Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - FEB. 22, 1896.

Receptions, &c.

County Commissioner Hatcherson entertained his fellow members, clerk W. H. Lambert, Jr., and State's Attorney Urie at dinner Tuesday.

At the residence of the bride's mother, near Sassafras, Md., by Rev. B. P. Truitt, of Warwick M. P. Church, Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd, of Middletown, and Miss T. Elizabeth Caulk were married on Wednesday evening, Feb. 19th, at 8 o'clock. The wedding was a quiet one, only the immediate families of the happy couple being present. After the ceremony and congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd went to Middletown and took their apartments at the National Hotel, where they will make their home.

A delightful dance was held at Mr. Frank Toulson's, near town, last Friday evening. Those present were Miss Pricey Maslin and sister, Miss Sutton, the Misses Kendall, Miss Porter, Mrs. Stella McKee, Misses Elmer Rasin, Lida Crouch, Idele France, Edna Sheats, Miss Hendricks, Miss Jewell, Messrs. Alfred Crew, Thos. Toulson, Samuel Coleman, Jas. Deford, Jos. Owens, Vern Barnett, James Thompson, Wm. Robinson, Frank Shinn and brother. A lunch of coffee and sandwiches was served at midnight.

A delightful Bonnet Party was given by the young people of Galena on Friday evening Feb. 14. Each lady brought a bonnet and lunch for two. The men were numbered and the ladies were allowed to draw for their partners and to wear the bonnet trimmed by him and lunch with him. Games of various kinds were enjoyed until a late hour. Among those present were Miss Carrie Meredith and Mr. Briscoe, Miss Lizzie Scott and Ewing Dempsey, Miss Ellen Lynch and Samuel Caldwell, Miss Dora Todd and Arnold Stewart, Miss Gertie Boyd and Wm. Meredith, Miss Effie Smith and Mr. Caldwell, Miss Lillie Boyd and Ewing Vansant, Miss Daisy Lane and Mr. Hyland, Miss Katie Smith and Rev. Frank Fletcher, Miss Minnie Walls and Jas. Whitaker, Mrs. Edward Scott and Jas. Walls, Miss King and Mr. Ireland, Miss Rhoda Mulford and Andrew Vansant, Miss Hyland and Thos. Caldwell and others.

On Monday night last at the Edesville Hall, one of the most enjoyable dances of the season was had. Dancing began about 8 o'clock. Mr. W. Eugene Willson, the veteran violinist, Frank Ayres and H. E. Wagner furnished music for the occasion. The hall was comfortably filled and the participants remained until about 3 o'clock A. M. An elegant table was spread with sandwiches, (several kinds), all kinds salad, etc., were served at 12.30. The committee in charge were Luther C. Francis, J. Walter Sutton, C. F. Wheatley and Harry E. Wagner.

One of the most unique receptions and teas of the season was given by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. W. Eliason, at their beautiful home on Spring avenue, Tuesday evening in honor of their guests, Misses Jennie Glascock and Lizzie Colton, of Baltimore. An interesting feature of the evening's entertainment was the solving of the penny puzzle, prizes being given to those discovering the greatest number of objects on a penny. The royal prizes were won by Miss Ross, of Mexico, Mo., and Prof. E. J. Clarke. The booby prizes were won by Miss Anna R. Brown and Dr. C. P. Gilpin.

Dividing the Election Districts.

MESSRS. EDITORS:

We are informed through the papers, and it is also currently reported that our Senator, Mr. Westcott, has offered a bill to re-district the county. This is a local matter of much importance to the people. As a citizen, interested only in common with hundreds of others in whatever will be of advantage to our county, feel that there should be some discussion of this proposed change; that the interest, convenience and wishes of the people might be known and regarded. As it was not an issue at all prior to the election, not one of the notes of the campaign "keyed too high" or keyed too low, it would therefore be well to have the bill understood by the people before it becomes a law It is a question as to what extent the well defined lines of half a century's duration should be discarded, and new ones laid down, before any general expression of sentiment on the part of the voters. The bill, from what information we can get, proposes to divide the county into nine districts, more by two, we think, than is necessary. The greater the number of districts, the more election machinery is required, and the greater the expense upon the county. If the first and fifth districts require division, and we doubt not they do, let it be done, and as the people of those districts wish. But we can see no necessity of dividing either the second or third. In the second the poling place is in a central portion of the district, and there is ample time for every voter to deposit his ballot without undue haste or confusion. In the third the votes is not large, and that lately subjected to a recount and corresponded exactly with the original might suggest that there is no great need of a change there. We know that it is the wish of many of the citizens of Worton to have their voting place changed to Worton Station, where there are greater conveniences and comforts for the people on election day. This, however, is a district affair.

This communication is offered, Messrs. Editors, with no other object or motive than as stated, and with the hope that it might induce the people to give to the author of this bill their views, that the changes to be made, if any, should be done in the knowledge and consent, of at least a portion of the voters, and thereby insure permanency in both the lines and voting places by the proposed bill framed. KENNEDYVILLE.

KENNEDYVILLE BRIEFS.

Kennedyville is not dead by any means, we beg leave to say. The M. P. Church is alive and flourishing under the pastorate of Brother Shreeve. The Tuesday evening service is being well attended considering the bad weather, and proves very helpful to many. The Christian Endeavor met on Thursday evening instead of Friday, the entertainment interfering with the regular meeting night. The class under the leadership of Miss S. B. McKnett is steadily growing in membership and interest.

A very pretty wedding of a popular couple was solemnized in the presence of a large assembly at the M.P. Church. at 2.30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. The contracting parties were Miss Acca A. Vandyke and Mr. Townsend E. W. Crew. The church was pretty and tastefully trimmed for the occasion. At the hour appointed to the strains of Mendelssohn's march, skillfully rendered by Prof. A. L. Judefind, the bride and groom entered, preceded by the ushers, Messrs. Chas. Wood, Walter Reese, Morris Bramble and Joseph H. Weer. At the chancel they were met by the pastor Rev. Jesse Shreeve, who performed the ceremony and pronounced them man and wife. The bride wore a handsome traveling dress of imported embossed satin with silk and passamenterie trimmings. Wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride previous to the marriage, and immediately after the ceremony the happy couple drove to Middletown, Del., from which point they started for a trip North. Many valuable and useful presents were received. Mr. and Mrs. Crew will make their future home at "Gresham Hall," near Tolchester this county.

The supper and musicale entertainment held at the rectory at Shrewsbury last week was a decided success. Net proceeds, about $30.00.

A delightful surprise party was given Miss Susie Edson, on Tuesday evening of this week. Various games and music were indulged in and at a late hour the friends dispersed with the assurance that the most pleasant evenings are always the shortest.

Rev. Q. L. Morrow, of Snow Hill delivered a very interesting lecture on "Christian Citizenship" at the M. P. Church on Sunday evening. He held the attention of the entire congregation for about an hour, and spoke very forcibly. He also filled the pulpit in the morning. JULIET.

"BROTHER, KEEP SWEET!"

MESSRS. EDITORS KENT NEWS:

I see the county commissioners are not going to have the public roads worked by contract this year. I heartily indorse that for I think they can save at least one-third at this time, for our roads and bridges were never seen in as good condition at this time of the year. The drummers say they are the finest in the State. But they have cost quite a sum to get them so, and I hope we will have the benefit of it when we pay our taxes.

Now, a few words to Commissioner Hill: You will remember that I made mention of the county's extravagance two years ago, and you thought that it was the right topic to get on. But what a different sight we get in a different position! When you think how much power the commissioners have—can levy any amount of taxes and spend them almost as they please—it is the privilege and duty of every tax-payer to look after their interest.

"For since man to man is so unjust,
We hardly know what man to trust."

You seem to think that $400 is such a little. Do you know that $400 in 1896 is about equal to what $1,000 was in 1886? I did all I could do when the commissioners' pay was fixed at $500 to have the clerk's fixed at the same; but they said it was not likely the commissioners would give their clerk more than they got themselves. I am inclined to think that $400 is more than any of the present commissioners made last year, if it is not, they beat the most of us.

I am sorry to hear you say you "cultivated the vine for 28 years for the grapes you were to get." I recommended you better than that. You say you Republicans always go up in price. You say your predecessor got $1,000 as commissioner from your district last year, and you were quite ready, and did take it for $500. Brother, would you not have taken it at $400? And I still say it is right to give the offices to the Republicans. Don't forget that the tax-payers' eyes are on the county commissioners, and I am going to help your board to watch, and then at the end of your four years our taxes will be so much lower that you will again have on that great, big, broad smile that you wore before the election, when I told you I would support you; also, when I first saw you after the election. I never asked any of the commissioners to vote for me—only with the application. As to saying I would "cut off my children's heads if they voted for the Black Republicans." I never used any such language, and your informer has told a willful untruth, and is capable of saying anything. Some eight years since when my boy was going away I did express a wish for my boys to stick to the Democrats. Besides I have some near friends in the Republican party. I am sorry to hear you speak so of Capt. Woodall, a man over 70, who lived here from a babe and is noted for his industry, integrity and economy. He must have felt poorer when he paid his taxes, which took 7,000 bushels of corn at 28 cents to pay them! This ends my second letter.

Brother, go slow, and keep sweet.

JAMES BRICE.

The young folks were enjoying the skating on the pond yesterday.

MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Miss Ollie McWhorter left town on Friday, Feb. 13, for Philadelphia, her future home, taking her cousin with her, Miss Minnie Malleagen.

Mr. Salloway paid the highest cash price for milk during January.

Captain Townsend brought a fine load of Rock Hall oysters here on the 13th, selling them at 80 cents per bushel.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Newman occurred on Feb. 15 at 3 o'clock. Her death was caused from old age as she was about 76. She lived with her son, John S. Newman, who will take her death very much to heart, but he will try to overcome it if possible. Mrs. Newman was buried at the Millington cemetery on Tuesday from her son's residence. Her last words to her son were "do as you wish to be done by."

The farmers of this locality are holding back for $6 a ton for tomatoes.

Miss M. E. B. Mallalieu has been very ill for the past two weeks. Her case of grip is improving under Dr. Jacobs care. Miss Mallalieu is one of our most popular lady teachers, being an assistant to Professor Tonkin.

Miss Helen Power shipped to Hendrickson, Philadelphia, on Feb. 13, one of the finest six weeks old calves the whole county can boast.

Ahern and Tonkin are repairing their property which they purchased at the sale of the James A. Edwards estate. It will probably cost about $200, the repairs are being done by Mr. Benj. Duling, a skilled mechanic.

Mr. John Bottomley, of Baltimore, is visiting his brother, F. S. Bottomley.

Olen Duling is visiting his brother, John Duling, of Wilmington, who is suffering with consumption.

Rev. Alfred Chandler preached a delightful sermon both morning and evening at the M. E. church on Sunday last, exchanging pulpits with Rev. George W. Burke. Mr. Chandler is from Townsend, Del., and one of the finest preachers in the Delaware conference.

Mr. Chas. Rolph's young daughter is very ill with the grip, but is on the mend and will soon improve.

Mr. George Harrington is visiting friends in Wilmington, Del.

A pretty romance came to a climax here a few days ago when George H. Hazel, recently of Colorado, and Miss Della Massey, of this town, were married by Rev. Albert Ware. The bride handsomely gowned in blue broadcloth with velvet and jet trimmings, hat to match, and carried a lovely bouquet of roses, while the groom was attired in plain black. The ushers were Clarence Comegys and Edward Spear. The church was prettily trimmed by friends of the couple. Miss Lilly Cacy rendered Lohengrin's wedding march as the party entered the church and Mendelssohn's as the party left the altar. J. Wilkins Massey gave the bride away. A wedding dinner was served to the bridal party at the bride's home. Ice cream, ices, cake and fruits, with many congratulations and best wishes, were enjoyed from 1.30 to 3 o'clock P. M., when they were driven to the station, and amid showers of rice took the 3.32 train for Baltimore, thence to Utica, N. Y., to visit the groom's sister, Mrs. Wm. Buell, then to Colorado Springs to visit the bride's relatives, after which they go to their future home at Grand Junction, where the groom has large interests in the cattle trade. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Hazell and daughter, Mary, Mr. Henry Spear and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hurlock, J. P. Ahern, J. W. Massey, T. H Massey, Mrs. John A. Crane, of Phila., a cousin of the bride, Dr. Comegys and daughter, Misses Vic and Helen Power, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ireland, H. S. Ireland and daughter, Vedo, Miss Lena Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Comegys, Miss Mary and Lilly Cacy, Mr. W. F. Collins and R. F. Fedderman. The presents were pretty and numerous.

THE ROCK HALL WAR!

One Boat Riddled With Bullets and the Captain Arrested!

Dredgers Giving Capt. Stevens Considerable Trouble—The McLane Arrives Under Capt. Howard

The trouble that has been brewing for several days on Swan Point Bar came to a climax Saturday, when Capt. Stevens, of the police boat, Anna B. Smith, fired upon a fleet of dredgers. The NEWS vividly portrayed the operations of the dredgers last week and foretold the approaching crisis. The captain gave in substance the following particulars of what has proven three days of trial and embarrassments:

"This whole trouble," he said, "is in regard to a disputed line from what is known as T. Tree. The dredgers have been precluded for two years from this territory, which is about one mile long and three hundred yards wide, and is now fertile in oysters, resulting from its exemption from dredging. The dredgers are determined to have it, and put up the claim that it is beyond the mile and a-half exemption of Swan Point Bar, while in fact it is within the limit. The plunger of my cannon is broken, rendering my gun valueless in an engagement. This fact has been communicated to Buck Sanford, a dredger of this place, and through him to the entire fleet. We have no right to shoot down dredgers, even in the act of violating the law, unless we are fired upon first, and knowing this the dredger captains determined upon a concerted raid upon Swan Point and T. Tree territory.

"The trouble commenced on Wednesday. The pungy, H. K. Price, Captain Thomas Gibbons, and another boat threw out their dredges on Swan Point, and were ordered to lower their jib that they might be boarded. This they refused to do, and immediately twelve or fifteen other boats surrounded my vessel. Sanford made an effort to cut my boat down. The situation was threatening. In order to save my boat I ran into Sanford's boat, the Ostrich, and carried away her mainsail. One captain said, 'Run into and sink the man.' Another said he would shoot the davits off. The boats had all been lashed together for action. Gibbons said he would die on his deck before he would be arrested. With this formal and emphatic notice of what the dredgers anticipated for the future, work was stopped. Each boat had from twelve to fourteen men on board, aggregating about one hundred; on the Smith six.

"On Thursday fifteen or twenty dredgers went to work, and landing two men on shore to watch proceedings I sailed to Chester river and Captain Turner came up with the Steamer McLane, but would make no arrest because of having no writs. The violators took to their heels and all was quiet for the day. On Friday no boat was out because of the gale of wind. Friday twenty or thirty boats lay to out in the bay and the Lightning sailed across the bar and was ordered to lower his jib, and failing to comply several shots were fired into his rigging and sails. Immediately the entire fleet came over to T Tree Bar and threw out their dredges. I ordered them to lower jib, but they did nothing but defy me and curse.

I had no authority to shoot the men and fired within five or six feet of the men working at the windlasses, but they paid no attention to me. I was not more than fifty yards off and put over 50 shots into the hulls and rigging of the boats. Unable to stop the men, we lay in their midst until night. This has all been preparatory, and I am expecting lively scenes tomorrow morning on the bar."

Captain Stevens claims that had he had the use of his cannon he would have been easily master of the situation

The McLane Arrives.

A telegram was sent to Annapolis Saturday evening for the police steamer McLane and orders given at once.

The steamer McLane, Capt. J. H. Turner in command, had been ordered down the bay and stopped at Cambridge and took Commander Howard aboard. The vessel went directly to Swan Point and arrived there about half past five Monday morning.

Captain Howard found the bar clear of dredgers and spoke Captain Stevens, schooner Anna B. Smith. Stevens informed the commander that on Saturday last a fleet of dredgers, 35 in number, came over to the bar and laid to until Captain Gibbons of the schooner H. K. Price, got up with the fleet, and wanted to know why they did not go to work. The reply was that the police boat would not let them work there. He said he was going to work there and did commence. The others followed suit. Captain Stevens hailed the Price and told the captain to haul down his jib, which he refused to do.

In the meantime a number of dredging vessels took position around the Smith and Captain Stevens believing his position unsafe ran out, tearing off part of the mainsail of the Ostrich. The dredgers who had protested against the arrest of Capt. Gibbons threatened to sink the Smith. The men are well-known to the police force and immediate steps will be taken to arrest them.

The dredgers did not fire on the Smith, which tried to arrest them, but all the shots that the police boat fired went astray on account of the plunger of its gun being out of order. The dredgers paid no heed to the shots and kept on dredging. Captain Stevens did not fire to kill.

Captain Howard gave the Smith a rapid-fire breachloading rifle gun of one pound calibre, and he thinks there will be no trouble there now. Capt. Howard returned to Annapolis Mondy evening, but sent back the McLane and will keep the steamer there several days. Capt. Howard said that it is essential for the citizens of Kent county to mark the oyster boundaries with buoys, that everyone may know the prohibited grounds.

Arrest of a Dredger.

On Tuesday Capt. Stevens saw a vessel on the forbidden ground and ordered him to let down his jib. He with an oath defied the captain, and went on at work, but was soon brought to terms. The CRIO was brought into play and the dredger soon a prisoner. He was taken in tow to Rock Hall harbor and a hearing held before Justice Wilkins, who committed him to jail to await court. Constable B. H. Coburn brought the prisoner to Chestertown Tuesday and placed him in jail.

The NEWS man saw the prisoner in jail and he gave the following story: My name is Arthur Meginniss and am captain of the schooner Martha Jones, owned by John T. Creiger, Baltimore. We left Baltimore at 3 o'clock Saturday evening, 11 men on board, arrived at Swan Point early Monday night, and started to dredging on what is known as "T Tree bar," off Swan Point.

"There were no other vessels near when the police boat Smith sailed close to me and ordered me to let down my jib, I told the captain he could take my number and name and let me continue work. He cursed me, and then I told him he should not board me. He then opened fire with cannon and gun, and we all went below. My halyards were cut and the mainsail dropped. I then told him I would give up, and he boarded my vessel and towed her into Rock Hall harbor. I was not dredging on forbidden ground."

The schooner was well riddled with bullets, and Captain Stevens' nerve is commended by the tongers. A few more such captures, will break it up.

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Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

OF KENT COUNTY.

Applications for Insurance can be made to

JAMES R. JONES, - Millington.
JAMES BRICE, - Chestertown.
C. J. SCOTT, - - - Galena.
GEORGE E. OWENS, - Betterton.
ELLSWORTH BOWERS, - Lynch's.
JOS. DOWNEY, - - Rock Hall.
E. S. VALLIANT, - Church Hill.

THOMAS W. ELIASON, PRES'T.
GEORGE B. WESTCOTT, Sec'y and Treas.
A. M. KENDALL, Surveyor.

From the Seat of War—ROCK HALL.

The NEWS correspondent at Rock Hall sends the following correct account of the recent fight at the bayside town, and other items:

About 9.30 o'clock, Saturday, dredgers began arriving on the bar where they would *lay to*, with jibs to windward on the starboard tack, the wind being south west, until a certain point was reached then they would *fill away, jib over or go about*, and *lay to*, on the port tack, until they would reach the upper end of the bar, this was frequently repeated, and for the purpose of creating excitement, among the Beck, Coleman, or anti-Stevens faction on shore, it is said. About noon these manœuvers were discontinued, and the 35 or more vessels, settled down to work on deep water spur, that they claimed was given them by Capt. Turner of the steamer McLane. Capt. Stevens endeavored to drive them off this place, as they were still on the tonger's reservation, but the dredgers refused to go, notwithstanding a number of shots were fired into the fleet, Capt. Stevens seeing the unwisdom of making one or more captures, and allowing the remainder of the fleet to dredge unhindered, where they pleased, while he was running in the captured, concluded it was better policy to get the names and numbers of as many as possible, and procure warrants for their arrest, and placed in the hands of Capt. Turner, and at the same time keep the dredgers confined to the deep water portion of the bar, this he succeeded in doing. He compelled the whole fleet to stay half a mile above the line allowed them by Turner, or somebody else, and secured 16 numbers, Justice Wilkins issued the warrants and they were given to Capt. Turner, who says he will capture them wherever he may run across them.

To say that the oystermen, were "hot in the collar" during last week is putting it mild; they were "red hot," and showered all kinds of imprecations on the brave Stevens, and his gallant crew. An effort was made on Saturday night to find a man who would make affidavit that Capt. Stevens was derelect in the discharge of his duty on that or any other day, since his incumbency, *but* the nearest could be gotten to this was "I heard so," and that's all. The whole thing summed up into a nut shell is *prejudice* pure and simple. It is reported that the anti Stevens men are informing the dredgers of any defects in the armor of the schooner Anna B. Smith, and the dissatisfaction on shore, and urging the dredgers to annoy Stevens all they possibly can so as to create a sentiment strong enough to oust Stevens. The majority of our people are under the impression, that Captain Stevens, is as efficient in every respect (and far *superior in many*) as any man in the opposition.

Capt. Urie of the local police boat had a brush with dredgers in Chester river last Saturday night, particulars of which we have not learned. There was one dredger combing Piney Point Bar late in the day, and it is supposed that he is the one Urie had the bout with.

The veteran fisherman, Capt. John Boyer, is a lucky man, otherwise in all probability last Sunday would have been his last day on this terrestrial sphere. On retiring to his home at 8 P. M., he made a misstep at the head of the stairway, and losing his balance fell to the hall below; his daughter who was the only other member of the family at home, heard the noise, and rushing into the hall, found her father in a heap at the foot of the stairs and apparently dead. She succeeded in getting him in the room and made it as comfortable for him as possible, she then gave an alarm and the neighbors promptly responded, and did all in their power for the injured man until the arrival of Dr. Selby, who rendered medical aid; no bones were broken, but the old gentleman was considerably bruised and shocked. Several years ago Mr. Boyer had the misfortune to fall from a load of straw he was hauling. He fell on his head and shoulders, and was very much hurt, since which time he has been rather feeble and this last accident was cause for great apprehension, but he is doing as well as could be expected for a man of his advanced years.

Capt. "Tom" Hyland, a few days ago was relating a dream he had not many nights since, which was, that he and the entire Police Force and the B. P. W. had died, and went direct to Heaven where the perplexities of the oyster law and the police force were unknown, and all was peace and harmony. He was sore disappointed on awakening to find it all a dream. But "Tom" says he hopes by a strict conformity to the Golden Rule to merit an entrance to that blessed abode, where he hopes to meet all with whom he has had to do on earth, both friends and enemies, *even to the fellow* that was ready to offer $50 for his life a year or so ago.

The Oysterman's Protective Union held another large and more enthusiastic meeting Saturday night, but owing to cramped quarters not more than half of us could get on the inside, but hereafter we will have plenty of room. On the 22nd we will hold our meeting in the hall of the K. P., which the latter have kindly tendered us. We invite every oysterman and his friends to be with us on the 22nd, for things are now getting down to bed rock.

The Union at its last meeting received a communication from Mr. Chas. Nash denying in tota the charges of our chairman, George E. Leary, Esq., in which he charges Mr. Nash, a Legislatureman from the 17th ward of Baltimore city, with wanting to change the present lines of exempted ground so as to give the dredger a large slice of Chester river and Swan point, which is now preserved for the tonger. Mr. Nash's denial comes to us under cover of a sealed envelope. Mr. Leary's charges are made through the public press. Now, if Mr. Nash wishes to vindicate himself before the tongers of Kent, out of whom he says he has made his living for the past 20 years, he will publish his denial, as Mr. Leary did the charge. In his letter he says he never did and never will do any thing which will be in the least detrimental to the interest of the oyster tongers of Kent. Put it in print, Mr. Nash, the oystermen here want to read it.

MRS. J. W. Downey was given a ghost party Wednesday night by the young folks of the town.

The Knights of Pythias held their annual supper Thursday night. Besides the sumptuous supper excellent music was a feature.

A novel entertainment is to be given Saturday night by Burdette Lodge. A prize will be given the prettiest young lady.

By the Insurance Department.

STATEMENT

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE

Kent Co. Mutual Fire Ins. Co.,

KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND,
December 31, 1895.

ASSETS:		
Value of Real Estate owned by the Company, less amount of encumbrance thereon	$13,200 00	
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages	52,450 00	
Stocks and Bonds absolutely owned by the Company (market value)	7,000 00	
Interest due and accrued on Stocks, Bonds and other securities	2,888 75	
Cash in Company's principal office and belonging to the Company deposited in Bank	139 72	
Premium Notes in force.. $153,854 34		
Total Cash Assets		$75,678 47
LIABILITIES:		
Losses reported	$1,890 00	
Losses claimed, but disputed	3,809 25	
Premium Notes in force.. $153,854 34		
Borrowed money	1,500 00	
Total Liabilities		7,199 25
Surplus as regards policyholders		$68,479 22
Total income	$10,363 95	
Total expenditures	9,850 21	
Am't of Policies in force in Maryland on 31st December, 1895	2,160,982 16	
Am't of Policies written in Maryland during the year 1895	120,148 50	
Premiums received on Maryland business in 1895	5,610 46	
Losses paid in Maryland during 1895	3,443 84	
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1895	2,955 84	

STATE OF MARYLAND,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Annapolis, Feb. 14, 1896.

In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Kent County, Maryland, to December 31st, 1895, now on file in this Department.

THOMAS P. TOWNSEND,
Insurance Commissioner.

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Everybody

Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, & Brothers.

WE ARE STOCK TAKING and Our Shelves and Counters are beaming with

BARGAINS!

Every line of Winter Goods we have marked still lower than our last prices. We have a few more BOOTS that we are selling lower.

G B O O R T D S 2 9
GUM BOOTS of the best GRADE $2.39

HIP BOOTS of the best $3.39

We mention again that we sell the best

CATTLE, HORSE & POULTRY POWDERS

8 Packs for 97 cents.

And we sell the BEST GRADES of

BLACK and GREEN TEA. One purchase will convince you.

OUR SCISSORS for 25c. are the BEST.

A WORD to the BOYS.

OUR DOUGLES SHOES for $2 are BEST SHOE MADE. Everybody call and see us.

WESTCOTT & DODD.

By the Insurance Department.

STATEMENT

SHOWING SHE CONDITION OE THE

Kent Co. Mutual Insurance Co.

OF DOVER, DELAWARE,
December 31st, 1895.

ASSETS:		
Value of Real Estate and Ground Rents owned by the company, less am't of encumbrance thereon	$10,869 84	
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages	50,350 00	
Stocks and Bonds absoutely owned by the Company (market value)	10,558 56	
Interest due and accrued on Stocks, Bonds and other secuetles	3,037 09	
Cash in Company's principal office and belonging to the Company deposited in bank	965 87	
Premium Notes in force.. $709,661 00		
Total Cash Assets		$75,781 36
LIABILITIES:		
Premium Notes in force.. $709,661 00		
Borrowed money	$2,000 00	
Total Liabilities		2,000 00
Surplus as regards policyholders		$73,781 36
Total income	$38,422 46	
Total expenditures	27,200 93	
Am't of Policies in force in the United States on Dec. 31st, 1895	7,480,655 00	
Am't of Policies written in Maryland during the year 1895	1,306,377 00	
Premiums received on Maryland business in 1895	6,455 76	
Losses paid in Maryland during 1895	6,418 56	
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1895	6,418 56	

STATE OF MARYLAND,
INSURANCE DEPARMMENT,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Annapolis, Feb. 4th, 1896.

In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby celtify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the KENT COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY of Dover, Del., to December 31st, 1895, now on file in this Department.

THOMAS P. TOWNSEND,
Insurance Commissioner.

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