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ROCK HALL ITEMS.

Interesting Budget From the Thriving Bayside Town.

Rev. Warren Burr was indisposed and could not fill the pulpit at the M. E. Church Sunday morning. Rev. Conway, of Piney Neck, preached a very interesting sermon from the text, "God so Loved the World," emphasizing the thought of "so." The pastor took charge of the evening services which were a continuation of the revival of past week. These efforts in so far as accessions to the church are concerned have been a failure.

Congregation at Wesley above the average. Rev Parris discoursed from Ecclesiastes 3.15, "God Requireth That Which is Past." This was one of his best efforts. Good resolutions for the ensuing year was a prominent theme of discussion.

Quite a large audience assembled at the Catholic Church. Father John McKenna held mass. Condition of weather does not effect church attendance. Its membership often assemble at 8 A.M.

Saturday at the Adventist church was a memorable day. Many took their lunches and remained at church all day. The singing at this church is a prominent feature. Chas. Judefind, leader of the choir, is said to be the best musician of our town. He is ably assisted by his wife. Those who enjoy good music should attend.

The H.S. L. confined their discussion to morals of our town. Mr. Wilmot Crosby advanced the idea that Rock Hall was becoming worse in morals; asserted that profanity and the use of tobacco were rapidly on the increase, that drunkenness was too common among our youths; that liquor was found somewhere in our midst; each were powerful agencies in the demoralization of our young men. If one wanted to prove these assertions as facts all that is necessary is to mingle with the crowd on T. B. Durding's corner and listen to the conservation and see the display of intoxicants. He was well defended by Miss Lois Leary and Robt. Ayres. Miss Myrtel Durding contended the opposite and said that Mr. Crosby drew his conclusions from a few illustrations which proceeded from a small class. That he was judging the whole by a part. This element was to-day not greater than formerly That good citizens were yearly increasing. That church and schools had been a powerful influence in the last few years for good. That one of the reasons for Rock Hall being spoken of with reproach was the behavior of this bad element, who, when away from R. H. conducted themselves with such impropriety that cast reflection upon those who were seeking to do the right. She was seconded by Miss Kramer and Robert Deal. These discussions are along the line prescribed by the schedule and enables the pupils to lose that restraint in expressing themselves in their recitation.

Mrs. Ethel Kelly nee Boyer, of Philadelphia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boyer.

Miss Mamie Buchannan, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Mary Boyer.

Capt. Kerr, one of our most genial citizens has yielded to the persistent persuasion of friends, and offers himself as nominee for the House of Delegates.

Skating is the order of the day. Haven creek is the great resort. Many resort here and spend the day skimming over the ice. Racing on the ice creates as much excitement as that produced by sleighing. Will designate the fleetest next week.

Mr. Parks is convalescing slowly. Mr. Lonney Whallen is very sick at this writing. Mr. Marion Downey, who has lost all the fall work from rhuematism thinks he has discovered an elixier and has resumed work. Mr. T. Ayres is still confined to his couch from same trouble. Mr. Jeff. D. Ayres has been suffering from a severe cold.

Mr. Reybold Wilson presented each teacher of the public school of Rock Hall with the Declaration of Independence written in script, and offers a copy of Tennyson's poems to the pupil who will read it the best. The copy is written in such a manner that it is very difficult to decipher the words. Quite a number have entered the contest. Mr. Wilson renders the decision.

Chicken thieves entered the poultry house of Geo. L. Maslin and carried off eight hens and one rooster on Thursday night. They were more considerate this year than last, when they took all he had.

Mr. Willard Rodney and Miss Julia Middleton were quietly married at the parsonage on Tuesday morning by Rev. Warren Burr. They took the steamer for Baltimore for an extended trip. They will return on Saturday and occupy the residence adjoining Geo. R. S. Downey.

The I. O. O. F. installed their officers on Wednesday night and gave an entertainment to the incoming officers. Messrs. Ryan, Milton Maslin and J. W. Harrison gave interesting addresses. But Ben, chairman of entertainment committee, was non est.

Drift ice has blockaded the creek and prevented tongers from reaching the bar. The market is glutted, consequently the oystermen have lost nothing. Capt. Downey, commander of the police boat, keeps the bar free of dredgers, thus insuring pretection to the oysters. Prices 35 to 45 cents per bushel.

The junior 1 and 2 of Piney Neck school entertained the senior class at the school house on Saturday, January 7th. A sketching party and an afternoon with the authors were features of the occasion, in which all participated. After enjoying light refreshments, all adjourned, having spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

A Prisoner in Her Own House.

Mrs. W. H. Layha, of 1001 Agnes Ave., Kansas, City, Mo., has for several years been troubled with severe hoarseness and at times a hard cough, which she says, "Would keep me in doors for days. I was prescribed for by physicians with no noticeable results. A friend gave me part of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with instructions to closely follow the directions, and I wish to state that after the first day I could notice a decided change for the better, and at this time after using it for two weeks, have no hesitation in saying I realize that I am entirely cured." This remedy is for sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist, Chestertown.

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COLLEGE NOTES.

The first term examination begin during the latter part of the month. Much "midnight oil" is being consumed in preparation for the event. Now is the time to "cram," or that dismal and heart rending word, "flunk" will acquire a place in your vocabulary.

We are sorry to note the absence of one of our most prominent young men, Mr. Henry B. Price. He had a severe stroke of heart trouble immediately before the holidays, and will not be able to resume work for sometime.

Prof. Burris will begin soon to drill the gymnasium class for the exihibition which will be held sometime in March. The prospect is very promising for a first-class performance.

The Pierian open meeting will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 14. We expect a novel and entertaining program, and the "Pierians" never disappoint us.

We welcome among us the presence of Mr. J. Thomas Kendall, of Fairlee. Mr. Kendall will probably reside at the College until June. His genial and affable manner is pleasing to all, while the "Juniors" are delighted to have their classmate among them.

The condition of Prof. Epes, who was ill during the first of the week, is much improved, and he is able to meet his classes again.

Mr. Stansbury who was called home before the holidays on account of the critical illness of his father, has not returned.

Don't forget to study! study! study!

BETTERTON BRIEFS.

The ice boat Latrobe brought the steamer Ericcsson in to Betterton last Friday. It is the first boat that has landed here since the middle of December. On account of the heavy ice trips were discontinud.

Several new ice houses have been dug, but the ice in the bay is not fit to harvest.

An Epworth League business meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Crew, on Tuesday evening.

Laying of the new board walk is now being finished on Ericsson Avenue.

Mrs. Howard Owens has returned from her parental home in Queen Anne's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brice entertained a few of their friends at a game of Flinch on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess and son, George, have returned from a three months' visit to Cape Charles, Va.

Miss Lillie Harrison gave a party in honor of her young friends on Monday evening. All enjoyed the evening very much.

Mrs. M. V. Turner and Mrs. James Sutton visited Galena on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Price have been visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyland have moved into the house vacated by Mr. Tom Brice.

Mrs. Medford Crew is the guest of Baltimore relatives.

Betterton M. E. Church has organized a choir, they meet to rehearse every Thursday evening.

The young folks enjoyed skating on the bay, but the last snow broke it all up.

STILL POND NEWS.

Mr. A. J. Hackett has returned home after visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Essie Smith and Miss Lizzie Sander are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Money.

Miss Ruth Robinson is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Jack Hackett met with a very serious accident Saturday while at work with Mr. Walters at the home of Mr. John Vandyke. He was taking up a pipe when the spade slipped and cut two of his toes. He was brought to his home at once. Dr. Maxwell was called in to dress the foot. On Sunday one of the toes was amputated. He is geting along very nicely at this writing.

Miss Bessie Wheatley, of Coleman's, spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of Mrs. J. W. Harper.

Mr. Wm. Thompson won a goose at the shooting match at Worton on Thursday.

Mrs. Sallie Norris and Mrs. Daniel Jones visited Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Warren this week.

Miss Lou Jewell has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jewell at their home near here.

The Epworth League was led Sunday evening by Mrs. J. C. Rasin, the subject being "The making of a Christian—His Birth."

The revival meetings will continue throughout the coming week, weather permitting.

Miss Louise Starkey is spending a short time with her mother at Betterton.

BE WISE.

KENNEDYVILLE W. C. T. U.

The Kennedyville W. C. T. U. held its first meeting for the new year on Monday evening of this week the 9th inst. Being a social meeting is was held in Weer's Hall and an admission fee of ten cents was charged at the door. With Mrs. M. J. H. Othoson at the organ, the meeting opened with singing "America," and prayer by Mrs. Jarrell. Mrs. Shafer, having been president seventeen years, declined election saying she thought a change was needed. All seemed to realize how hard it would be to fill her place, and scarcely knew how to vote or whom to select, but after somewhat of a contest, Mrs. M. J. H. Othoson was nominated and unanimously elected president, all the other officers being retained. It is with feelings of sincere regret and love that we are compelled to change her who has led us so long and well, not a ripple of discord in any respect having occured in the seventeen years of her presidency, but we enter on the new year with our new president full of hope for the future. A very interesting program was rendered in which Miss Ada Hurlock recited "The Countersign;" a solo by Miss Flora Johnson, "Diamonds in the rough;" a recitation by Susie Hill, "Grandma's first beau" recitation by Miss Lizzie Jones, "Our Folks;" recitation by Miss Emma Shafer, "The Gypsie Flower-girl; recitation by Miss Melvin, "Katrina's Visit to New York;" a reading by Mrs. Shafer, "Somebody did;" A solo by Miss Flora Johnson, "'Twas Rum that Spoiled my Boy." Ice cream and cake were served in abundance.

*†*Skating has been good on the ponds and creeks in some localities of the county during the week.

EX-GOVERNOR LOWNDES DIES SUDDENLY.

The End Came at His Cumberland Home Without Warning.

Ex-Governor Lloyd Lowndes died very suddenly at his home in Cumberland on Sunday morning of heart failure. His demise came as a crushing shock, not only to his family, friends and the community in which he lived, but to the entire state. That his death has aroused deep regret throughout the State is evidenced by the great number of telegrams which have been received by the family since the sad news became known. The ex-Governor's death was particularly distressing to his family in asmuch as none of them were immediately at his side when the end came. It was about 9.30 o'clock when the end came and Mr. Lowndes was engaged in taking his bath before joining his family for the late Sunday breakfast. On arising he had mentioned to his valet, Brown, that he did not feel altogether well, but believed the bath would refresh him. The bath was finished in tepid water, and Brown was rubbing his master well when the ex-Governor staggered and fell forward. Mrs. Lowndes, who had heard the fall, rushed to the assistance of her husband. She did not realize that he was dead nor did one of his sons, Mr. Richard T. Lowndes, who was in the house. Mrs. Lowndes was completely prostrated when she learned the truth from the lips of the family physician. Very few of the ex-Governor's closest friends had any idea that he was in such delicate health. Several years ago he was examined by a physician who told him of his trouble, and up to the time of his death he had kept the condition of his health a secret from all save his immediate family. The people of the state therefore were not prepared for the shock of his sudden death. Mr. Lowndes was one of the most prominent men in the state, in politics as well as in business. By his industry and pains-taking methods in business he amassed considerable weath, and by his conservative and straightforward actions in politics he arose from one position of prominence to another until he attained the highest office in the gift of the people of the state—the Governorship. Mr. Lowndes was elected Governor of Maryland in 1895, defeating the Democratic candidate, the late John E. Hurst, in a memorable campaign. Mr. Lowndes' administration marked an epoch in the political history of the State, for prior to that time there had not been a Republican governor since the days of the Civil War, and there has not been a Republican governor since. In all his public acts Mr. Lowndes was conservative, and notwithstanding the turmoils and strife of warring factions in his party, his mission has always been to bring harmony out of seeming chaos. He would probably have been the Republican candidate for Governor two years hence, and his death will be a severe blow to the party he loved so well, and whose burdens he had so frequently borne. He was regarded as the backbone of Republicanism in the western part of the State, and had not a few friends on this side the bay. He was a man of generous impulses, and in his private life was always doing something in an unostentatious way for the benefit of someone else. He was beloved by all classes of people in his home town, and his sudden death is a severe blow to the business interests of the city of Cumberland. His funeral was held on Wednesday and was attended by many of the state officials, including Gov. Warfield, and by many prominent men from all walks of life.

A PLEASANT SOCIAL.

The Youug People's Society of Christian Endeavor, of Christ M. P. Church, held a delightful social at the home of Miss Clara Usilton on Wednesday evening. Everything had been splendidly arranged for the pleasure and entertainment of the guests by a committee of the society consisting of Misses Fannie Baker, Mary Elliott, Clara Usilton, Harry T. Hoyle and Howard Dodd, and when the company had assembled everything was in readiness for a royal good time. Games of various kinds were the features of the evening. The first amusement, however, was a guessing contest. Fifteen pictures were hung across the large bay window in the sitting room. Each picture represented some noted or conspicious person. There were Gov. Warfield, W. J. Bryan, A. B. Parker, John D. Rockefeller, Francis E. Clark, Charles J. Sheldon, Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, Nan Patterson, Susan B. Anthony, Thomas Lawson, etc. Mr. Harry Cannan was the successful contestant, having guessed fourteen of the sixteen pictures. He received a dainty box of assorted nuts as the prize. Mr. Cannan and Mrs. Wilbur W. Hubbard tied for first honors but in the "reguess" Mr. Cannan was successful. Such games as "Candid," "Schum-Schum-alieu," "Winks" and "Stealing Partners," were indulged in, and everyone present seemed to have a delightful evening. Refreshments were served, consisting of water-ice, cake and assorted candy. About 100 young folks of the church enjoyed the evening.

GALENA ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Todd returned Monday evening from a visit to thela t-ter's brother in Cumberland.

Mr. H. Meeteer Crouch, of Baltimore, was the guest of Miss Hattie Gray at her beautiful home near town on Sunday last.

We are to have a wedding soon. Guess who. Some say it is to be one of our fair maiden.

Miss Bessie Whitaker, Arthur Hyland and Hanson Horsey returned to their school duties on Monday last.

Miss Jessie Crewe, of Betterton, and Miss Hattie Ford were the guests of Mrs. William Spry at Hotel Kent last week.

Mr. Unit Horsey visited Middletown on Sunday last.

Miss Ella Parr, who has been under treatment of Dr. Jeter, is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Sophia Hurtt and daughter, who have been on a visit to her sister in Westfield, are expected home this week.

Miss May Tarbutton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Tarbutton.

Mrs. Wm. Spry, we are glad to state, is able to be out again, as she was greatly missed by the community as well as the traveling salesmen who visited Hotel Kent during her illness, among whom she is a general favorite

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