Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - JAN. 30, 1897.

FAMILIAR FACES.

Mr. J. F. Leary, the popular druggist near Rock Hall, has been quite sick with pneumonia for ten days past. Ex-County Commissioner Horace Willson also has a five-year old child ill with the same disease.

Col. E. P. Stacey, superintendent of the Balt. & Del. B. R. R., has been appointed on the staff of Gov. Tunnell in Delaware, as one of the colonels. This is a well-deserved compliment. Dr. Gilpin, of Middletown, brother of Dr. C. P. Gilpin of Chestertown, is also on tho staff.

Miss Mae Hill, of Chestertown, and one of the efficient corps of nurses at the Sheppard Asylum, directed a successful entertainment near Govanstown last Saturday night. Miss Hill played the leading role in the "Sweet Family" with credit to herself.

Mrs. Corine Dugan, of Delaware, has been the guest of Mrs. Jonn F. Howard during last week. She still retains her handsome appearance.

Miss Gertie Copper is visiting friends and relatives in Wilmington and elsewhere.

Mr. Jefferson Lecates has removed to Wilmington, his brother James taking the farm vacated by him.

Messrs. Hope H. Barroll and Richard D. Hynson drove to Centreville Tuesday on business. They had a cold ride.

Miss Mary Boggs, of Crumpton, has been the guest of Mr. Abel Numbers, near Clayton.

Miss Bessie Poe Gilpin gave a few of her friends in Chestertown a "Musicale Party" at Stam's Hall last Tuesday evening. The ladies enjoyed a charming evening.

Miss Susie Subers has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Woolford, in Clayton.

Miss Fannie Baker is visiting her uncle near Church Hill.

Mr. Woolford Rolph, son of Mr. Jas. Rolph, formerly of Chestertown, now of Baltimore, has become prominent in sporting circles. His picture appeared in the *Herald* Tuesday and he was represented to be one of the fastest skaters in the city.

Dr. W. F. Hines has been confined to the house several days this week with sciatica, and has been compelled to walk on crutches.

State's Attorney Urie is very much improved and expects to be at his office today.

Mrs. Gill, wife of Rev. J. M. Gill, still continues very ill.

State's Attorney J. D. Urie has withdrawn his suit against the *Transcript*.

Master Wethered Barroll is the proud owner of a soldier suit, gun and fword, and is envied by all the small boys in town. He remarked very seriously to us this week that he expected to wait until 1900 before going to Cuba, for then he would have a flying machine to take him.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hessey, of Hanesville, attended the fifteenth anniversary of his brother's marriage, in Cecil county, last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jones, of Cecilton, were also present.

Mr. Walter Morris and wife attended the thirtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walraven, at their home near Tilghman's Station, Queen Anne's county.

United States Senator Chas. H. Gibson has been unanimously re-elected president of the Virginia, Fredericksburg and Western Railroad Company.

Col. Wm. J. Vannort entertained the board of county commissioners and the clerk at a 4 o'clock dinner, at his home on Water street Thursday. It was a very enjoyable affair, and the spread characteristic of the hospitable host and his estimable wife.

THE STUDENTS COMBINE.

Maryland Intercollegiate Athletic Association Formed.

At a meeting of delegates from the leading colleges of Maryland held Saturday afternoon at the Johns Hopkins chemical laboratory the "Maryland Intercollegiate Athletic Association" was formerly launched upon its career.

The delegates present at the meeting were as follows: Prof. James Cain and Mr. W. D. Smith, of St. John's College; Prof. Howard Strickler and Mr. Grenville Lewis, Jr., of the Maryland Agricultural College; Prof. Rowland Watts and Mr. H. H. Murphy, of Western Maryland College; Prof. Ely and Mr. Whitlock, of Gallaudet College; Prof. Edward Renouf and Mr. Henry M. Wilson, of Johns Hopkins University. The professor in each case represented the faculty and the other delegates the student body of the college.

The indoor athletic exhibition to be given by Johns Hopkins and the Fifth Maryland Regiment on March 20 will have entries from all the colleges represented at the meeting.

Mrs. Jane Shreitz.

Mrs. Jane Shreitz, after a long illness, died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. John H. Clendaniel, near Kennedyville, Tuesday morning, aged 70 years. The remains were interred Thursday in Middletown cemetery.

IN THE CHURCHES.

A great revival of religion is now in progress at the Millington M. E. Church. Up to Wednesnay night there had been twenty conversions; there were nine young men at the altar as penitents, and eleven others in the congregation who asked the prayers of Christian people, while many others are very serious. Rev. T. C. Smoot is pastor of this charge.

Very Rev. Felix Hintimeyer, of North Carolina, has been appointed Bishop of Wilmington Diocese, to succeed Bishop Curtis. The new bishop-elect is a Prior of the Benedictine Order, is about thirty-four years old, and was born in Bavaria. The Diocese of Wilmington was established in 1868, and comprises the State of Delaware and the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia. It has a Catholic population estimated at 20,000, 37 churches, 12 stations, 5 chapels, 29 priests: 24 theological students, 2 academies, 9 parochial schools and 3 orphan asylums. It has had but two bishops—Bishop Becker, who was consecrated in 1868 and transferred to Savannah in 1886, and Bishop Curtis, who has since served as its head.

The *Sun* of Tuesday contained the following news from its Chestertown correspondent:

Bishop Curtis of Wilmington, has appointed Father McSweeney, of Chestertown, Md., to be assistant priest at St. Anne's Church, Wilmington, Del., taking the place of the late Father Crowley, who died last week. Father Hughes has been assigned to the Chestertown church.

Father McSweeney was seen by a NEWS reporter and stated that the above was incor rect; that he had no desire to leave the work here and that he was very much interested in his people.

The Coming Conference.

Rev. W. P. Compton commenced his canvas of the town last Friday to ascertain who would entertain ministers at the coming session of conference. He met with encouragement all along his route and has no doubt but what the two hundred members of the conference will be royally entertained. The people of Chestertown understand as well as any other large town how to please the stranger and do it.

Rev. John M. Walden will preside at the conference. In 1869 this conference was first organized, and at that time the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church was 19,688. At the last session of the conference, held at Dover, the membership had increased to 36,576. When the conference was organized there were only 86 ministers. In 1896 there were 175 ministers. The value of the church property in 1869 was $1,026,150. From the report at the last conference the number of churches has increased, and now the church property in this conference is valued at $1,852,500. The ministerial support in 1869 was $60,474. In 1896 it has increased to $172,354.

During the past year there were two deaths in the conference, they being James Connor and Merritt Hubbard. At the coming conference there will be two changes in the presiding eldership. Those retiring are Rev. W. F. Corkran, of the Salisbury District, and Rev. Alfred Smith of the Easton district. Those mentioned as their successors are Adam Stengle for the Easton district, and C. T. Baker for the Salisbury district. At this conference the time of the following preachers will expire: Revs. C. A. Grice, J. A. Arters, S. M. Morgan and F. B. Short.

Last year Rev. S. M. Pitcherd, of Scott's Church, Wilmington, was made chaplain of the United States Army and stationed at Arizona. He was succeeded by Rev. M. D. Hutton, of Wisconsin, Henry Baker, D. D., of St. Paul's Church Newark, N. J., has accepted a call to become pastor of Grace Church, Wilmington, Del. There are likely to be several changes in the churches. The time of Rev. H. G. Budd, of Perryville, will expire, and he is likely to be succeeded by Rev. F. B. Short, of Wilmington, Rev. A. P. Prettyman, of Zion, Md., will, in all probability, vacate his charge, as also will Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield, of Chesapeake City. W. A. Wise will remain at North East, and Rev. W. G. Koons at Rising Sun. Rev. B. F. Price, after a pastorate extending over 60 years, was retired at his own request at the last session of conference and is located in Elkton, whence he started out to preach in 1836, his first charge being at Denton. Henry Baker, D. D., of St. Paul's, Newark, N. J., has accepted a call to become pastor of Grace church, Wilmington. The following pastors have been invited by their congregations to remain with J. D. Duhadaway, Cambridge; G. W. Burke, St. Michaels; T. E. Terry, Harrington; R. K. Stevenson, Seaford; A. Stengle, Smyrna; C. F. Sheppard, Marydel; J. P. Otis, Crisfield; John France, W. L. S. Murray, Wilmington; I. L. Wood, Middletown; T. C. Smoot, Millington; W. D. Mowbray, Smyrna; E. C. MacNichol, Pocomoke City; E. H. Nelson, Still Pond; J. B. Merritt, Fairlee; Frank Fletcher, Galena; V. S. Collins, New Castle, etc.

Miss Anna Stewart addressed a fair audience Sunday morning in St. James M. P. church. Her address was quite interesting and thoroughly enjoyed.

Because of the illness of Mrs. J. M. Gill no preaching was held in Christ church on Sunday.

DEATHS OF A WEEK!

Anna Bacon Rasin.

The "Green Point" home has been sadly afflicted. The dear little daughter, ANNA, has gone to live with the angels! None but those who have suffered like affliction can fully understand its depth of sorrow. The bereaved parents and family have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Henrietta Bramble.

Died on Jan. 22nd, 1897, at the home of Mr. C. C. Willis near Tolchester, Mrs. Henrietta Bramble, widow of the late John Bramble in her 76th year. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday by Rev. Dr. Merritt. Interment at Chester Cemetery. The pall bearers were six of her grand-sons, Samuel, Thomas, Harry, Ivenho, Arnold and James Willis. Undertaker John N. Dodd had charge of the funeral. The deceased leaves five children, James Bramble, Henry C. Bramble, Mary A. Bramble, Mrs. C. C. Willis and Mrs. Wm. J. Sappington. She also leaves 23 grand-children and 12 great grand-children; her children, grand-children and great grand-children number 40.

The decease was a resident of Chestertown for twenty years after the death of her husband and up to 1892, when she went to live with her son, Mr. Jas. Bramble, with whom she has since resided. She had gone to Mr. Willis' on a visit a few days before her death, and took cold, which developed into fatal illness. Mrs. Bramble was a tender, loving mother, large hearted and true in all the relations of life, and all who knew her will lament her death, though to her it is but the exchange of a world of sorrow for the bliss of Heaven.

Mrs. Sarah J. P. Bates.

Mrs. Sarah J. P. Bates, widow of the late Rev. Daniel W. Bates, died Tuesday morning, at the home of her son, Dr. J. W. P. Bates, No. 1020 Ea-t Baltimore street, Baltimore of old age. Despite her age, she was very active and only about four weeks ago took to her bed. Mrs Bates was in the eighty-sixth year of her age. She was born in Kent county, Md., but lived in Baltimore the greater part of her life. Her husband, Rev. Daniel W. Bates, who died about a year ago, was president for several years of the Maryland Methodist Protestant conference. Mrs. Bates had always been active in church work, and at the time of her death was an active worker in the congregation of Washington Street Station Methodist Protestant Church. One son, Dr. J. W. P. Bates, survives. The deceased lady will be remembered by many of our readers, as the occupant for so many years, with her husband, of the home near Wesley Chapel, in this county. She was a noble Christian woman.

Mrs. Hurlock.

Jan. 24 Mrs. Jonathan J. Hurlock died at her home, in Snow Hill, of apoplexy. She was as well as usual Friday morning and had planned a trip to a neighboring town to spend the day with some friends and was buying a ticket at the station to take the next train when she was taken ill. Other passengers in the waiting-room assisted her to a bench and from there she was taken to her home. She was unconscious nearly all the afternoon and up to the time of her death, near midnight. She was a native of this county, where her relatives now reside. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. J. Morgan, pastor of All-Hallows' Protestant Episcopal parish.

J. Chew Paca.

J. Chew Paca, brother of Mrs. Joseph Rasin, Lankford, died at his home near Centreville, Monday, aged 56 years. He was a son of Col. Wm. B. Paca, who was a grandson of ex-Governer William Paca, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence for Maryland. The death of Chew Paca recalls one of the strangest and most unfortunate family histories of modern times. His father, Col. William B. Paca, was a man of fine education, great family pride and considerable wealth, owning nearly all of the beautiful and fertile Wye, or Paca's Island, in the Wye River, Queen Anne's county. One of William B. Paca's brothers died suddenly and another committed suicide. In 1854 the whole state was startled and shocked by a tragedy on Wye Island. A farm owned by the widow of Colonel Paca's brother was in his charge as trustee. There was a dispute over the location of a garden, and the widow's son and a man named Jones one morning proceeded to locate it where they wished. While they were thus engaged Colonel Paca came up with his two idiot sons, T. Chew and William. The latter had their guns with them, and shot their cousin and young Jones dead. The boys and their father were arrested, the latter charged with prompting his idiot sons to do the killing. At the trial, which was removed to Talbot county, the boys were declared of unsound mind by a jury, and were released. After a long and exciting trial, in which State Tax Commisioner Thomas J. Keating, then a young man, was one of the counsel for the defense, Colonel Paca was acquitted. A few years later he died. His oldest son, John P. Paca, committed suicide on his father's grave in the sight of his young wife. William, one of the young men engaged in the killing, attempted to drown a dog in Wye River, and fell in himself and was drowned. His mother soon after that was sent to an institution near Baltimore for treatment, but never recovered. Other members of the family met with misfortune. Chew Paca divided his time between Baltimore and Centreville. He was always considered harmless. Several times he attempted to have the court declare him of sound mind, so that he might assume control of his property, but failed. His property will be inherited by his sister, Mrs. Rasin, of Kent county.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Bicyclists Present a Creditable Musicale in Stam's Hall.

The reputation heretofore earned by the Chestertown Cycle Club was fully sustained at the musicale presented in Stam's Hall Tuesday night by club members assisted by lady friends. The decorations were wheels, the songs were about wheeling, and the whole affair went along as successfully as a cyclist coasts down grade. The program opened with a happy wheeling chorus written specially by a clubman for the C. C. C., and sung by Misses Anna G. Lambert, Clara Usilton, Annie Russell, Sue Lambert, Marian Lusby, Hettie Greenwood, Messrs. W. W. Chapman, Fred. G. Usilton, James Parrott, A. M. Culp, Edw. Lambert, Dr. H. L. Dodd, with Miss Rose Frazier as piano accompanist. Then came a pleasing waltz medley and song by the "The Pick-Ups"—Messrs. F. G. Usilton, mandolin; Warren Hurlock, violin; D. B. Ford, autoharp; T. W. Perkins, guitar; Miss Clara Usilton, piano. In the scene from life, "The Artist and His Model," Miss Grace Whaland and Henry W. Catlin, Esq., were perfect. The acting of Miss Whaland was graceful, natural and of a professional character, while Mr. Catlin in his role as artist, was handsome in appearance, losing himself in the character he represented and being entranced by the bewitching charms of his fair and beautiful model. Mr. A. M. Culp sustained his reputation in his cornet solo "National Airs," with piano accompaniment by Miss Susie Culp.

Miss Anna G. Lambert rendered the beautiful solo "Story Ever Sweet" in a most delightful manner as did Mr. T. W. Perkins his solo, "Sleep on and Rest." The selections were well suited for the voices and the singers found appreciative listeners. Miss Rose Frazier evidenced her superior ability as a pianist in her skillful solos. The "Music of the Bike" was rendered by a chorus of ladies comprising Misses Marian Lusby, Sue Lambert, Annie Russell, Clara Usilton and Hettie Greenwood, each of whom was attired in a jaunty cycling costume and held her wheel ready for a pleasant chat. This selection was a beauty and was sung with special sweetness the chorus being accompanied by the ring of the bicycle bells.

Mr. Wm. F. Russell has a very wide reputation as a stump speaker, and on this occasion surpassed any of his previous efforts, provoking his audience to continued laughter. His subject was "Biles, Karbunckles and Pimgimmies" and he claimed to speak of his personal experience. His attire was appropriate, elaborate and striking and as a stump speaker he stands alone the peer of his fellows. Mr. Warren Hurlock followed with a sweet violin solo "Ben Bolt" with piano accompaniment by Miss Usilton. The C. C. C. quartette, Messrs. Culp, Lambert, Usilton and Chapman, made favorable impression with their local song written specially for the occasion which made several hits on their fellow members.

Mr. David B. Ford is well-known as one of the best riders in the club and on the occasion gave a skillful exhibition in trick riding on a stage about 15x25 feet. He rode his "white flyer" backwards, made sill mounts, turned front wheel around, turned bicycle around within its length, brought the wheel to a stand still, rode without handle bars or saddle with little Sam Jones, a perfect imitation of a baboon, perched upon his back. Sam was a living curiosity and created considerab'e laughter. The "Living Pictures" were well impersonated by Messrs. James Shuster and H. Stockton Startt, the first being the new woman mounted on a wheel dressed in imitation of "Beckie" while the coming man held the baby and quarreled with the wife for leaving him home to care for the house. The next was a *sweater*—a colored man at work sawing wood; a loafing race without a pace-maker was represented by two darkies, smoking cigars and perched upon boxes. The lovely duet, "Oh, that we two were Maying," was beautifully sung by Miss Anna G. Lambert and Dr. H. L. Dodd. The entertainment closed with a beautiful and grand chorus, "Blow, Gentle Breeze," by the whole company, Miss Rose Frazier accomponist, A. M. Culp director. About $18 was cleared.

The entertainment given at Zion M. E. Church, Morgnec, last Friday, was a grand success. The music by Prof. Pierson, Messrs. McKnett Bros., Hepbron and Gurney was very fine. The characters were exceptionally well taken by the following persons: Hope C. Copper, F. C. Robinson, J. Frank Harris, Edw. Stauffer, Misses Caddie Nickerson, Ella Melvin, Mattie Stauffer, Lizzie Powell, Mrs. Kate Webb.

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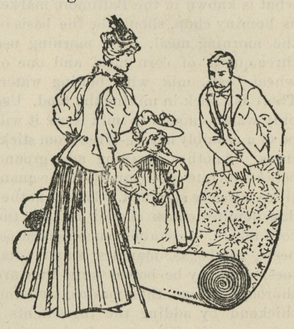

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Long Cloth "chamois finish"—which simply means "soft"—36 in. wide; 12 yards for $1.50.
Victoria Lawn, 40 in., 12½c.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

Joint Board Voting.

The Centreville *Observer*, commenting upon the action of the Kent county board of commissioners relative to voting in the meetings of the joint board of the two counties, says:

"This per capita voting in short would be the deliberate surrendering into the hands of Kent county the power to dominate and mould all action bearing upon joint business arising between the two counties. Such a condition is palpably unfair. In fact it is clearly wrong. There should be no affirmative action taken on joint business unless it is sanctioned by a majority, not of the aggregate number of both boards, but by a majority of *each* board respectively. Every measure should be approved by at least two members of the Queen Anne's board and three members of the Kent board before it becomes operative.

"Perhaps it will amaze our readers to learn that it has been but very recently that the propriety of the above claim has been recognized. And, be it said to the credit to the Kent county board, the proposition for this equalization of power has come from it. Heretofore, Kent has been able to rule the joint meetings because of her power in numbers. It is now agreed that each board shall act as such. A majority of each in consequence will be required to pass an order."

In its last issue the *Observer* explains that since writing the above its information puts the matter in an entirely different light. It says:

"After all, our board is the one which holds the handle-end of the whip. The truth of the matter is, there is a grain of politics evident which is nettling the soul of the Republican members of the Kent board. As matters are now conducted the Republican majority of the Kent board is held subservient to the combined votes of the Democrats of our board assisted by the minority Democrats of the Kent board. Let us now explain.

"Kent has five commissioners, and is allowed one vote for each man. Queen Anne's has three commissioners, but, in order to place her voting capacity on an equality with Kent, each of our commissioners is entitled to one and ⅔ votes. Thus our three commissioners when voting in concert, cast a solid ballot of five votes.

"Kent's board is composed of three Republicans and two Democrats. Queen Anne's board is composed of three Democrats. Thus it becomes instantly apparent why the three Republicans of the Kent board are anxious for a change in the voting rules."

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