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LOCAL MATTERS.

Colored Schools to Close.—The Board of School Commissioners of Kent county at their meeting on Tuesday, passed an order to close the colored schools of the county on March 31st, for the remainder of the school yoar.

Sale of Real Estate.—The Benjamin Ringgold property on the water front, advertised in the TRANSCRIPT by Hope H. Barroll, Esq., as attorney, was sold on Saturday morning last to Messrs. Wm. W. Beck, Allen Harris and R. H. Collins for $700.

Suits Withdrawn.—The suits filed against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company by many of the citizens of Greenwood have been withdrawn, settlement having been made. Misses Ada Jones and Miss Cox, each of whom lost an eye, were paid $1900.

To Lend Money on Farm Lands.—Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely has prepared a bill authorizing national banks to lend money on farm lands to the amount of one-third of their paid-up capital and surplus. The lands must be thrice the value of the loan. The bill will be introduced in the National Senate by Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, who is the father of the bill.

Swan-Creek School.—Pupils averages for term ending Jan. 31, 1904. 1st Grade—Raymond Sutton 94, Harry Clothier 91, Hiram Jones 89, Reuben Gibson, 85. 2nd Grade—Millard Gibson 85. 3rd Grade—Anna Gale 95, James Groves 90. 4th Grade—Elizabeth Burris 97, Rachel Bryan 95, Blanche Groves 93, Blanche Gibson 91, Arthur Jones 82. 5th Grade—Carolene Bryan 93, Nelson Walbert 89, Muriel Faucett 87. 6th Grade—Lewin Burris 93, Frank Gale 93, Helen Sutton 92, Emma Bryan 91, Leo Gale 91. 7th Grade—Mary Groves 92.

These Firms Not Harmed.—A letter from James W. Jerome & Co., whose commission card appears in another column, states that they were not harmed by the fire in Baltimore, and that they are in a position to handle any business that is consigned to them. This reliable firm is well known in Kent. Mr. J. Harry Vickers, of Kent is associated with them. Brown & Stubbs, another of the reliaale Baltimore Commission House, whose card appears in our columns, states that they are doing business at the old stand and will be pleased to serve their trade in Kent promptly.

Telephone Company's Finances.—The annual statement of the Diamond State Telephone Company, whose lines traverse all parts of Kent county, shows the financial condition of the company to be as follows: $18,588.96 in bank; value of plant, $558,395.56: charged accounts, $453.48; surplus, $14,811.52; bonds, $295,500.00; bills payable, $160,000.00, not gain for the year 1903, $11,126.48. The following directors and officers were elected: H. A. Richardson, president; Dr. E. S. Anderson, vice-president; R. R. Kenney, general counsel; DuPont Walker, secretary and treasurer; Wm. H. Baker, general manager; George M. Jones, Stephen Slaughter, A. B. Richardcon and D. J. Fooks. Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard is the representative of the company in Kent county, owning quite a considerable amount of stock in this progressive company.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† Monday next, Feb. 22d, is the anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The schools throughout the county will be closed.

† The Kent Building and Loan Company lends money to its shareholders at 5 per cent on mortgage. See their card in this issue.

† Local trappers have been doing well the past month. Mr. George Godner has caught 190 muskrats beside a number of mink. Mr. Frank Lambert caught six big turtles last week.

† Several pedestrians had heavy falls on Sunday evening on their way from church, on account of the sleety pavements.

† Guy Minstrels showed to a packed house on Tuesday evening.

† Sunday last, was St. Valentine's Day, and the little folks enjoyed themselves immensely on Saturday and Monday in observing the occasion.

† The thermometer registered zero on Tuesday morning last, one of the coldest days of the winter. The river is still securely locked in ice, and there is no prospect of a boat so long as conditions are as at present.

† Several dogs have recently been shot by the town bailiff because of nonpayment of taxes.

† Capt. James Dunbracco had a very uncomfortable experience with his ice boat on Tuesday. A strong northwest wind broke the mast in his flyer after he had made a record breaking trip across the river, and while he was adjusting matters the stinging cold wind made the genial captain very uncomfortable. He experienced great difficulty in making port and was thoroughly numbed by the cold.

† Several of our contractors are contemplating making bids for work in Baltimore. Contractor A. M. Culp has been in the city this week prospecting.

† Mr. Harry Bramble will open a cigar and news stand in the store room adjoing Mr. Ambrose Carroll's shoe store.

† The famous Wesleyan Male Quartette will appear in Stam's Hall on Monday evening, February 29th. The Washington *Star* says of this quartette: "The Wesleyan Male Quartette is without a peer on the American stage today." The quartette will be assisted by Miss Juanita Boynton, as reader and impersonator, and the people of the town and county will be given another opportunity to hear a magnificent male quartette superior to the famous Schuber quartette, which has delighted more than one Chestertown audience. See add on front page.

† Hill's real estate offices, which were located in Equitable Building, are now temporarily located at 405 Courtland street. Mr. J. A. O. Tucker, who is well known in this county, is in charge of this agency.

*†*Skating has been fine on Chester river during the week and many lovers of the sport have been indulging in the pleasures thereof.

† The German American Fire Insurance Company, of New York, represented very ably by Paul Turner, Esq., of Baltimore, suffered to the extent of $700,000 in the recent Baltimore fire, but was able to meet the loss promptly without recourse to their reserved fund. Mr. Turner is one of the most prominent business men in the city and has been made chairman of the committee on adjustment and plans for the rebuilding of the city. The German American company is one of the strongest in the country.

CHURCH NOTES.

CHRIST'S METH. PROT. CHURCH.

9.30 A. M.—Testimony meeting.
10.30 A. M.—"St. Paul's Ecstasy."
2.30 P. M.—Suuday School.
6.45 P. M.—The Christian Workers' Song Hour.
7.30 P. M. "Balshazzer's Feast."

In order to accommodate Conference Delegates who meet in Dover next month, the Wilmington Conference Academy will close for its spring vacation one week earlier and about seventy-five gentlemen will be entertained there. This will greatly assist the entertainment committee and the delegates will be quartered in the student's rooms. Rev. L. E. Barrett, pastor of the Dover church, is experiencing considerable difficulty in securing homes for the ministers and laymen.

The 23rd anniversary of the organization of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was celebrated at Christ M. P. Church on Sunday evening last. A most excellent programme of music and addresses was rendered. Miss Mamie Thompson read a very interesting historical sketch of the Society showing its remarkable growth in the last 23 years. Miss Hardcastle, of the college faculty, gave a most interesting talk on "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God," and Mr. Goslee, one of the students of the college delivered a splendid talk to the young men. The music with orchestral accompaniment was well received.

Rev. T. H. Jones, pastor of Piney Neck M. E. Church has been invited to return to the charge as pastor for another year. The genial pastor and his good wife were given a large donation last week.

The members of Wesley Chapel last Sunday, by a unanimous vote instructed Samuel Burgess, their delegate to the M. P. Conference, to ask for the return for the fourth year, of the present pastor, Rev. J. L. Elderdice.

Quarterly Conference at the Rehobeth M. P. Church, Sassafras, was held Saturday morning. Urie P. Ginn, of near Warwick, was elected a delegate to the next conference, with Robert S. Griffth, alternate.

LENT HAS BEGUN.

Solemn Season Ushered in by the Observance of Ash Wednesday.

Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, the first day of the forty days' fast preceding Easter Sunday, and known as the Lenten season. Ash Wedneseay is one of the two absolute fast days of the Catholic and Episcopal churches, the other being Good Friday. In ancient times the first day of Lent was called Caput Jejunii, or "Head of the Fast." It was also called Dies Cinerum, or "Day of Ashes," from the custom of placing ashes on the heads of penitents.

Solemn services were held on Wednesday in all Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches. At the Cathedral in Baltimore an extra Lenten mass was said at 9 A. M., and will be said each morning at the same hour during the Lenten season.

The word "Lent" has no special significance, save only as it designates the special fast before Easter. It is derived from the Anglo-Saxon the word "Lenten," meaning the spring season.

Lent really covers a period of forty-six days, but as Sunday has always been regarded as a feast day, the six Sundays during the season are not counted as belonging to the fast. The devotions of Lent are intended to prepare the minds and hearts of worshipers for the devout celebratipn of Easter. In Catholic and Episcopal churches purple or violet is the ecclesiastical color for altar decorations during Lent. The Bendicite takes the place of the Te Deum, and the Ash Wednesday Collect is used every day throughout the season.

TO DETECT LOCAL OPTION VIOLATORS.

Bill Introduced in Maryland Legislature by Senator R. B. Dixon, of Talbot.

Senator Dixon has introduced in the State Senate a most excellent bill for the purpose of faciliating the collection of evidence in cases growing out of the violation of the laws regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors. The main provision of the proposed law is that when three residents of any particular section shall make oath that they believe that violations of the law are taking place in any particular house in that section, a search warrant shall be issued, and the possession of a license for the sale of liquors from the United States government and the possession of the paraphernalia of the liquor business on the premises shall be prima facie evidence of the sale of liquors.

FIVE CAPITAL CASES.

Remarkable Record of the Delaware Courts.

Five capital cases will be tried in the Dover courts at the approaching April term, as follows:

Walter Jehu Dickerson, colored, charged with killing James P. Green, also colored, at Willow Grove, last September; Thomas Warren, colored, charged with killing his sister, near Felton, last November; Mrs. Mary Powell, charged with killing Miss Estelle Albin, near Bowers' Beach, Feb. 9th; John Tinley, charged with feloniously assaulting Mabel Friedel, near Felton, a few weeks ago, and Ernest Plummer, colored, for stabbing fatally, Henry Hayes, a coachman of U. S. Senator, J. Frank Alee, on Wednesday. There is scarcely a parallel to this record in the annals of the United States.

Trial of Mrs. Botkin.

Monday was the date set for the re-trial of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, in San Francisco. Mrs. Botkin was once convicted of the murder of Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Dunning, of Dover. It is said that the court will dismiss Mrs. Botkin if the Delaware witnesses do not appear, and it is not likely that they will be there unless their expenses are paid by the State of California.

Mrs. Botkin did not seem much surprised by the news which she received, as she seems confident of acquittal in any event.

"My life has been so blighted," she said, "by my five years in this place, that I will welcome any mode of going to my mother in her declining years. I once was determined to fight for vin dication in the courts, but perh aps not even an acquittal would vindicate me before the public. I simply want to go into seclusion with my mother. Somehow I must repay the debt of gratitude which I owe my attorneys, but all these tales of stage life are utterly false."

Wanted by United States Agricultural Department.

Rev. J. D. Detrich, of Flowertown, near Philadelphia, who conducts a dairy on scientific principles, keeping a herd of 30 cows on a small farm of 15 acres, has been tendered a call by the United States Agricultural Department to enter its service as a lecturer on farm and dairy topics, with a salary of $2,000 per year. An interesting account of a visit to Mr. Detrich's farm was published in a recent issue of the TRANSCRIPT, the article having been prepared and read before the Farmer's Institute held in the Court House some weeks ago by Mr. Robt. G. Nicholson. Mr. Detrich, besides being a practical dairyman, is pastor of the North Wales Reform Church, and has lectured before farmers' institutes. He is well-known to several of our Kent county progressive dairymen.

WORTON ITEMS.

Miss Katie Capps, of Still Pond, is visiting Miss Mary Sutton.

Mr. Paul Vansant, of Baltimore, is visiting at the pareatal home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Newsome, of Baltimore, are spending a few days with Mrs. N.'s mother, Mrs. Anderson. Mr. Newsome is taking an enforced vacation caused by the burning of the New York Clothing House where he was employed as salesman.

Mr. and Mrs. Satterfield, of Rock Hall, are being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Loller.

Mr. Frank Clark visited Baltimore this week to view the ruins of the fire.

Two of our hustling young business men, Messrs. Guy Turner and Herbert Matthews, have recently inaugurated a novel business enterprise. They recently purchased a ferret and as soon as the weather moderates, propose to hire it to farmers to rid their places of rats.

Most of the sick in our community are improving, but Mr. J. Welch Crew is still under the doctor's care.

The Epworth League met at Mrs. A. S. Turner's on last Monday evening. After a very inspiring devotional meeting, of which vocal and instrumental music and addresses formed a part, refreshments were served. About a dozen new members were present. The next meeting will be at Mr. Frank Clark's on Monday evening.

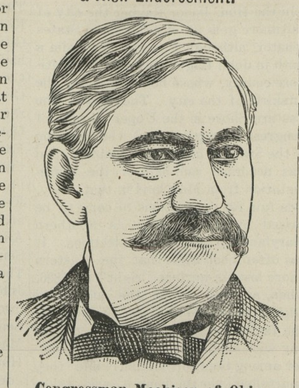
New Advertisements.

Col. A. H. Supplee, of Betterton, has a valuable fire extinguisher which he advertises in this issue. Read his add and correspond with him regarding the matter.

Old Maid's Convention in Medders' Hall, Still Pond, Feb. 26th. See add.

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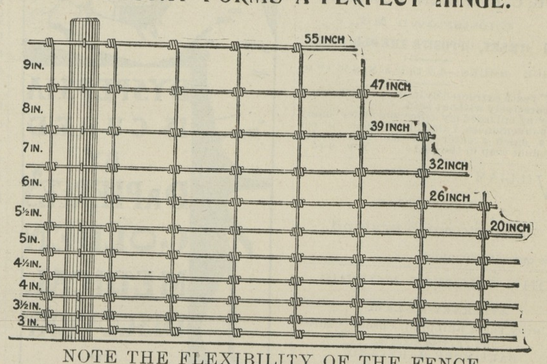
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