COUNTY NEWS.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

While our efficient postmaster was attending to his official duties and his estimable wife was out calling, their children and grandchildren took possession of their house, and when Mrs. D. arrived and unlocked her front door great was her surprise to find her home so completely at the mercy of children and friends. Refreshments and fruits were served. Among those present were: Wm. P. Durding and family, James M. Durding and family, Mrs. S. Burgess and family, Lee A. Durding and family, T. B. Durding and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. Casey, John Casey and family, Mrs. Nich. Ayres, Grandmother Casey, Mrs. Tom Rich and family, Mrs. Tom Casey, Mrs. Leaverton, Misses Oneita and Beatrice Maslin, Mrs. James Casey and granddaughter. After engaging in pleasant games and social intercourse, the company dispersed about eleven o'clock, wishing their host and hostess many happy surprises.

The Postoffice Department has made arrangements with the Rock Hall postmaster to have the Overton mail carried from Rock Hall to Overton, while the boats are unable to carry same.

Mrs. F. C. Wilkins, who went to the hospital on last Friday, is improving and the doctor thinks no operation will will be necessary.

Rev. Mr. Carroll's wife is very sick with pneumonia.

Capt. Charles Davis came home on last Saturday helpless with the rheumatism, but is better just now.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fawcett, on the Dr. Selby place, were given a complete surprise. The Rock Hall string band furnished music for dancing, and a good time was enjoyed.

Rock Hall will not receive any mail this week from Baltimore by way of the boat. The steamers are not running on regular time.

A tug boat came over on last Friday for a chance to tow some boat to Baltimore, and carried the bugeye "Dan," Capt. F. Satterfield, with oysters.

The infant babe of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kendall died last Friday, and was buried at Wesley Chapel cemetery.

Our drift-net fishermen struck luck last Friday. Some caught five or six hundred pan rock! They all went the same day to the Baltimore market. Capt. Henry Urie, John W. Boyer, Kendall Uric and others were among the lucky ones.

Capt. J. E. Middleton has supplied the oyster grounds of Messrs. Geo. E. Leary & Son, in Grey's Inn creek, with a fine lot of shells.

The prospects for oystering are awful dull for the spring.

Colds and coughs are all the go in this vicinity.

The police schooner A. B. Smith and crew caught three boats while in the ice last Monday night. One of them, a large canoe, belonged to T. B. Durding. John Thomas and Charles Durding were out fishing and lost their way. The schooner A. B. Smith took them aboard and kept them all night. The schooner and crew has proved to be of good service in saving boats during the freezing weather.

Mr. Chas. Gears, while crossing Huntingfield creek on the ice one day last week, broke through and went down, but fortunately having a pair of oars they lodged on the ice and gave him purchase for getting back on solid ice, and finally reached the shore. He made a narrow escape.

Emory Ward Beecher, a colored politician of the fifth district, declared himself at Edesville last Saturday to be "in the field" as a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court. He said he knew he couldn't run the office, but said he could draw the salary, and knew he could get somebody to do the work by paying for it. A Republican who was present and heard Beecher's announcement, said:

"Why, Beecher, you wouldn't get forty votes in the county. I would not vote for you myself."

"But I'd be elected for all that," said Beecher. "I know some Democrats who would vote for me, and I'd get the seventeen hundred colored voters!"

All this is a Democratic trick, of course.

GALENA NOTES.

Kent Lodge, I. O. O. F., celebrated the 46th anniversary of its organization on Wednesday evening last, 10th inst., by a grand banquet. The lodge room was handsomely decorated. There were three large tables set, and they fairly groaned under the weight of the edibles put on them, such as turkey, chicken, duck, &c., with all the accompaniments. There was between sixty and seventy ate supper, though the lodge made preparations for about 125. On account of the very bad condition of the roads many were not able to get to the entertainment, though there were several from a distance, among whom we noticed Mr. Harry Todd and wife, of Fairlee; Mr. Tilghman Shafer and wife, of Kennedyville; Mr. W. Parr and wife, of Still Pond; Mr. Augustus Dreka, son and friend, of Sassafras; Mr. B. J. McCauley, near Locust Grove; Mr. R. A. Shallcross and wife, of Locust Grove; Miss Shallcross, Mr, Satterfield and ladies, of Cecil connty; Miss Redmiles and ladies, of Kennedyville; Dr. Latimer, Messrs. W. A. Hyland, F. H. Ruth, L. C. Hayes, wife and two daughters, Samuel Todd and daughter, B. F. Moffett and daughter, G. W. Jacoby and wife, H. Parr and daughter Jennie, W. McIntyre, mother and sister, Samuel T. Caldwell, Charles England, J. Harry Jarvis, Chas. E. Faulkner, Charles H. Elliott, Miss Nettie Long, Miss Rhoda Mulford, Miss Daisy Lane, and a host of others whose names I did not get.

Mr. Henry Parr, who has been secretary of Kent lodge for nearly thirty-one ycars, was commissioned to give a short history of Kent lodge and its doings. From memory and tradition and what books were saved from the fire, he showed that there were 127 members admitted into the lodge since its organization in 1851, though for about ten years altogether (two or three years at different times) the lodge lay dormant. There were funds to the amount of $10,000 taken in; there was $6,000 paid for the relief of brothers; about $1,000 for burying the dead; donated to the sufferers by the Chicago fire, $75; donated to the yellow fever sufferers at Vicksburg, $50; donations to the poor in the vicinity and county, about $250; donated to other deserving poor and societies, about $250; purchased real estate at a cost of $1,000; built one hall at a cost of about $4,000; built the second hall, with the assistance of the insurance, at a cost of about $3,000. From these statistics it can be seen what a few banded together can do to relieve the people.

After the supper the guests were served with an abundance of ice-cream and cake. At about 11 o'clock all separated, highly pleased with the evening's entertainment. ONE OF THEM.

Still Pond Briefs.

The Missionary Anniversary of the Still Pond M. E. Church will be held next Sunday evening. The Sunday school, under the direction of Bro. Jos. W. Harper, has practiced as faithfully as the unusually bad conition of the roads would permit. A very attractive program has been prepared and it is hoped that in return for this entertainment, all those present will contribute liberally to the missionary cause.

A Missionary Festival is to be held in Still Pond on Saturday evening, Feb. 13th. This effort is being made by the young ladies of W. M. Watt's Sunday school class for the purpose of increasing their contribution to the cause of missions. These ladies promise an attractive program, as well as an abundance of refreshments.

We note with pleasure that Mrs. W. S. Maxwell is recovering from her recent severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Harper, of New York, spent a few days of last week as the guests of Mr. Harry Davis and other Still Pond friends.

The people of Elkton are talking of erecting an opera house in that place. During the past few months the town has given good support to the attractions which appeared there. Much of this has been due to the efforts of V. M. Torbert, who secured the attractions.

Dogs—Good and Bad.

Nearly every paper we pick up has something to say about dogs. The remarkable number of "rabies" has so alarmed many communities that the very appearance of a dog is alarming. There are too many worthless dogs everywhere throughout the State, no doubt. But the *good* dogs are a great luxury to some people.

The county commissioners of Wicomico county, Tuesday, under the authority conferred by the local law, passed an order for the taxation of the owners of all dogs in the county. The order provides for the division of the county into 10 constabulary districts. The constable of each district is to enroll every dog and tax them to their owners at the rate of $2.50 for each dog and $5.00 for each bitch, and when the tax is paid, to furnish a tag to the owner for that year. Any dog found at large without a tag will be killed. The constables are to receive one-half of the tax so collected and be paid 50 cents for each dog killed. The city of Salisbury is exempted from the operation of the order, as it has already an ordinance covering the subject.

The Ellicott City (Howard county) *Times* refers to the above and says: "A good dog on a farm is often a good thing but if a man is not willing to pay $2.50 a year tax for his dog, he will not care to properly feed and house him, and in that case the animal becomes a nuisance, eking out a miserable existence, destroying game and to a great extent the sheep industry. It is estimated that there is nearly as many dogs in the State as there are voters. It is in the mind of most everybody that something should be done and that quickly, else the game will be destroyed, the raising of sheep rendered practically impossible and rabies will be on the increase. We believe there is a law on our statute books which if inforced would mitigate the evil. Will not some of our delvers of musty records bring it out and let us know its provisions?

"Oh! when will the politician get courage enough to pass a good dog law that will require a man to pay at least $1 a year penalty for keeping these worthless, hydrophobia-breeding, sheep-killing, game-destroying, bicycle-chasing scourges, that have completely over-run out fair State!"

Mr. John Donnell Smith, of Spesutia Island, Md., in a pointed letter to the Sun, lets drop this observation:

"In my own immediate neighborhood, for instance, I know of a poor white family who keeps three degs, and close by of a very poor white family who keep four dogs. On another place is one so poor that at times they are obliged to stop and wonder whether they are living—they, I think, keep six dogs. When it comes to the number of dogs a poor black man keeps then your brain gets a little addled and you commence to lose count. However, in the majority of cases they about tally his children."

Gov. Lowndes' Idea of Farming.

Gov. Lowndes made the opening address at the farmers institute in Cumberland last Saturday. He said he did not pretend to be a practical farmer, although he had owned a farm of seven hundred acres for thirty years, yet it had never been any profit to him. The fault was not with the farm, but with himself. He had not made a study of the business; he lacked the practical information that might have made his farm profitable. His land was as good as any in the Potomac Valley, but he had not cultivated it so as to produce the best results.

The Governor continued: "Some of my farm produce pay, namely, the cows and hogs, because I had the best. My poultry is not a success, and my sheep die on the hill-tops. One trouble has been that I cultivate too many acres. I find that I am in debt so far as my farming experience goes."

The Governor said had the farmers of the county followed in his footsteps they would have gone to ruin. Frequently his yearly expenditures exceeded his receipts by several hundred dollars.

FAIRLEE NOTES.

While cutting wood on the yard, one day last week, a piece flew and struck Mr. Charlton Kidd in the mouth, hurting him badly. We learn that very soon he will leave our village (if he has not at this writing) to accept a position on one of the large "down the bay" steamers. Charlton is very fond of the water and deserves a vocation appertaining thereto.

"I dearly love my gallant ship,
I love the deep blue sea."

Master J. Thomas Kendall a few days ago playfully took a carving knife that was placed on the table by the hired girl, and no sooner had he done so than she grabbed the handle of the knife, turned it in his hand and drew it away from him, cutting one finger in the second joint to the bone and a second one very badly.

The Heptasophs met in session at the home of Mr. Jerry Miller on last Friday evening week. The meeting evening has been changed to Monday.

Mr. Wm. Williams died at his brother's home, Mr. John Williams' "New Design" farm, on last Monday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock. As stated before, while plowing for Mr. S. G. Lee last year, he was thrown against the plow handles and received an injury from which he never fully recovered, though there was a complication of afflictions that brought about his early death.

"Young America" gave Miss Hattie Lewis a masquerade surprise party on last Wednesday evening week. The little folks enjoyed themselves finely. Refreshmeuts were served and various games and plays were indulged in right heartily.

Mr. Walter F. Sparks was taken suddenly ill last Tuesday. He is somewhat improved at this writing. Dr. J. H. Hessey is attending him.

One dollar a quarter corn!—hominy at 4 cents per pint.

Last evening was the evening for the missionary anniversary, which came off after the writing of these notes. Will report the event next week.

Mr. Samuel Merritt, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his parents at the M. E. parsonage.

We have heard something of a stereopticon entertainment as a possibility of the near future. We hope Miss Stewart will be able to arrange to favor us with this interesting exhibition.

WEST END.

Worton Items.

To the young people of Worton is due the honor of the successful balls held in the hall of this place, one of which was held Friday evening of last week. Despite the inclement weather which prevailed, a goodly number of people were assembled to enjoy the gayety of the evening. Among those present we noticed—Mrs. Harry Nichols, Mrs. John Dwyer, Mrs. Walter Crouch, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, Miss Helen Link, Misses Margie, Agnes and Mary Cooper, Miss Moffett, Miss Lida Crouch, Misses Millie, Nellie and Josie Porter, Misses Nan and Delma Carter, Miss Blanche Dwyer, Miss Ruth Wood, Miss Laura Jewell, Miss Daisy Crew, Miss Essie Gears, Miss Susie Morris; Messrs. Chas. and Edward Crowding, John and Lea Schofield, Wm. Shinn, Chas. and Wm. Ivens, Tilden Copper, Harry Jewell, Isaac Dwyer, James and Stanley Matthews, Edgar Pennington, James and Arthur Harris; Frank Hurlock, Frank Rouse, Chas. Boyles, Samuel and Carroll Loller, Jake Kiker and many others.

Miss Katie Parsons spent Sunday with her parents in Worton.

Miss Cora Hynson also spent Saturday and Sunday at home, in Chestertown.

Mrs. Fannie Jones has been confined to the house on account of a bone-felon.

Mr. Hope Copper, of Morgnec, spent part of last week with his cousin Miss Minnie Copper of this village.

Miss Annie Cooper has been visiting friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. Schockly is visiting relatives in Wilmington, Philadelphia, Townsend and other points.

A surprise masquerade was given Mr. and Mrs. George Cooper on Tuesday evening. The guest were entertained in dancing, games, and other amusements. About sixty were present and all spent a very enjoyable time.

Rumor says we are to have another wedding soon. A certain gentleman from the 2nd district has been paying his attention to one of Worton's pretty ladies, (for you know Worton is noted for good looking ladies) and we hear that they are about to make it up.

Mr. Herman Gale was thrown from a horse one day last week and was wounded very badly. We are glad to report him improving.

Mr. Carr, of the firm of Ivens and Carr the cannery man, has been down contracting with the farmers to grow tomatoes at $5 per ton.

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Mrs. Walter Sparks, of Fairlee, is very sick at her fathers, Mr. Samuel Shuster, on High Street.

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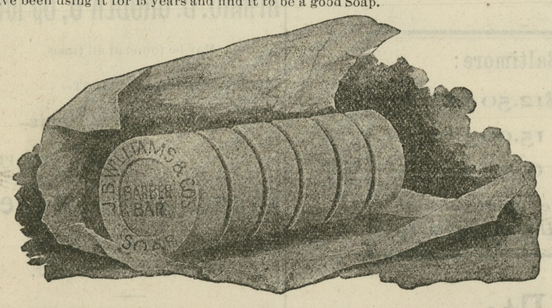

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☞Remember, use only the "ALBATROSS BRAND," if you wish good results.

COLIN F. STAM,

Jan. 23, 1897. DRUGGIST.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

All persons are hereby forewarned from fishing with seine, net, hook or in any other manner in my mill pond after this date. The law will be enforced against all violators of this notice. JOHN BRICE.

Jan. 30, 1897-tf.

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This Exceptionally Fine Offer for

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I purchased for SPOT CASH 20 Dozen, 240, Very Fine 3-String Brooms from the manufacturers very low and my customers get the benefit.

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Three-String Broom - - 11 cents.

Positively only 2 to each customer, other Brooms to be closed out

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Physicians will tell you its the only yeast that will not give you the dyspepsia, and

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is raised with Fleischman's Yeast, and is the only Bread sold on the Eastern Shore, Kent County, Chestertown, that WILL NOT SOUR ON YOUR STOMACH. Why we sell Vienna Bread because of the real necessity for its use by Smith, he being a sufferer of the dreaded Dyspepsia is compelled to use Vienna Bread. Ask your doctor. He will tell you the above is correct. Pick the bread up and smell it. VIENNA BREAD is sweet, not sour.

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