

For men—mustache, 1 cent; no mustahe, 2 cents; patent leather or tan shoes, 5 cts.; cuff buttons, 1 cent; plain scarf pin, 5 cents; linen collars, 5 cents; cuffs, 2 cents; no patches on pants or coats, 5 cents; vests, 3 cents; all ye menne wear high waters.

EXTRA.—Flirting, 3 cents; telling secrets, 5 cents; back biting, 3 cents.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the League gave a vote of thanks and the handkerchief salute to the Cycle Quartette, who replied in an appropriate song.

The organization known as Kings' Daughters, in Chestertown, is doing a good work among the poor of our town. Last Saturday the meeting was largely attended and especial interest is being taken in the society. In many places their bands are small in numbers, as are too many associations everywhere whose missions are to do good, but in hopes and results, in the aggregate good accomplished, only the great future can reveal the fullness of the work.

THE RESOLUTIONS of the County School Board on the death of George W. Davis were overlooked in our last issue. They will be found in another column.

ROCK HALL LETTER.

One of the biggest weddings that ever took place in Rock Hall was last Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the Catholic Church, the couple were Miss Kate Kluskey and Mr. Fred. Wilhelm after the wedding a dinner was prepared and followed by a dance that lasting all night, every body had a good time.

Mr. John Coleman, who has been sick for a long time is no better, and requires some one to set up with him at night.

The police boat question seems to be quieting down. We feel that we are safe under Capt. Stevens' protection.

Capt. John Dowling was given a surprise Tuesday night by his friends, being his 40th birthday. The Captain had no idea of it and the wish of the surprise may he live to see many more.

Bro. Davis preached two able sermons Sunday to a full house, at night it was hard to find a seat in the church.

Fish has begun to come, some have been caught and brought a fair price.

Miss Maggie McKivitt, one of Rock Hall's most popular young ladies, was married Wednesday night to Mr. Wm. J. Porter, a young farmer of this neighborhood. Just one year ago to the very day her sister was married to Mr. J. Wm. Howard, of Chestertown.

Rock Hall Council Junior O. U. A. Mechanics, on last Friday afternoon, presented Rock Hall public school with a bible, which is to be read in the school by request of the order. Rev. Edward Davis made the presentatian address, which was heartily responded to by Mr. J. A. Greenwood, the principal of the school. The exercises were held in Downey's Hall, at 2.30 P. M., and at two o'clock over one hundred and twenty-five school children followed closely by their teachers, marched from the school to the hall. The music for the occasion which deserves special mention, was furnished by Messrs. Chas. Judefind, Chas. Hynson, Harry C. Webb, Damon Rollison, Wm. Downey, Jos. W. Kendall, Mrs. John W. Downey, Mrs. Chas. Judefind, Misses Rhoda Downey, Ida C. Bramble and several other ladies. A select reading by Miss Anna Leary, entitled, "My Mother's bible," was nicely rendered, much to the credit of the school, as well as Miss Anna.

Through the influence of Mr. John E. Beck and Mr. D. W. Crosby, the Chesapeake Club was organized on last Friday evening. Downey's Hall being occupied by the Good Templars on that evening, the meeting was held in Mr. Joseph Downey's grocery-room. The following officers elected. President, P. W. Middleton; sect'y, John E. Beck; treasurer, Joseph B. Downey; door-keeper, Marion Downey; committee on by-laws, D. W. Crosby, George Coleman and Darius Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Willson gave a delightful luncheon on Friday evening to a few invited guests. Those present: Misses Fannie Sappington, Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, Louise Price, Annie Sappington, Allie Gale, Messrs. John Wood, Wm. Gale, Frank Sappington, Wickie Sappington.

Swan Point bar has been at the mercy of the dredgers for the past two weeks, night and day. They have made good use of their opportunity too. Laying near the bar all day, at sunset they start in for an all night's work.

Rock Hall was thrown into a great deal of excitement on Tuesday night. About 7 o'clock the steamer Governor McLane steamed into port with the police schooner Anna B. Smith in tow. Capt. Frank Stevens and Mr. Kendall being on board. Capt. Stevens was appointed commander of the boat. He is a good man for the position, being an excellent sailor and a brave, fearless man. We feel sure that the oyster beds will be safe under his protection. He went on duty Thursday and has chosen for his mate Capt. Joe. Sewell, a good man for the place.

Fish are very scarce here, but there are a large number of people engaged in the fishing business.

Last Wednesday while the oystermen were working on Swan Point bar there were a number of dredge boats sailing about and one dredge came so close to an oysterman that he got tangled up in the dredge line. The oysterman making some remark to the dredger the latter went into his cabin and got a gun placing it where he could use it. No further trouble resulted after this.

Miss Ida Bramble is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wilkins, this week.

A good many people here would like to see Col. Wm. Howard commander of one of the police steamers. He has a host of friends here.

It is reported here to-day that the captain on the police schooner is not appointed for any length of time and it may be there will be another appointment. There are two after the place. They are Capt. John Coleman, who is a worthy candidate and who has been a hard worker for the party from boyhood up to the present and who has a great many friends, and Capt. Stevens, who is the present captain. Both applicants are good men for the position.

A number of persons met the ballot boxes at the wharf enroute for Annapolis a week ago in charge of Dr. Fisher.

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ROCK HALL SCHOOL AVERAGES.

EIGHTH GRADE.	
Clara Middleton.....82	Nettie Hersch.....82
Julia Middleton.....79	
SEVENTH.	
Lula Webb.....85	Paul Hyson.....87
Edgar Judefind.....77	
SIXTH.	
Arthur Greenwood.89	Anna Leary.....82
Lawrence Strong...80	Mattie Davis.....88
Wm. Leary.....83	Lillian Maslin.....83
Susie Leary.....85	Sallie Joiner.....81
Nina Whaland.....76	Nettie Coleman.....65
Eva Downey.....85	Nannie Taylor.....73
Stanley Downey....71	Charley Ayres.....73
Nettie Dowling.. .72	Margie Rich.....82
Minnie Sewell.....89	Eva Proctor.....80
Frank Ashley.....88	Oneita Maslin.....80
FIFTH.	
Ada Joiner.....82	Ernest Hersch.....63
Etta Rendall.....68	Charles Andrews....60
Rebecca Coleman..68	Daisy Wilkins.....68
James Rodney.....65	Ada Middleton.....73
Samuel Coleman....46	Lillian Smith.....70
Elsie Coburn.....66	Herbert Urie.....69
Beatrice Maslin 79	Joseph Davis.....53
Essie Smith.....73	Arthur Urie.....55
FOURTH.	
Julia Rodney.....92	Frank Dowling.....80
Sadie Kramer.....89	Preston Smith.....78
Daisy Sanford.....88	Nelson Rodney.....78
Bertha Jones.....87	Howard Legg.....78
Willis Durding.....87	Warren Ayres.....77
Kent Lambert.....86	Orin Downey.....79
Ethel Boyer.....86	Herbert Waimsley..62
Hallie Middleton...85	John Somers.....72
Agnes Smith.....84	Herbert Rollison...72
Della Jones.....84	Fred. Coleman.....72
Ida Warner.....82	Willie Culley.....65
Grover Copper..... 82	Russell Sewell.....61
Clara Coleman.....80	Miller Rodney..... 59
THIRD.	
Pearl Downey.....96	George N. Coleman.80
Billy Webb..... .94	John Drear.....80
Bert Copper.....91	Alice Downey.....79
Albert Cannon.....90	Clara Rodney.....79
Sophia Kramer.....86	Hackett Moffett....78
Charles Strong.....89	James Straughn.....76
Ida Hynson.....85	Hayward Urie.....6
Charles Stevens.....82	Frank Joiner.....74
Helen Rich.....81	Emma Kelley.....66
Katie Akers.....80	Brooke Wilison.....65
SECOND.	
Ethel Taylor.....80	Ulric Stevens.....81
Lillian Smith 90	Myrtle Durding.....54
May Sanford 91	Ivy Coleman.....95
Mary Ayres.....64	Mattie Webb.....89
Ruby Summers.....70	Melvin Warner.....81
Maggie Scott.....87	Ruby Middleton.....59
Lula Coleman.....83	Elsie Warner.....72
Clifton Coleman....87	Willie Sanford.....45
Birdie Sewell.....87	George Smith.....60
Esther Scoones.....77	Claudie Smith.....49
Ada Jones.....88	Edna Durding.....46
Mary Boyer.....80	Eddie Urie.....40
Levi Downey.....73	Howard Davis.....50
George Wilson 70	Robert Cannan.....56
Lottie Jorden.....80	George Rodney.....62
Raymond Hersch...88	Robert Urie.....46
Joseph Lambert....72	Annie Kirsnick.....68
Pearl Stevens.....74	Fred Davis.....93
Emma Joiner.....93	Allen Downey.....82
Hilda Coleman.....73	Irvin Ashly.....64
Clarence Rodney...79	Mary Vansant.....64
Albert Winchester.62	Susie Casey.....70
Newton Kendall....51	
2ND FIRST.	
Cora Middleton.....85	Annie Jacob 80
Clara Donnelly.....85	Norman Warren....79
Howard Donnelly..85	Joe Bray.....78
Bessie Maslin 85	Maurice Coleman...78
Gertie Kramer.....84	Charlie Kirsnick....77
Reba Strong.....83	Julia Coleman 77
Sadie Jorden.....82	Carrie Akers..... 76
Willie Creighton....81	Kate Rodney.....73
Kirby Rodney 81	
1ST FIRST.	
Edna Judefind.....85	Ethel Coleman.....79
Mollie Andrews.....85	Nellie Creighton....79
Willie Thompson...81	Willie Coleman.....79
Grover Hubbard....80	John Hubbard.....77
Reuben Rodney.....80	Robert Downey.....75
Sam. Rollison.....80	Eddie Urie.....72
Clarence Coleman..80	Morton Cannan.....70
Curtis Kelley.....80	Maurice Dowling...70

MEETING OF OYSTERMEN!

Over Two Hundred Attend the Meeting at Rock Hall—Banding Together for Protection.

Our oystermen are getting closer every day, and it is high time, for the enemy is on the outer wall. We had a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Oystermen's Protictive Union last Saturday, there being over two hundred members present. The most interesting work of the union at present is the preservation of Swan Point Bar. It seems that Mr. Charles Nash, an avaricious oyster commission merchant and member of the legislature from the 17th ward of Baliimore city, has come out in favor of throwing Swan Point open to the dredgers, and thereby beggar every oysterman and his little children, of Kent county, for, with few exceptions, we are all dependent on Swan Point, and there are over 750 of us, besides our wives and little ones. Therefore, come together, men, be as one man, and repel this wolf that is at our door, for "united we stand, divided we fall."

This pet scheme of Mr. Nash's, if carried through, which it will be, if we do not come together and scotch it, and which means that we will be compelled to leave the little home for which we have braved the cold north wind and the icy blasts of winter to gain, and I am proud to say that nearly every oysterman owns the home in which he lives. So I say again, come together oystermen and help yourselves, and get your friends to help you, for "God helps him who helps himself."

We feel proud of our friend, Mr. Chas. T. Westcott, who, in his good judgement and forethought in the interest of the tongers, has appointed one of the finest sailors and most competent young men that can be found in Kent, in the person of Mr. J. Frank Stevens to command the Schooner Annie B. Smith, our guard boat for Swan Point, and if given half a chance he will be found to be the right man in the right place.

We are sorry to see the Governor has suspended Capt. James Turner for refusing to make a steam ferry of the McLain to carry his henchmen to and fro, in the very midst of her police duties with a prisoner on board. We would remind Hon. Lloyd Lowndes that the McLain was built for an oyster police boat.

The public at large are being misled as to the violence of the storm over the appointment of Capt. Stevens, which will be found upon investigation to be hardly a three sail breeze, and the widespread opposition will be found to be confined to a very small company. The majority of the oystermen say it is a good appointment, and ask Mr. Westcott to let it stand until charges are made and *proven* of neglect of duty, then fire him out quicker than he put him in.

As a member of our union I extend a hearty invitation to every oysterman and every oysterman's friend to come to our meetings, which take place every Saturday night, see what we are doing and help us do it. OYSTERMAN.

THE COURTS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—Session Jan. 28, 1896. Full board present, President Hill presiding. H. L. Davies, J. P., acct. for fees in State cases was allowed $7.21. Thos. Quigley, supervisor, acct. balance on contract work $12 was allowed. Wm. Ford, president Trustees of the poor was given certificate for funds to pay overseer, physicians, etc., $256.61. Jas. A. Pearce, colored, petition for pension, was approved and $10 allowed. Abatement of $3800 on assessment of Locust Grove Creamery Co., was allowed.

IN CHURCH CIRCLES.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of Christ M. P. Church on last Tuesday evening unanimously elected Mrs. T. R. Hubbard President. The meeting was one of great interest and fervor.

The Rev. Algernon Batte, of Church Hill, Queen Anne's county, who has accepted a call to Wye parish, which lies partly in Talbot and partly in Queen Anne's counties is going to build a rectory for himself at his own expense at Queenstown. He has already secured the land and is purchasing the lumber. The present rectory of Wye parish is near Wye Mills in Talbot, where there is also a church in which Mr. Batte will officiate until the parish is divided. He prefers a residence at Queenstown now, believing that when the Queen Anne's Railroad is built Queenstown will become a busy and populous town.

Rev. Charles Stengle has decided to accept the invitation from Armory M. E. Church, Dover, and remain another year.

Mrs. D. L. Moody wife of the evangelist, died last week, aged 91.

Rev. W. P. Compton has continued the protracted services at the M. E. Church, this week, with greater success. The conversions number to date over thirty.

Saloon keeper William G. Gilbert, of Frederick, professed religion last week, joined the M. E. Church during a revival and decided to abandon liquor selling. He was offered $150 for his license but refused to accept it, and Pastor Zimmerman raised the money necessary to start him in some other line of business. Then Gilbert dumped his stock of liquors into a sewer, while 300 church people cheered him.

Rev. F. Menefee, of Baltimore, has bought a piece of property outside of Washington for $100,000, and will convert the building into a school to be known as the Washington College for young ladies. This will make the second school that Rev. Mr. Menefee has started.

THE PUBLIC ROADS.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

In the last issue of the KENT NEWS I notice with regret that the Board of County Commissioners intend to ignore the rights of the two Democratic members in not allowing them to appoint road supervisors in their respective districts, yet they expect to hold the two Democrats responsible for the work performed by the appointees of the whole board.

I as a Republican am ashamed of this unfair and unjust procedure. It is too little and too much like Democratic rule to be adopted by good Republicans. Such a position can only be the outgrowth of jealously, revenge and bitter partizanship. And it comes with ill grace from us Republicans particularly, as we we were so persistent and zealous in our promises of reform and better government. The very first thing done by this law abiding party is to violate the law in toto at Annapolis, and to disregard the spirit of the law in our county. It is poor excuse to say "the Democrats ignored Mr. Parrott" when he was in the board. "Two wrongs will never make one right." We expect better things, and higher motives to actuate Republicans.

These two Democrats are invested with as much power and authorityas any two Republicans in the board. The tax payers put these three Republicans in office not for partizanship purposes but to administer the business affairs of the county in a more equitable and economical way.

Last fall the Independent Democrats came over to us that we might have a chance to put some of our promises into practice. Now with these acts of perfidy can we expect their help in the future! Won't they be disgusted with our empty promises!

The conservative and practical taxpayers do not want political trickery but political honesty. They want the best men irrespective of party affiliations who will serve the best interests of the county. These are the kind of men we think these two Democratic commissioners will select to do the work of the county. We have confidence in them and hope our Republican members will trust them.

Perhaps, Messrs. Editors, I am expecting too much of my political brethren now after the election is over. This reform talk fitted in very well last fall but is it out of date now?

Political Reform—thou art a myth—an ignis fatuus that credulous and deluded voters have followed to their sorrow. OBSERVER.

THE GOODWIN WASHER!

READ THIS TESTIMONIAL:

TOLCHESTER BEACH, MD., Jan 20, 1896.
MR. WM. T. MATTHEWS, Gen'l Agent:
Dear Sir—I have been using 3 of your Goodwin Washers for the past year, and I find them a very durable and useful machine. We used these machines not once a week, but every day at the Hotel and Bath Houses, and in fact washed every thing we had occasion to wash, with one-half the labor as formerly. After the close of the season here I sent one of these machines to Baltimore, to a friend, and quote their words, "You have certainly sent us a good friend." It gives me pleasure to recommend this Washer to anyone who desires a Labor Saving, Easy, Durable and Clean Washer. Resp'y, yours, &c.,
G. E. NOLAND, SUPT.,
Tolchester Beach Improvement Co.

WM. T. MATTHEWS, Chestertown, Md.,
Gen'l Agt., Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.

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