Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - FEB. 8, 1896.

SPEAKER MUDD has finally found a place on "Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries" for a Kent county delegate, and our representatives are now assigned as follows: John P. Nicholson—roads and bridges, immigration and insolvency. James H. Baker—organization, Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries, and chairman committee on agriculture.

Fire.—The grist mill, creamery and dwelling of Capt. Riggin at Townsend, Del., were burned on Friday night. The loss being about $8,000, with only $1,000 insurance.

Coal Combine.—Householders and, in fact, all who have to buy anthracite coal are just now wondering what price they will have to pay for the next lot of coal they buy. Retail coal dealers are thinking of the same. This state of uncertainty has been brought about by the formation of a coal combine in New York city, by which the great coal producing companies have joined hands in what is practically a trust. This combination is expected to restrict production and advance prices accordingly, Chestertown dealers say they have not yet received from the wholesalers any notice of an advance in prices, and consequently they are selling at the same prices as they have been for some time. They are, however, expecting to hear something from the wholesalers in a few days, and when that something is heard it will doubtless be an advance of prices—thirty, or even fifty cents a ton. The poorer people, those who have no coal on hand and have to buy in small quantities, will be the first to feel the iron hand of the combine, while the rich, who bought enough coal in the fall to last until summer, will be the last to suffer by the formation of the trust.

Stove coal is selling in Chestertown for $6 per ton while nut and egg coal sells for $5.75.

Reforms.—Mr. John N. Dodd, president of the Maryland State Funeral Directors' Association, recommend two needed reforms in funerals. They are the custom of removing the hat at the grave and of having inexperienced pallbearers run the risk of serious injury and confusion by carrying heavy caskets and of committing blunders. Baldness, so prevalent among men, and the fashion of cutting the hair, make the baring of the head outdoors, even in fair weather, a perilous thing and an invitation to serious results if the weather be bad. There can be no disrespect intended to the dead while protecting the health of the living. Ministers could lead in this reform, by retaining their hat upon the head while reading the service at the grave. Pall-bearers should be trained men who understand and are used to the duties. When ladies stand at the grave they should always wear rubbers and stand upon something and not upon the ground as the earth from the grave is always damp and there is so much dampness arising from an open and new-made grave. It would be well if the cemetery companies would provide some short planks to stand upon while at the grave during the service.

"THE PUBLIC ROADS."

EDITORS KENT NEWS: — I noticed in the last issue of your paper, of which I am a regular reader, a letter signed "Observer," in which our board of county commissioners are thought to be doing an extraordinary thing in the giving out of the public roads. I do not question the right of any Republican—or Democrat either, for that matter—discussing the action of the commissioners on this subject, provided it is done in the proper spirit, as they are public servants. We give Mr. Observer credit for believing that he was justified in the criticism he made. But his Republicanism is of a very shallow kind if he thinks we are not to have some regard for our political interest. It is all right for Democrats to appoint Democratic road supervisors but all wrong for Republicans to appoint men of *their* faith! This sort of consistency is a jewel of muddy hue. We should like to know why our commissioners cannot find it as fully to the interest of tax-payers to have the road supervisors appointed from the ranks of our own party as from the ranks of *our opponents?* We are not opposed to giving work, or appointing supervisors from among the Democrats, where it is decidedly in the interest of the public; we are not so bigoted as to expect to confine our work among Republicans. But we have won the county and we are certainly entitled to the preference when there is honor or emoluments to be awarded. Capt. Hill and Mr. Owens, and Mr. Vickers who are a majority of the commissioners, are solid men; they will be true to the best interest of all the people, but at the same time will not forget that they are good party men also. Don't judge them hastily or unfairly.

REPUBLICAN.

Millington, Feb. 5, 1896.

WALTER REED, a lad of this town, has smoked so many cigarettes that he has lost his voice.—*Dover Index.*

Receptions, ... Personals, &c.

Judge Joseph A. Wickes has been confined to his home in Baltimore by sickness.

Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort sustained painful injuries from a fall down a flight of stairs last Monday evening.

Mr. S. Hicks has been housed this week with a strained back, having hurt it while at work in his blacksmith shop. He was able to be out yesterday.

J. Henry Baker, Esq., has been quite sick at his home in Baltimore for the past several weeks, but was convalescent at last report.

Misses Mary Elliott and Lizzie Duyer have been spending a week with friends at Queenstown.

Miss Carrie Copenhaven, of Baltimore is the guest of Mrs. T. Shafer at Kennedyville.

Cashier W. B. Copper has been confined to his bed the past week, but was much better yesterday.

Mr. Frank Smith, the expert assistant telegraph operator at Millington, is now at his old post again the company finding his services to be indespensible.

Mrs. Grace Sylvanus, of Wilmington, was in town Saturday and attracted considerable attention on her new white Barnes wheel.

Mr. John M. Passmore, of Philadelphia, was in town this week on business.

Miss Bessie Stuart is the guest of Miss Nellie Diggs in Baltimore.

Miss Katie Stevens, of St. George's, Del., is the guest of Miss Pearl Shuster on High street.

Mrs. George Holt, of Collingdale, Pa., and daughter Marian, and Mrs. Rhodes, of Washington, spent several days in town this week. These ladies were formerly the Misses Benjamin and lived far many years in this town.

Miss Fannie Baker spent the past week with friends and relatives in Queen Anne's.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gleaves celebrated their thirtieth marriage anniversary last Friday evening at their home near Church Hill. Over a hundred persons were present including a number from Kent. A grand supper was served. A number of presents were received.

Miss Hattie Reed has been the guest of Miss Tucker in Queen Anne's the past week.

Mrs. M. A. Reese and son Howard, have returned home from a pleasant visit to relatives in Chesapeake City and Smyrna.

Miss Anna Sale is now home on a visit with her parents.

Mr. John R. Gill, of Harrisonville, N. J., who removed from Kent about twelve years ago, has been on a visit to his old haunts, spending several days with his daughter, Mrs. Wm. A. Kennedy, near Kennedyville. Mr. Gill was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Geo. N. Gill, a farmer near Middletown. They also visited their sister, Mrs. J. S. Bradley, in Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Vannort entertained a number of friends from the county at a 6 o'clock dinner Thursday evening at their handsome residence on High street.

Messrs. W. W. Hubbard and Wm. A. Smith are visiting the farmers of the Peninsula and recommending to them their fertilizers.

Miss Amy Baynard, of Still Pond, is visiting friends in Wilmington, Del., and elsewhere.

Judge Stump is reported to be laid up with a severe cold and threatened with pneumonia.

Mr. Sylvanus Whitely, of Charleston, Ill., is visiting relatives in Kent and Queen Anne's counties. He is pleased with his trip East, but admires the ladies more than the land. Mr. Whitely's paternal ancestors figured in early colonial history. They were then called by the name of Wheatley. It is his first trip to Maryland for twenty-seven years, he was last here when a lad of ten. His mother is an Indiana lady.

A pleasant surprise was given to Mr. Walter Gale at his home at Worton Manor Beach Wednesday evening and notwithstanding the inclement weather quite a large crowd attended. The following were among those present: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Ell. Morris, Mrs. Joseph R. Usilton, Mrs. Walraven, Mrs. R. Beck, Mrs. Percy Skirven, Misses Annie and May Willis, Tenie and Mollie Aldrich, May Parrott, Daisy Usilton, Linda and Benie Bowers, Belle Frame, Gussie Mathiot, Lillian and Lena Gale, Sadie Morris, Messrs. Romie Skirven, Lou Aldrich, Wm. and Edw. Beck, Harry and Horace Nicholson, Jos. Watson, L. Johnson, H. and W. Parsons.

A dance was held at the handsome home of Mr. Clough, on the Carvill farm Wednesday evening. Music was furnished by Mr. Chas. Beck and others.

The young men of the fifth district tendered their lady friends a very enjoyable dance last Friday evening in Edesville Hall, where despite the inclement weather a goodly crowd assembled. Music for the occasion was furnished by Mr. Wm. E. Willson's orchestra. Dancing began about 9 P. M. Messrs. Chas. Jessop and Wm. Camp proved themselves most efficient floor managers; coffee and sandwiches were served at twelve o'clock. Those present were Mrs. George A. Jessop, Mrs. E. H. Camp, Mrs. Dr. Willson, Misses Laura and Celeno Jessop, Violet Beck, Georgie and Bettie Wallis, Mary Waltham of Baltimore, Mary Willson, Marie Camp, Mamie Wright, of Balto., Alice Willson, Fannie Sappington and Louise Price. Messrs. H. B. Constable, Howard Parrott, Willie Hepbron, Clifton Rasin, Bert Evans, Chas. Jessop, Horace Scott, Vickers Beck, Harry Wallis, Page and Elwood Strong, James L. Beck, Frank Gilpin, William Camp, George Camp, Bennett, Maurice and Charley Willson, Natley Wilson, Sr., John Wood and Bartus Hatcherson.

Still Pond Happenings.

The Epworth League held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening last, at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Harper. The very stormy and disagreeable condition of weather prevented a full attendance. The president, Rev. E. H. Nelson called the meeting to order. Miss Pauline Nelson, secretary, read the proceedings of last meeting. The treasury was considerably replenished with dues and proceeds of "Ye Povertie Partie," receipts being much in excess of the "reserve fund." A little interesting discussion arose as to the advisability of depositing funds where interest would accrue. Government bonds offer such means. The ambitious spirit of this Epworth League is not to be abated, "Excelsior" is evidently their motto. Their next step is to hold a "Colonial Tea," 22d inst. Among the many interesting features, a commemorative souvenir, a genuine *hatchet* will be given next week. After being served with an abundance of excellent refreshments the League adjourned to hold its next meeting at the residence of Mrs. W. G. Rasin.

The very high tide of Thursday and Thursday night, and terrific tornado threatened the destruction of Betterton wharf. At one time it was completely inundated. The fishermen had to hustle to save their boats, towing them up the ravine between the Betterton House and the Chesapeake House. Mr. Howard Turner has just informed us, that the wharf escaped with but little damage. The Ericsson steamer could not stop Thursday evening, but made her regular call this morning. X. X. C.

Making Him Useful.

During the winter months work on the farm seems to be at a standstill as far as the farmer is concerned, but with the housewife there is little diminution in her round of duties. One of Kent's most industrious and best wives has devised a plan by which her husband can help her and thereby equalize the work. Every Monday morning this good husband goes to work at the washtub and has become an expert at the business. Of course his wife has to oversee the job, for on one occasion he had placed the white and dark clothes in together! He was such a success at washing that he next relieved his wife of the churning and now these duties are a part of his routine of labors. A few weeks ago the wife had some difficulty in keeping him at the tub as the "sweet music" of the fox hounds as they crossed the farm reached his ear. But, after thinking of the saying "business before pleasure" he went on with his work.

Read this to your husbands, ladies, and report as to your success.

A MILLIONAIRE'S CRIME.

The celebrated case of Dr. Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire, who has been on trial during the past month for the cold-blooded murder of his wife and baby two years ago, ended Monday, the jury returning a verdict of guilty in the first degree. After arguments that took up the greater portion of Saturday and lasted until almost midnight, the case was given to the jury, and on the first ballot unanimously found the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree. This was the second trial that Dr. Duestrow has had on the charge of murder, the first one resulting in a hung jury, last year. The terrible crime with which he was charged was committed in Feb. 1894. One day that month his wife and child were at home, awaiting his coming to take a drive. When he came into the house, Duestrow, who was drunk, began to abuse his wife, and finally shot her down in cold blood. He then picked up his three-year-old boy—a beautiful child—and holding it at arm's length, killed it with a pistol shot through the head. His wife lingered several days and then died.

Counsel for the defense endeavored to establish a plea of insanity; but after two inquiries held before juries, in which much expert testimony was heard on both sides, it was given up and the case came to trial. Duestrow received the verdict calmly. He sat smoking a cigaret as the judge read the paper handed in by the jury. As far as external appearances go, he was the coolest man in the court-room.

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THE COURTS.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—Full board—President Hill presiding. The following accounts were examined and allowed: Wm. S. Walker, special road work, $13.80; Dr. C. W. Whaland, account viewing two dead bodies and vaccinating indigent children, $22.50; W. S. Culp, acct., two tons of coal for jail $11.50; Robert Kemble, one months' salary as bridge keeper, $20.83; Garrett Foxwell, treasurer, presented his official report which was accepted.

ORPHANS' COURT. — Present, Judges Burgess, Byron and Harper. The last will and testament of Mary A. Wilmer was filed for probate. The last will and testament of George W. Davis was admitted to probate. Letters testamentary on the estate of George W. Davis were granted to Wilamina W. Davis, and E. M. Bonwill and R. T. Turner were appointed to appraise said estate. The first and final administration account of M. A. Staats, administratrix of George H. Staats, was passed.

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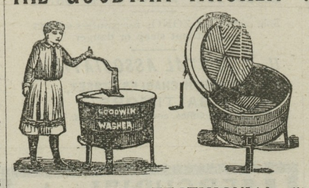

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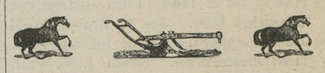

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