Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - DEC. 26, 1896.

Peace on Earth
Good Will to Men.

LOCAL BUYERS are paying 23@24 cents for corn this week.

The creamery at Still Pond paid 80 cents for milk for last month.

The thermometer yesterday registered 10° and good skating will be enjoyed on the mill pond.

AFTER Saturday, Dec. 26, the steamer Emma Giles, of the Tolchester line, will lay up for general repairs. This will be the last trip until further notice.

The Steamer Sassafras will discontinue her regular trips on Jan. 1st, for the annual overhauling, if not stopped before above date by ice.

THE DREAD MESSENGER.

James M. J. Byron, Member of the Orphans' Court Among the Stricken.

MR. JAMES M. J. BYRON, one of our best known citizens, was suddenly stricken by death last Sunday morning. He had been in feeble health for some time; many of his closest friends despaired of his life in a long illness last year, but he recovered sufficiently to resume his duties, and seemed to take his usual interest in public affairs. He was on the street Saturday and retired that night without special complaining. At about 6 o'clock Sunday morning he aroused his wife and asked for medicine to relieve pain which he said was about his heart. Mrs. Byron promptly administered the medicine and wanted to call a physician but Mr. B. said it was not necessary as the pain was gone, and he went to sleep. It was only about an hour after this that Mrs. Byron discovered that her husband was dead! He had died without a struggle.

Mr. Byron was in his 66th year, and leaves a widow and one son, J. Romie Byron. Mrs. B. was Miss Virginia Ford, daughter of the late George B. Ford, and the son is a well-known farmer of Kent.

The deceased has been prominent in the politics of the county for many years, being a leader in the Democratic party and always consistent and intelligent in his political views and conduct. His character was always above reproach, his moral worth and sterling integrity being at the highest. He was prompt in his attendance upon the services of Christ M. P. church, of which church his wife is a devoted member. He was a successful farmer, having tenanted the farm of J. A. Pearce, Esq., for many years and until his health enfeebled him; his superior judgment in agriculturial matters was probably unsurpassed by any one in the county.

Mr. Byron was elected one of the judges of the Orphans' Court last year and was filling that position at the time of his death. He had often been solicited to serve in a political position before but would never consent but once, and that was a term as district tax collector, the duties of which he discharged with perfect fidelity.

Funeral services were held at the late residence of the deceased on Queen street last Wednesday morning, and the following persons acted as pall-bearers: James A. Pearce, Wm. S. Walker, Colin F. Stam, Eben F. Perkins, Dr. J. T. Twilley and Wm. Morris. Rev. J. M. Gill conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Dr. S. C. Roberts, both of whom spoke touchingly of the sad bereavement to the family and of the high character of the deceased. A delegation from Amicable Lodge I. O. O. F., of which deceased was a member, attended the funeral, and the remains were interred in Chester cemetery, Mr. E. C. Reiche serving as undertaker.

The floral tributes from relatives and friends were beautiful. Select voices from Christ Church choir impressively rendered "I would not live always," and "God be merciful."

The funeral of the late John W. Rasin, whose death in Baltimore was announced in our last issue, took place in the M. E. church on Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. P. Compton delivering an eloquent address, after which the remains were interred in Chester cemetery, the following serving as pall-bearers: L. S. Fowler, T. Waters Russell, Sir Walter Rawleigh, Daniel P. Cox, E. N. Roland, Benjamin F. Fleming.

Lucky.—Mr. George H. Gardner purchased a bottle of baking powder last Saturday for two or three cents at Mrs. S. D. Blackway's sale and when opened contained a one dollar note tightly rolled together.

Valuable Horse. — Mr. W. F. Price, of Chesterville, lost his fine driving mare a few days ago. The horse was taken sick one day and died the day after from unknown cause. Mr. Price had refused several offers of $75 for the animal.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

With the vexations of the fish and gunning laws, the increasing valuation of property as returned by the assessors, and the dullness of the times; the people of this section would appear to be in anything but an amiable frame of mind for ushering in of Christmastide. Nevertheless good cheer prevails.

After the taxpayers have carefully placed valuation on their property under oath, it would seem that their oaths are considered very unreliable by the assessors. We know some who would be very glad to receive in cold cash the amount of their own assessment for their property. Some have determined to protest before the Board of Control and Review, while others swear they will not pay according to the increased rates, but will suffer their property to be sold for taxes. "Equalization of taxation," which was one of the points to be reached when the Assessment Bill was before the Legislature, seems to be unaccomplished in a great measure. However, we hope good may be obtained in in the end.

The law prohibiting the shooting of wild fowl from boats may be a good thing, but it should reach others than the oyster tongers and fishermen. And if a few "Philadelphia lawyers" will come down and thoroughly explain the fish law, perhaps some fishermen will be greatly relieved.

Oysters took on an advance in price last week, but the weather was stormy, only about two days work being obtained. Deputy-Commander Stevens having comparatively little to do so far on Swan Point is keeping a sharp lookout on the Chester river entrance. The dredgers having concentrated their forces on Love Point greater vigilance becomes necessary on the part of Capts. Stevens and Dickerson.

Charles Sewell, who assumed charge of the schooner Pensacola on Monday last, anchored his vessel inside the bar for the purpose of loading oysters. In some manner the cable became unshackled from the anchor and the boat went adrift, but fortunately the mishap was discovered before any damage was done.

The oysters on Swan Point are becoming in a very unhealthy condition again. They are getting poor and many are still dying. It appears that the entire bar will become depleted ere the close of the season.

Maxwell Lodge I. O. O. F. propose holding an open meeting on the evening of January 6th. The families and a number of the male friends of the members will be present, and witness the installation of the new officers. This will be the beginning of a series of social events instituted by the Lodge.

Owing to the uncertainty of Capt. J. W. Dickerson, as to the extent of his duties as commander of the local police boat, he has been confining himself to Chester river above Hail Point, thereby necessitating the presence of Captain Stevens in the mouth of the river as well as Swan Point, but matters are getting straightened now and the local boat will patrol the lower river.

Messrs. Editors, we extend the compliments of the Season. God bless you—lead you—and make you more like Him you serve, and grant that the year to come may be the richest and gladdest you have ever known. May the sphere of the KENT NEWS in its great usefulness to its patrons and our county expand more and more.

TALBOT OFFICE-HOLDERS.

A Long Array Protected by Civil-Service.

The fact that Senator Gibson is a Talbot countian is the on'y way to account for the monopoly of "fat places" enjoyed by that section. The following is furnished by the Easton correspondent of the Baltimore Sun:

The following Talbot county people hold federal offices: Hon. Ormond Hammond, assistant United States treasurer at the Baltimore sub-treasury; Charles Percy Hammond, J. Harold Wheeler and Joseph H. Newnam, appointees of the assistant treasurer; John Straughn, James H. Linthicum and Caleb Griffin, in the Baltimore custom-house; James M. Wooters, United States internal revenue agent; Edward Roberts, inspector of public buildings; two printers in the government printing office and several ladies doing clerical work in the departments. All the employes in the subtreasury and in the custom-house are protected in their tenure of office by the extension of the classified service under the civil-service reform law and regulations. This does not include the subtreasurer. In the custom-house Messrs. Straughn and Linthicum passed the civil-service examination some years ago. They were appointees of Governor Groome when collector of the port. The printers and the ladies are also safe from molestation through change of administration.

The office of deputy collector of internal revenue for the Eastern Shore division (fifteenth division of the district of Maryland) was, under Cleveland's first administration and under Harrison's, held by Talbot county men. Under the present administration it went to Somerset and is now held by S. Frank Dashiell, Democrat, of Dame's Quarter. This office is now within the classified service and Mr. Dashiell cannot be removed on account of politics nor unless charges are preferred and maintained against him. As his administration of his division is rated No. 1, in a district rated No. 1 by the commissioners of internal revenue, it is not likely "charges" against him can be formulated. There are said to be fifty good republicans proposing to be applicants for this office, and who will not be in good humor when they find the democrat can keep it.

The postmasterships in the county are a matter of grave concern to the republicans, who want the postoffices, and possibly also to the democrats who hold them. No one seems to know what postoffice officials are within the classified service and all are anxious to find out.

Thieving.—A thief stole a good overcoat from the New York Clothing House Saturday night between 8 and 9 o'clock. The coat was on a dummy next to Mr. Thompson's store and it is a mystery how the man could have secured the prize, for there is not a better lighted place in town.

The young men of Chestertown have sent out invitations to a dance in Stam's Hall next Tuesday night.

The young ladies of Edesville will give a leap year dance next Wednesday evening, the floor committee being Misses Laura Jessop, Mamie Strong, Violet Beck, Celeno Jessop, Edna and Lula Strong, Katharine Wilson, Bettie Wallis and Marie Camp.

THE biography of Captain Clark will be published next week.

WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Dec. 21, 1896.

Women's Coats HAD coat-makers' business been better you would have found the prices of these garments

continuing at $15, $18, $20. Instead, they are here

At $9

Fly-front Reefers of basket cloth and diagonal overcoating—four large buttons; high storm-collar; box-plaited French back; double stitched seams; lined throughout with handsome plaid silk. Brown-and-green mixtures, green-and-black mixtures.

Loose fly-front Reefers of heavy navy blue diagonal cloth, bound with mohair braid; tailor back; lined with black satin rhadame.

Tight-fitting fly-front Coats—black-and-blue boucle cheviot — button high at neck with two handsome pearl buttons; slashed collar; tailor back; lined throughout with black satin rhadame.

Reefers of black frieze—fly front; finished with rows of stitching on straps of the cloth; new slashed collar, inlaid with velvet; lined throughout with satin rhadame.

Fly-front Reefers of chinchilla; high storm collar; flap pockets; tailor back; lined throughout with changeable taffeta.

Coats for more and for less. $4 to as much as you please. Prices lean your way on almost every garment. Prices are never higher than fair.

Petticoats MELTON Petticoats, lined with rustling cambric—some finished with 7 in. ruffle, others with 12 in. flounce—$2.25 and $2.50. Warmth and almost the frou frou of silk. There isn't a skip in the stocks of Petticoats, from the Flannelette and Woven Skirts at 25c to the daintiest in silk that French wit has conjured.

Melton Petticoats, 50c and more.
Sateen Petticoats, $1.25 and more.
Quilted Petticoats, of mohair, $1.75 to $3.
Quilted Petticoats, of sateen, $1 to $2.

Men's Overcoats THIS is an Overcoat store. Best styles, carefulest tailoring, fairest of prices—a trio of reasons for the biggest selling we ever did. Interested?

$10 for a blue or black Kersey Overcoat—the fabric thoroughly proven to be of pure wool and fadeless dye. Satin sleeve and shoulder lining; fancy body-lining.

Or, pay $15, $16.50, $20, $25 or $30 and you've a garment more luxurious, and of equally good value.

Skates MEN'S Skates, of polished rolled-cast steel, 45c—club skates. The finest skates we have are of hardened steel, nickel-plated. $3.75. Skates are easy gift-things, for, being adjustable, they're bound to fit.

Women's skates, 85c to $3.50.
Skate Bags, 35c and 50c.
Skate Sharpeners, 25c.
Skate Straps, 5c.

Cameras HAVE you seen the book "Street Types of Great American Cities?" It is a series of character sketches, not a camera advertisement, but the illustrations are an incentive to any bright boy or girl who has a kodak. And it doesn't matter much what size your camera is—the Pocket Kodak at $5 takes pictures as intensely good and clear as the most expensive camera we sell. Difference of size, that's all. A Pocket Kodak only weighs half a pound.

The Bull's-eye Cameras take pictures 3½ in. square. $8. Either the Bull's-eye or the Pocket Kodak may be reloaded in daylight—no dark room required.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

MILLINGTON NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Duling celebrated their 41st marriage anniversary Friday evening in their new home. About forty persons were present, all of whom enjoyed the elegant supper and refreshments. A number of useful presents were received. May they celebrate many such occasions.

Rev. J. D. C. Hanna entertained a fair audience in the M. E. Church here Monday night with his lecture and phonograph. It was indeed a pleasure to listen to him.

Mr. William Price, the father of Mrs. Thomas Roe, of Masseys, died at his home in Middletown, and was buried Wednesday at Bethel Cemetery. He was well known in this town and section and leaves a number of relatives here. He was about 70 years old.

Gilbert Robins, a well known colored man of this neighborhood, died suddenly Tuesday. He had been hauling wood all day, came home at night and died about 8 o'clock. Dr. Jacobs was summoned but the patient died before his arrival.

The M. E. Sunday-school will hold special exercises this Friday night.

This district is claiming the right to name a judge to succeed Mr. Byrom. Mr. J. C. Turner and Mr. Clarence Price have been named but we understand that they are in favor of Thomas A. Jacobs. We also learn that a caucus of the "regulars" will name Mr. Jacobs.

Mr. C. S. Hurlock, of Masseys, is moving his saw mill to his father's fine farm in Queen Anne's where he will saw a large quantity of fine timber.

Mr. R. Wesley Moffett will repair or rebuild his house near the bridge.

Mr. J. L. Smith will remove to his new home next week.

Dr. Jacobs will finish his new dwelling today and move therein at once. Mr. Dulin was the builder.

Mr. Wm. Poor will erect a front building to the house purchased by him in the rear of the M. E. Parsonage.

Messrs. Charles Jones, Wesley Moffett and Stevens have been buying large quantities of turkeys this week at 12c. per pound.

George W. Burke, son of the Rev. Mr. Burke, the former pastor of the M. E. Church here, has resigned from the Onancock Academy to become head master of the commercial department of the Virginia Military Institute.

Mr Howard West, of this town, has accepted a position as telegraph operator at Canal Bridge.

Messrs. Rolph and Collins are buying considerble corn, paying 23½c. yesterday.

Chesterville Items.

Miss Blanche Davis met with a very painful accident last Tuesday afternoon. She was in the stable getting some straw to make her pet dog a bed and in some way she stuck a pitch-fork through her foot into her leg. Dr. Sheppard was called in and dressed the wound. She is still unable to bear her weight on it.

One riding along Cherry Lane would scarcely recognize what is known as the old Burgess property. A large front has been built to the old dwelling, and Mr. Powell has topped all the trees in the beautiful lawn, which will make it look very pretty in the spring when the trees begin to unfold their plumage.

This has been a busy week, the ladies preparing their poultry for market and many large flocks has been shipped and sold. Many of the ladies have raised large flocks and it might interest the ladies af another neighborhood who raised the largest flocks of turkeys, chickens and geese. Of the turkey class there are several, Mrs. Garret Foxwell, Mrs. Thomas Hurlock and Mrs. George Spry being the largest growers, each raised over seventy. Mrs. Thomas Jones and Mrs. Wash Woodall raised over seventy ducks each. Mrs. Wesley Jarman, Mrs. W. E. Jarrell, Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Mieres come ahead on chickens between three and four hundred each, and Mrs. Davis gets the prize on geese. One lady did remarkably well by raising thirty turkeys and two hundred chickens but she thinks she could do better if she had a partner.

Occasionally the village folks make a little improvement. Mr. Elmer Jarman has white-washed his out buildings and tore away the rickety old fence in front, and his neighbors are doing likewise not waiting to be outdone by their new citizen.

Mr. Stevens has found one of his dogs but the best one is still missing. We sincerely hope he will succeed in finding him, and we hope there is no one in the village mean enough to steal a dog.

Mr. Edward Cooper, Sr., spent last week in Baltimore and returned home Saturday sick.

Among those who are on the sick list are Misses Maggie Clements, Blanche Davis, Mrs. King, Mrs. David Clements, Messrs. Garret Foxwell, Edward Cooper and Richard Rasin.

Misses Annie Copper and Emma Knight, of Chestertown, spent Sunday with their cousin Mrs Thomas Jones.

Christmas is near here and the little folks are looking forward to old Kris with the hope of getting many nice presents but his letter at the office tells them that times are too hard and they must not expect very much.

We think the lady referred to in the

Merry Xmas!

WE wish Our Readers a Merry and Joyous Christmas, and take this opportunity of Thanking you for your Liberal Patronage this season.

We believe our efforts have been appreciated, as Our Business has jumped and bounded, exceeding all Previous records.

It is our object to always serve the public in the Very Best manner, and to continue to furnish them with the Very Best Goods at the Very Lowest Cost.

Again we express our thanks and Wishes for a Merry Christmas.

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Great Christmas Bargain Supplies!

Their display of Table Linens, Towels, Handkerchief, Fine Lamps, Fruit Plates, Salad Dishes, Olive Dishes, Tea Sets, and Chamber Sets, have never been surpassed. Also every style in Tumblers.

Their Buckwheat is now an accepted fact the Best.

6 Bars Philadelphia Oliene Soap for.....25c.
First-class Chocolate.....25c.
Cold Cream and Glycerine Soap, now 15c. box regular price 25c. box.

Teas, 25 and 50c. and many other grades, and we assert with pride that we sell the Best Teas in Kent county.

5 lbs. Enterprise Coffee or 5 lbs. Leverings 95c. No trade on this, cash.

Pure Pepper.....10c.
Best Pepper.....15c.
3 Boxes Babbitt's Lye.....25c.
6 Bottles 6 oz Yeast.....25c.
Best Salt on the market.

TOBACCO BARGAINS THEY HAVE; and they have succeeded.

Tobacco worth 30c. now.....20c. lb.
" " 35c. now.....25c. lb.
4 A R J R " 75c. now.....66c. lb.
Facts, no Humbug.

BLANKETS of every kind.
Another Big Lot BOOT & SHOE BARGAINS
Bargains in UNDERWEAR and GLOVES.
A Man's HIP BOOT $3.00, the price tells you what they are.

WESTCOTT & DODD,
Dec. 12, 1896 Chestertown.

Read Turner & Son's Advertisement!

Best Family Buckwheat in 100 Pound Bags, only.....$2.00.

Best Hominy in 100lb. Bags, only...$1.50

We did quite a large jobbing business in this line last year, as many purchasers can testify. We hope to increase this large scattered trade this season.

SALT! SALT!

224-lb. Sacks Fine Salt, only.....95c.
Ground Alum per Sack.....60c.
Bushel sacks 35c.; Half Bushel sacks 20c.
Also, Turks Island and Rock Salt.

Can ship to any point touched by Steamer Sassafras at $1.00 per sack for the Fine, and 65c. on Ground Alum, delivered. Terms, cash.

FLOUR! FLOUR!

Anticipating the advance in wheat, we purchased heavy on Flour. We are under the wholesale market, and selling the retail trade. Purchase now at the advantage given. We sell the BEST.

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