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ROCK HALL ITEMS.

Mr. Geo. Camp, of Philadelphia, paid a short visit to his mother on Saturday.

Mrs. Alexander is quite sick. Messrs. Whallen, Taylor and Parks are convalescent.

Skating at the Haven is daily increasing. Among the lovers of that sport we notice R. S. Crew, Leo Durding, Tom Rich, Reybold Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Durding, Misses Ada Middleton, Hellen Kerr, Lullie and Clara Downey and hosts of others. Mrs. Trew Durding enjoys being drawn on a sled over the ice, her son as propeller. Joe Kendall and Joe Ryan are the experts, and cut many didos, often a broadsider, on the ice.

Congregation at the M. E. Church was entertained by discourses from Malchi 3:8. In the preliminary remarks he mentioned "that the church was losing its grip on the people; that the moral tone of Rock Hall is low. A serious problem confronted the church; that ministers in preaching the gospel, gave that part which 'tickled the ear' for fear that their salary would not be forthcoming." He further said that men were constantly robbing God by neglect of duty, by contributions, by failing to attend prayer meeting and Sunday school, and he would like to see the day when christians could be distinguished from sinners. The treasurer reported the receipts and expenses from April, 1904, which shows a balance due the pastor of $150. The Sunday school collections are large; for three consecutive Sundays it has been $18.85, $7.90 and $6.50.

The Public School has enrolled 260 pupils; several rooms have 40, and one has 45. Quite a number of "little tots" will enter the first of February, which will increase this much over-crowded school. Seven teachers are not sufficient to do justice to so large a number.

Business is at a standstill. Creek and bay full of ice. No steamboat on Monday or Tuesday. Our merchants are well stocked so there is no fear of want. The U. S. dollar is in demand. This suspension of business makes it very hard for merchants who are compelled to make incomplete transactions.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney returned from their wedding tour and were met by a band of serenaders who made the air resound with horns, pans and guns. The happy pair invited them in and gave refreshments, after which many best wishes were made for the bridal pair.

Mr. James Casey is frozen up and says he cannot move far from the stove.

Many of the oystermen have contracted for their summer wood and are busily engaged in cutting and hauling it home.

Owing to the close of the creeks our local sportsmen have been unable to secure ducks and geese.

Miss Sallie Hogans, of Fairlee, is visiting Mrs. Frank Porter.

Misses Mayme and Maude Miller, Ada Joiner, Alice Parsons, Myrtle Durding, Messrs. Edward Urie, Milton Dill, Arthur Greenwood, spent a very delightful evening at the home of Mrs. Wm. I. Ashley. Games were the feature of the evening.

The P. O. S. of A. presented Piney Neck school with three handsome bibles. Messrs. Jos. Ryan, John Hickey and Charles Jones, as the committee, gave presentation remarks. Miss Thomas, the principal, made a speech of acceptation.

CLIFF CITY ITEMS.

Some of the folks of Kent who went to Alabama and Mississippi seem, from latest reports, to have been "Cassie Chadwicked" on a small scale and run up against it good and hard. With bright inducements offered, these Kent countians left Paradise and chased the golden rainbow with their families, and expected to accumulate sufficient wealth of the realm to buy enough powder and ball to keep the wolf from the door many a moon. Capt. C. R. Neal, who left the Cliffs with others to work for Lopaz & Co., at Biloxi, reports that he was boarded whilst in the Gulf dredging by Mr. Hickey, of Kent, who reported that Capts. Henry, Davis and Wise and their families, all of Kent, who were working at Bedwells in Alabama, were not earning enough at the prices to sustain them, and they wished to leave there and go to Biloxi, Miss., and Capt. Dick, (C. R. Neal) in the goodness of his heart and with a fellow-feeling for his fellow Kent Countians hied him to the place, hired a team to move them to the railroad station, when lo and behold the strong arm of the law stretcheth forth and lands the goodhearted Capt. before his honor—the squire, where he learned that to entice labor from the State of Alabama caused the enticer to stand in for a fine of from $50 to $300. Not having a sufficient roll of the needy, the Captain was confined in a lockup called Roden all day and all night without anything to eat and next morning took him without any breakfast to Mobile to land him in jail, and here came his luck, for when the sheriff asked the constable for his commitment the cop didn't have any, and the Capt. stood up and asked the sheriff if he was not clear of him, and he was, but the cop put in "If you don't cough up enough to pay my carfare I will swear out another warrant." Being only $1.80 the Capt. disgourged and hied him for the first train to Biloxi. After a judge of the court discharged him it was then 12 o'clock and the Capt. had fasted nearly 24 hours, and Capt. Dick is a good feeder when opportunity offers.

This ought to have been enough for one day, but while he and Chess Brown, another Kent man, were walking in the street of Biloxi, a big man hailed him to hold up and he halted, for he thought he was to be re-arrested but it was only a drunk. So Dick and Chess walked on saying that's all right but the drunk wouldn't have it that way and brutally informed the Capt. that he was going to put him out of business, whereupon he drew a gun and putting it to Neal's back pulled on him. The cap failed to connect and Capt. Dick, sprinter that he is, heated the pavement and got under cover. The man was soon arrested, a judge having witnessed the affray from across the street. He was tried and fined $100 and costs, or $125, and the Capt. found out he was a deputy sheriff from Gulf Port. Capt. Neal says it was by the Providence of the Almighty that he has escaped with his life. "How our religous tendencies come to the front at critical times. HIVER,

*†*There were 9,240 suicides in 1904, as against 8,597 in 1903.

GALENA ITEMS.

One of the most brilliant social events of the season was the surprise given Miss Blanche Johnson, at her beautiful home near Massey, on Friday evening January 13. The guests arrived about 8 o'clock. Dancing was the feature of the evening, music being furnished on the piano by Miss Daisy McCauley, on the violin by Mr. Andrew McCauley and on the cornet by Mr. Herman McCauley. At 11 o'clock the guests were invited to the dining room where refreshments of coffee, lemonade, fruits, candy, etc., were served. After refreshments dancing was resumed until 12 o'clock, when the guests commenced to leave. All expressed themselves as having a most delightful time. Those present were: Mrs. F. R. Wooters, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cochran, Mrs. L. H. Dreka, Misses Addie Ford, May Roe, Carrie Roe, Florence Hurlock, Millie Hurlock, Daisy McCauley, Nellie McCauley, Fannie Johnson, Blanche Johnson, Alice Dreka, Agnes Clara and Jennie Cochran, Marie Johnson, Mary Woodal, Helena Woodal, Lizzie Woodal, Sallie Clark, and Messrs. Charles Spry, Andrew McCauley, Herman McCauley, Keith Cochran, Dr. Scott, Bradford Pierce, Louis Dreka, Durney Oldham, George Oldham, Lynn Caulk, Bradford Johnson, Clayton Johnson, Richard Cochran, Allen Johnson, Andrew Woodal.

Messrs. John McIntyre and Ernest Briscoe, attended a parlor social last Tuesday evening at Mr. Wm. Hurlock's, near Kennedyville.

Messrs. B. P. Pierce and Herman McCauley made a flying trip to Philadelphia this week.

The M. E. Church of this place will hold its missionary anniversary Sunday morning and night, Feb 5th. Quite an interesting program is prepared for this occasion.

Miss Katie Woodal, of Georgetown, who has been quite sick for some time, is very much improved at this writing.

Mr. Chas. E. Lane has greately improved his store property, by the addition of a large glass door.

Mr. Sam'l Caldwell, Sr., often visits our town on Sunday.

Mr. John Jarvis, who has been suffering with pneumonia, is convalescent.

Mr. Needles, of Chestertown, visited our town Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. L. J. Hayes, and two sisters, Misses Annie and Bessie, attended the wedding near Middletown Wednesday, of Miss Laura Price and Mr. Fred Stevens.

Master Andrew McCauley is confined to the house with a very sore neck.

Misses Daisy Lane and Frances Lynch, spent the latter part of this week in Philadelphia.

Dr. J. W. Latimer took two patients to the hospital Monday.

Mr. Henry Parr spent Tuesday in Chestertown.

Mr. G. E. Hicks complained last week of not feeling well, we are glad he took the proper medicine and is able to be out again. Our advice to him is—not to roam about at night.

Little Sarah Pennington, who has been very sick with sore throat is very much improved.

A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Price near Middletown, Wednesday Jan. 18, 1905, when their youngest daughter, Miss Laura Price, was united in marriage to Mr. Frederick Stevens, a prosperous young farmer near Crumpton. At 3 p. m., the family and guests repaired to the parlor which had been adorned beautifully for the wedding occasion. When the happy couple under the strains of Lohengrin skillfully rendered by Miss Hettie Hill marched to and stood under an arch of evergreen and were pronounced man and wife by Rev. A. P. Prettyman, of Galena. The bride was tastefully gowned in a white Paris muslin with trimmings of pleated liberty and carried bride roses and maiden hair fern. The groom and two ushers, Messrs. Elmer Price and Wm. Stevens wore conventional black. After congratulations the guests were invited to an adjoining room where a royal reception was tendered, after which the bride and groom were driven to the home of the groom's parents, where a supper was awaiting them. The happy couple were recipients of many useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will make their home on a farm near Crumpton.

STILL POND NEWS.

Mr. Wm. Medders has returned home after spending a short time in Baltimore.

Rev. John Beauchamp, of Harrington, Del., preached at our church, Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Our pastor, Rev. T. F. Beauchamp has been quite sick. We are glad to state that he is much better at this writing.

Miss Jennie Coleman is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. John Boulden is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Charlie Harper and wife and Miss Mary Harper, of New York, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders.

Miss Jessie Crewe has been visiting at Galena.

Mr. Harris Crewe, who has been at work in Baltimore has returned home.

The revival meetings have been quite a success at our church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasin, of near Betterton, who have been visiting out west, have returned home.

Mr. Harris Crewe is visiting his sister, Mrs. Roseberry.

Misses Lillie Thompson and Elsie Ricards spent Thursday with friends at Kennedyville. BE WISE.

KENNEDYVILLE ITEMS.

Mrs. Harry Redmile is visiting relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Mr. J. R. Bennett spent Wednesday and Thursday with relatives in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Jas. Bennett and sister, Mrs. Sue Shallcross are visiting relatives in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. John Seney returned from Baltimore Hospital where he underwent a successful operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Wm. Archibald made a business trip to Philadelphia Thursday.

Mrs. W. Redmile is spending a week with her son, Harry.

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist, Chestertown.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The Pieria Literary Society held their annual open meeting on Monday evening, January 14. It is needless to say that the programme was one of great excellence. The Society was called to order by president Hale promptly at 7.30. The following is the programme; Declamation Class, Misses Rolph, Taylor and Hessey; Essay, Miss A. W. Melvin; Paper, Miss N. P. Kirby; Readings, Misses Peterson and Jones.

Debate: Resolved, that Senior Normals should have the same privilege as the Seniors of the Collegiate courses. Affirmative, Misses Reich and Graham; negative, Misses Griffin and Garey.

Mr. Coughlin, president of the Mt. Vernon Society, Mr. Gill, president of Adelphia, and Mrs. Cain were appointed judges and rendered their decision 2 to 1 in favor of the negative. After the judges had rendered their verdict, the presidents of the other societies cordially thanked "Madame President" for the entertainment, adjourned to Normal Hall where refreshments were served. The Hall was very beautifully decorated for the occasion and all passed a very pleasant evening. May there be many such delightful receptions for us in the future.

While swinging on the horizontal bar last Friday afternoon, Mr. John R. Brittingham accidentally fell and broke the radius of his left arm. He says that it is quite a painful operation to make two bones out of one. Dr. Hines reduced the fracture and he is much better at this writing.

Mrs. Micou who was quite ill the latter part of last week and the first of this week has improved, and is able to be up again.

Under the able supervision of Editor Howard and the indefatigable energy of Business Manager, Robinson, the fourth edition of the Washington Collegian has appeared. This is a very creditable number and contains some rare literary gems. Among its principal features is the poem; "My Fairy" by Mr. E. A. Coughlin, and the "Plea for Temperance" by Mr. Truitt.

Mr. Thos. F. Garey is in Baltimore taking examinations for the Cecil Rhodes scholarship. We wish him success.

Prof. H. W. Goodrich who taught a while here last year has obtained the Rhodes scholarship from Massachuetts.

Mr. John H. Hughes paid a short visit to us last week. We are always glad to see "Jonnie" at any time, day or night.

BETTERTON BRIEFS.

The ice on the bay seems loathe to leave. It remains one solid piece as far as eye can see. Most persons have taken advantage of it by filling their ice houses, but owing to the recent snow it affords little pleasure for the skaters.

We are very sorry to state that Mr. William Wheeler had to go to the hospital in regard to his eye that was accidentally shot early in the winter.

Mr. Chas. Brice has purchased from Mr. Alex. Mair his house and property on Front St. Mr. Mair bought the Wash. Crew place from Mr. John Owens.

Mr. Rhotan Crew is visiting Baltimore this week.

Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Cooper, of Worton, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Frank Clark.

Mr. Beauchamp, of Queen Anne's, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Howard Owens.

Miss Lou Jewell is visiting relatives in and around Worton.

Miss Georgie Smith entertained her young friends on Thursday evening. Quite a number were out and an enjoyable evening spent.

The Betterton M. E. Sunday School was reorganized on last Sunday with Mr. George Owens, Supt.; Miss Violet Moore, ass't. supt.; Mr. John Brice, treasurer; Mr. Archie Crew, secretary; Miss Bessie Leigh, librarian; Misses Helen and Hettie Crew, organists.

*†*Mr. Perry R. Hunt, of New York, has leased a farm of 20 acres near Niagara Gorge, for the purpose of raising rattlesnakes for New York restaurants. He claims there is great demand in New York restaurants for this kind of food. Well, people in Maryland will be satisfied for a while with pork and beans.

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