CHESTERVILLE ITEMS.

The last quarterly conference was held at the M. E. Church South last Saturday and Sunday by the presiding elder, Rev. J. E. Armstrong, of Baltimore, Md. He preached a lengthy and interesting sermon to a large congregation, taking for his text the third verse of the seventy-eighth Psalm. The reverend gentleman is very old, and spoke as it might be his last chance to address his hearers, congratulating them for their good attendance and being able to clear all expenses. He took up the remaining quarterly collection, which was near seventy dollars, and was well pleased both financially and socially, wishing us many bright years to come.

The shoot at Chesterville was remarkably successful and interesting. Crows were used by the marksmen instead of clay pigeons and sparrows, and forty of the big birds were sacrificed on Saturday. Thousands of these birds roost in the branch of Mr. John Comegys, and are captured in a novel manner. The young men, armed with lanterns, invade the roosting grounds and catch the birds without the least trouble.

The fracas at the colored church was a disgrace to our community as well as the county, and it is generally thought to be done by several young white men and boys around the village. It is to be hoped that these disgraceful characters will be found out and punished according to law.

Mrs. Garrett was taken to the University last week to have a painful operation performed. We sincerely hope she will not sink under the operation and will soon be able to come home.

Mr. Samuel Stevens, living near here, is able to be out again, after having a severe spell of pneumonia. Dr. Sheppard attended him.

Mrs. Lockerman, the daughter of Mr. Cole, spoken of in our last letter, is still very ill. The rest of our sick folks are getting better, with no new cases that are worthy of mention.

Several of the ladies shipped poultry this week. Some prefer to sell at home. The prices are very low when you have to sell by the pound.

From the looks of the weather our young men will have to get their sleighs out. The girls all like sleigh riding.

Mr. Cacy, of Millington, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Charles Spry.

We have mentioned the removals before Christmas, but still there are some who had not moved, and we will try and get them all this time. Mr. Faulkner comes from Vansant's corner to the Pennington farm, vacated by Mr. John Wallis, he going to Millington. Chas. Spry comes from Millington to the Armstrong farm, tenanted by Mr. B. Dobson, he moving near the M. E. Church. Cecil Howell goes with Mr. John Anderson, near Sudlersville. John Howell, Jr., goes to Double Creek Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stevens spent last Sunday with friends near your town.

Mr. Goldie Carey looks remarkably well, and we hope he will not get back into the old ruts.

We wish to correct a mistake in regard to Mr. Lusby Loller's affliction. He was afflicted with angina pectris neuralgia, instead of angina pectoral. There is a wide difference between the two words, and the mistake was due to the writer's bad spelling.

WAY DOWN PRICES

—AT—

MILLER BROS.,

Glass ❋ Front ❋ Building

IN ROCK HALL.

WE are running through our Entire Stock of Goods preparatory to taking stock on Feb. 1st, and placing on the table all such goods as

❋ Remnants, Job Lots, &c., ❋

IN FACT EVERYTHING that is not strictly first-class and staple.

To all such as this we especially invite your attention, as it is going to be sold if LOW PRICES WILL SELL IT. Also, if we have any TOYS or XMAS GOODS on hand that you want you can have them at an EXTREMELY LOW PRICE. We invite the public to investigate

Our 5 cent, 10 cent and 25 cent Tables

These tables are laden with goods, some of which are worth double the amount asked for them and we think profitable for you to look through. At least to us, as you will buy if you look. Soliciting a call from every one, we remain

Yours, respectfully,

MILLER BROTHERS,

ROCK HALL, MARYLAND.

LOOK OUT FOR

B. S. SUTTON.

He is selling off his Winter Stock of Goods to make room for Spring Goods, which will be sold **20 to 30** per cent. Less Than Ever Before.

Shoes! Boots! Shoes!

$1.60	Shoes for	$1.39	for Ladies	2.00	Shoes for	$1.77	for Men.
1.50	"	1.23	"	1.50	"	1.23	"
1.25	"	99	"	1.10	"	99	"
1.00	"	81	"	2.60	Boots for	$2.19.	
85	"	76	"	2.00	"	1.69.	
3.00	"	2.39	for Men.	1.50	"	1.19.	
2.50	"	2.13	"	1.25	"	99.	
2.25	"	1.98	"				

All kinds of Children's Shoes to be sold at same rates.

Men's Best 50 cent	Undershirts	39	cents.
" 25 "	"	19	"
" 50 "	Drawers	39	"
" 40 "	"	31	"
" 35 "	"	29	"
Ladies' Best 50 cent	Undershirts	39	cents.
" 50 "	Pants	39	"
" 25 "	Uudershirt	19	"
" 25 "	Pants	19	"

GLOVES, all reduced at same rate of other things.

Coffee from.....14½ to 16½c. Ginger Snaps, best.....4½c.
Sugar, very best.....4½c. Soda Crackers, best.....8½c.
2 Bars Best Washing Soap..4½c.

and in fact everything at Botton Prices. Friends, call soon or you will be left.

SPECIAL :— On Saturdays, for the next three weeks, to any one buying $1 worth of goods I will sell

All for 37 cts.

1 Pound Coffee. 1 Pound Sugar.
1 Can Tomatoes. 1 Can Corn.
1 Good Broom. 2 Bars Soap.
1 Dozen Good Apples.

B. S. SUTTON,

BLACKS, MARYLAND.

STOP AND CONSIDER!

We give unusual space to the following article because of the importance of the subject. It is written by F. M. Cox, Esq., one of the clearest heads and able Democratic writers of Maryland. He is here considering an article from a contemporary which delights most in "opposing Gorman," and which article, after its querying "will he get out of the way?" closes as follows:

"The antis seem to be pretty well convinced that they can't win without Gorman, but two drubbings appear to have failed to convince Gorman that he can't win without the antis."

Mr. Cox proceeds to say:

Now in all seriousness we ask the author of this article and all who may have read it or attached any importance to it, if it does not in its flippancy and its inconsistency exhibit too plainly the very "child's play" which it says should be avoided as a condition of possible success. Does it deal "deftly" with the delicate situation within the party which it refers to? Deftly, when it was considered an English word, meant neatly, dexterously. The article is frank enough to say that the "antis" with whom we presume the *Crescent* means to align itself, are "convinced that they cannot win without Gorman." What then is the excuse for renewing at this untimely stage that course of offensive personal attack upon Mr. Gorman which in the campaign of 1895 proved so disastrous?

Mr. Gorman is universally conceded to be one of the ablest political organizers in the United States. As a partisan general of rare skill he enjoys a national reputation and as such he has and will always have the confidence, admiration and warm friendship of a very large preponderance of Maryland Democrats. Few public men in the country have a personal and political following so devoted and strong as Mr. Gorman. That is all conceded, and, therefore, every sensible Democrat in the State concurs fully in what is in the above extract truthfully though illogically, stated that "we cannot win without Gorman." Under these circumstances the worst possible calamity that could befall the Maryland Democracy—the one fact which would make the campaign in the State thenceforth an absolutely forlorn hope—would be the announcement of Mr. Gorman's withdrawal from all further participation in State politics.

We deny that there has been any demonstration in the last two campaigns that the people—we mean the Democratic people—of the state are "tired" of Mr. Gorman." On the other hand just the contrary has been demonstrated. When personal hostility to Mr. Gorman was made the issue in the primaries of 1895, the convention declared against that kind of warfare by an overwhelming majority. In the campaign that followed Mr. Gorman on the stump was received in every section of the State by overflowing audiences and unbounded enthusiasm, and when the votes were counted it was found that Mr. Hurst for Governor had in all the counties outside of Baltimore city received a larger aggregate vote than did Grover Cleveland for President in 1892, which was at that time the largest Democratic vote ever given in the State. Thus while Mr. Gorman was not in any sense an issue in that campaign, the result was such as to give no color at all to the claim of a diminution of his popularity among the Democrats of Maryland.

It was only through certain influences in Baltimore city that made open alliance with the Republicans and thereby encouraged them to pad the registration lists and to vote the full 50,000 negro voters of the State, supplemented by all the available "floaters," that the State was turned over to the Republicans. While these hostile influences made their alleged hostility to Mr. Gorman the excuse for their treacherous actions, the fact that in the campaign of 1896, when it was not even claimed that Mr. Gorman was a factor, they continued their alliance with the Republicans and helped to make Mr. McKinley President, is proof conclusive that it was *the interest of the corporations and the mugwumpian city press, rather than their animosities that was the controlling motive of their action.*

The fact that these undemocratic influences, as well as the (un)Democratic Administration at Washington by whom they have been supported in their treachery, have been roundly and we might say ably denounced by our valiant young contemporary at La Platt, render this untimely revival of their personal assaults upon Mr. Gorman, at a time when they themselves appear to realize that it is no longer in their power to sow discord among Democrats, difficult to understand upon any rational principle.

In the campaign of this year it is not probable that the interests of the recalcitrant element in Baltimore will prompt them to a further perseverance in their new found alliance. The record of the State Republicans during their brief lease of power has been especially bad. It has been concealed and overlooked by the mugwumpian press of Baltimore out of very shame and chagrin. But when the searchlight is thrown upon it in the coming campaign, Democrats will find that they have enough to do in keeping their guns concentrated on the common enemy, and they will have a good prospect of victory, unless they foolishly throw it away by internal dissensions among themselves.

One fact ought to be now apparent to every Democrat of party experiences. The approaching campaign cannot be made the arena of any further factional battles, either for or against Mr. Gorman without inviting and assuring certain disaster. Had the opposition to the Senator's re-election contented itself to abide until now in the demonstration of its hostility, the Democratic party, as the dominant party of the State could well have endured the faction fight therein involved. This was the course that was urged upon that element in the campaign of 1895 by all regular Democrats, including Mr. Gorman himself, and this is the course they would undoubtedly have pursued had hostility to Mr. Gorman been their real and chief motive. It would undoubtedly have resulted, just as it did result, in the overwhelming endorsement of Mr. Gorman by the party councils. But, however that might have been, by the premature explosion of their pretended wrath they have incapacitated themselves from a further fulmination at this time, in two ways: First, by having put the Democratic party in the minority; and, second, by having themselves gone body and breeches into the Republican camp.

The Democratic party is now the minority party by an adverse plurality of 35,000. It is folly too ridiculous to escape the censure of all sensible party men for a party so largely in the minority to further distract its councils and impair its strength by internal contentions over honors that it may be powerless to bestow.

It might or might not be a magnanimous thing for Mr. Gorman, while announcing his purpose to give the party-organization for the campaign the force and confidence of his skill and guidance to decline in advance a re-election to the Senate. In the judgment of many of his most influential friends this course is not now open to him, in the face of the vicious personal attacks that have been made upon him, and in the opinion of many others the distinguished career of Mr. Gorman in the Senate, which has the cordial approval of an overwhelming majority of Maryland Democrats, should not be cut short at the dictation of a vindictive and desperate minority, now in full affiliation with the Republican party; and the announcement of any such surrender would in their opinion be a weakening rather than a strengthening influence in the campaign.

We have no authority at all to speak for Mr. Gorman and no special information in the matter, but we do not believe that any further personal communication will be forthcoming from him.

The only sensible and manly thing for Democrats to do in the present situation is to get together in every county and, without any factional contention, put up their very best and most available men for the Legislature—the men who can command the votes of all Democrats—regardless of preference for Senator. Then elect such a Legislature, if they can, and leave to them the choice of a Senator.

Salary Too Small.—Owing to the decrease in the salary of Still Pond public school from $500 to $400 Mr. Peterson, the new appointee, refuses to accept same and Prof. Watts, of the Melitota school, has been named as Prof. Starkey's successor.

MILLINGTON NEWS.

The young gentlemen of Millington gave a most enjoyable dance at McWhorter's hall last Friday evening. The hall was very tastefully dressed in evergreen and bunting by the young ladies, and was a perfect bower of light and beauty. To the sweet strains of the harp and violin we tripped the light fantastic until the wee small hours of the morning. Among the dancers we noticed from Georgetown Miss Addie Woodall, Andrew Wilson; Galena, the Misses Celia and Jennie McCauley, Mr. B. Ireland, U. Horsey, Clifton Hurtt, Mr. and Mrs. D. McCauley; Middletown, Misses Sallie Cochran, Buelah Crawford, Messrs. Eben Clark, Douglass Cochran; Sassafras, Charles Crawford; Chestertown, Misses Annie Brice, Grace Greenwood, Claudia Thompson, Messrs. Greenwood, Jas. Lucas, Howard Fowler; Masseys, Misses M. Bramble, M. Hurlock, Wallis, Messrs. B. Cochran, W. Cochran, F. Gilpin, John Rowan; Earlville, Miss Ford, Mr. Ford; Sudlersville, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hill, Misses M. Sparks, Emma Gillispie, Messrs. Wm. Hill, J. Sudler, Ed. Gillispie; Church Hill, Mr. S. Finley, Mr. Green, Miss McCollister, Messrs. Edw. Valiant, W. Briarly, B. Dudley; Kennedyville, Mr. and Mrs. Crow; Worton, Misses F. Gale, A. Cooper; Dover, Miss Collison; Centreville, Mr. Embert Clements; Kenton, Miss B. Bailey, Mr. Moore; Chesterville, Mr. and Mrs. John Comegys, E. Jarman and sister; Millington, Mr. and Mrs. W. Comegys, Dr. and Mrs. Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Comegys, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Power, Mrs. Ed. Hurlock, Mrs. Mollie Cacy, Mrs. Henry Spear, Mrs. Dr. Jeters, Misses Evelyn Cochran, Eva Comegys, Etta Massey, Nan Comegys, Mary Hazell, Rose Comegys, Carrie Benson, Fannie Hurtt, Maud Scotten, Marie and Lillie Cacy, Julia Cacy, Helen Rasin, Vic Power, Messrs. Wm. Stevens, Clarence Comegys, James Vansant, Harry Hendrickson, J. Scotten, Carroll Clark, Fred. Stevens, H. Tolson, Irving Hurlock, Finley Collins, D. Feddeman, P. Comegys, Harry Spear, G. Vansant.

The Millington auxilliary of the Baltimore branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Annie Newman, the president, near town. It was opened by singing, followed by prayer for the New-Year and reading of the scriptures by Mrs. Newman. A select reading was given by Mrs. T. J. F. Smith. Music was rendered by Mrs. M. E. B. Mallalieu, Mrs. Tonkin, Mrs. T. C. Smoot and Miss Lou Moffett. Mrs. Newman then invited her guests into the dining room, where an excellent supper awaited them. All expressed themselves as having had a very pleasant time. The next meeting will be held at Miss Lou Moffett's the second Saturday in February. The names of the officers for the present year are as follows: President, Mrs. Annie Newman; first vice-president, Mrs. M. E. Blackiston; second, Mrs. T. J. F. Smith; third, Mrs. F. C. Numbers; treasurer, Mrs. M. E. B. Mallalieu; secretary, Mrs. Henry Tonkin; corresponding secretary, Miss Lou Moffett.

Dr. W. H. Jacobs has moved into his handsome new home alongside the M. E. Church; Mr. S. L. Pratt has moved from Miss Vic Powers' house to the residence formerly occupied by Mr. S. Mallalieu having moved to the Brick Hotel; Dr. N. Comegys takes the house vacated by Mr. Pratt; Mr. R. W. Comegys has bought and moved to the property on Cypress street, owned by Miss Ellen Massey, and tenanted by Mr. H. Spear; Mr. Spear goes to the "Mansion House," that was formerly the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mallalieu, at the "Unicorn Mills."

A RED LETTER

AND I SAY

LETTER B RED BY ALL!

JUST A WORD:—Last week we sent you a dodger similar to this one, and you called and got everything we advertised. We advertise only what we HAVE GOT, and sell at just what we advertise; just read down this list and MAKE OUT what you WANT, come and CALL FOR IT. You will get it sure.

1 cent wil buy a Pen and Pen Holder.....1 cent.
1 cent will buy a Paper of Pins.....1 cent.
1 cent will buy 1 Box of Tacks.....1 cent.
1 cent will buy 1 Cherry Cigarette Smoker.....1 cent.
1 cent will buy 1 Cigar Smoker.....1 cent.
1 cent will buy 1 Cake of Toilet Soap.....1 cent.

Did You Read Smith's Last Ad. in Kent News?

2 cents will buy 1 Cake Buttermilk Soap.....2 cents.
2 cents will buy 1 Box Diamond Dust Washing Powder.....2 cents.
2 cents will buy Half a Dozen Slate Pencils.....2 cents.

He's Got Lots of These Bargains Left, Go See Him!

4 cents will buy a Bottle of Yeast Powder.....4 cents.
and let me say I find it as popular as higher priced powders.
4 cents will buy 4 Papers Sharps' Needles and 7 Darners.....4 cents.

4½c. Buys American Granulated Sugar 4½c.

IN ANY QUANTITY.

5 cents will buy 1 Box Writing Paper.....5 cents.
5 cents will buy 1 Pound of Beef Tripe.....5 cents.
5 cents will buy 2 Pigs Feet.....5 cents.
5 cents will buy 3 Small Herring.....5 cents.
5 cents will buy 2 Fat Mackerel.....5 cents.
5 cents will buy a Small Size Lamp Burner.....5 cents.

7c. Buys 1 lb. Country Lard, 3 for 20c., 1 lb. 7c.

9 cents will buy 1 Pound of Fruit Crackers.....9 cents.
9 cents will buy 2 Pounds Lard, Compound.....9 cents.
9 cents will buy 1 Can Heinz's Baked Beans.....9 cents.
9 cents will buy 2 Bars Octagon Soap.....9 cents.
NINE CENTS WILL BUY TWO LBS. GRANULATED SUGAR.
9 cents will buy 1 Pound Mixed Nuts, this week only.....9 cents.

Now, What Do You Think of De Next Move?

10 cents will buy a Solid Zinc Washboard.....10 cents.
10 cents will buy 1 Dox. Lead Pencils, and 1 Bottle Blue.....10 cents.
10 cents will buy 1 Pound Nicnacs and 1 Pound Ginger Snaps 10 cents.

Better Times Are Coming, Hear Them!

11 cents will buy 1 Pound Country Lard, and 1 Box Pearline 11 cents.
11 cents will buy 1 Quart Lima Beans and 1 Bottle Ink.....11 cents.
11 is an unlucky number, so I'll skip to 13.
13 cents will buy 1 Pound BAKER'S COCOA.....13 cents.
13 cents will buy 2 Pounds Lard at Smith's Cash Store.....13 cents.
16 cents will buy 1 Pound ENTERPRISE COFFEE,.....16 cents.
16 cents will buy 1 Gallon Hominy and 1 Sack Salt.....16 cents.
16 cents will buy 1 TARBELL CHEESE.....16 cents.

BANANAS TODAY, 10c. DOZ.

A little off the track, but now back again. Here goes
19 cents will buy a White Cedar Bucket, 3 Brass Hoops.....19 cents.
19 cts. will buy Bag Flour, Bottle Blue and 2 Boxes Yeast Powder 19c.

23c. buy 1 Pound of Creamery Butter, 23c.

24 cts. by Zinc Washboard, 3 Bottles Blue and 3 Bars Our Soap 24 cents.
24 cents buys ½ lb. Mixed Tea and a Gold Band Cup & Saucer 24 cents.

I Have Been to Baltimore This Week. Did I Get Any Snaps! Well, I Will Tell You Later.

25 cents will buy 2 lbs. Granulated Sugar and 1 lb. Coffee.....25 cents.
25 cents will buy 1 Basket of Apples and 1 Cigar.....25 cents.
25 cents will buy 11 Pounds Best Buckwheat.....25 cents.

WHO SAYS ALL THIS? WHY, OF COURSE,

Chestertown's Only Cash Merchant,

CHARLES S. SMITH.

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