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A FESTIVAL will be held in Crumpton on SATURDAY NIGHTS, July 10 and 17, for the benefit of the M. E. Church.

FOR SALE:

Between 100 and 200 LOCUST POSTS.
jy10-3t. Apply at KENT NEWS.

NOTICE!

FOUR REFRIGERATORS and TWO ICE-CHESTS to be sold at Wholesale Prices, at J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.'S.

STRAYED:

From my premises, on Sunday, 4th inst., a Young, Black MULE. Was last seen in neighborhood of Still Pond. Any information about her would be thankfully received. W. E. JARRELL,
jy10-3t. Chesterville, Md.

FOR RENT for 1898:

THE DWELLING

in Chestertown, on High Street, now occupied by Mrs. Houston. Apply to
jy10-3t. CHAS. L. DODD.

FOR RENT:

A TEN ROOM HOUSE,

with Cool Cellar, one of the best locations in the town, Bath-room, Toilet-room. In good order. Possession given at once.
Apply to THOMAS W. ELIASON,
j26-5t. Chestertown.

Grain! Grain!

We have made arrangements to operate direct with one of the largest Grain firms and exporters in Baltimore, and desire to inform our friends and the public that we are prepared to give them the Highest possible price by rail, and by the aid of our vessels, more money than can the average buyers. Will send a man to look at your wheat or buy by sample or grade. I will also buy for future delivery. Resp'y,
TURNER & SON.
July 10, 1897. Betterton, Md.

Wheat Wanted!

Gill & Fisher, Baltimore, and Gill & Fisher, limited, Philadelphia, (one of the largest exporting houses in the United States), has employed me as their local representative for the purchase of Grain in Kent county. It will be greatly to the interest of all farmers either to see or write me. All communications, either by wire or letter *from any part of the county* will receive prompt attention. Being the largest exporters we can offer decided advantage in price. We want wheat for both water and rail shipment. Immediate payment for all grain as soon as delivered.
WILLIAM ARCHIBALD,
jy10-3t. Kennedyville, Md.

The Wheat Market

I wish to inform the farmers that I have orders from Messrs. I. M. PARR & SON to buy wheat in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, both by rail and vessel. As exporters we can, of course, offer decided inducements in price.

All communications by mail or telegraph will receive prompt attention.

Settlement will be made for all grain immediately upon receipt of weights.

H. M. BROWN,
Office of Beck, Walker & Brown, KENT NEWS BUILDING. July 3, 1897.

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WAGNER GREEN HOUSE.

WEST PRATT ST., BALTIMORE, MD.

J. & B. L. WAGNER, PROPRIETORS.

This Restaurant is the oldest and most extensive in its accommodations of any in the city. The crowds which lunch and dine daily at his restaurant attest the public approbation of its management. a25-tf.

PERSONAL.—DR. CHAS. H. MEDDERS will visit Chestertown the SECOND TUESDAY of each month to treat Eye, Ear and Throat Cases. The Doctor comes well recommended, late resident physician of the Presbyteri anEye, Ear and Throat Hospital, visiting physician to Bayview Asylum in Eye and Ear. Can be seen at Voshell House July 13th.

ICE CREAM!

I can now furnish Vanilla Ice Cream for $1.00 per gallon. All other flavors at reasonable prices. Special prices given in large quantities for festivals, entertainments, etc.

Fresh CAKE & BISCUITS

on hand at all times.

JOHN L. SHUSTER & CO.,
2mo-m29. Chestertown, Md

DELAWARE'S CROP ALMOST A FAILURE!

The Finest Fruit Found on Line of the Kent Railroad — Special Agent Mills Places Delaware's Crop at 300,000—Curculio's Devastation.

Special Agent I. N. Mills, of the Philadelphia & Baltimore Railroad, has made his estimate of the peach crop and his prediction, according to the *Call*, is that the peach crop of 1897 will almost be a total failure. This is quite a surprise, as several weeks ago there was a good prospect for a moderate size crop. But the peaches have nearly all vanished from the trees, and a little closer scrutiny will find them on the ground, where they have fallen.

The "June drop" this season is the heaviest in the history of peach culture on the peninsula, and growers who anticipated the lifting of a mortgage by this crop have had their hopes blasted, and will now have to turn their attention to something else to meet the desired end.

The frosts of early spring damaged the peaches in the lower part of the peninsula, but still there was a prospect for a crop. The damage was done by the curculio, and wherever it stings a peach it is sure to fall. So numerous have been these destructive insects that Mr. Mills noticed in an orchard near Seaford a peach that had thirteen stings on it. This orchard is no exception to the other orchards of the peninsula.

The cause of the rapid increase of the curculio is a mystery to the majority of fruit growers, but Mr. Mills says it is the fault of the farmers themselves. In 1895 and 1896 there were large crops of peaches, and the ground under the trees were covered with peaches that had either rotted and fell off or were thrown there as culls and left to rot. Instead of the growers picking this decayed fruit up, as is done by the California fruit growers, and either feeding it to his hogs or get rid of it in some other way, it was left there for these insects to breed in, with the consequence that in 1897 there is an enormous crop of these insects and they have destroyed the crop of peaches.

The following is the estimate as furnished by the agents along the lines of the Delaware railroad and branches to Mr. Mills. This, he thinks, is too high by from one-third to one-half:

Delaware Railroad—112,860 baskets.
Q. A. & K. R. R.—85,400 baskets.
Del. & Ches. R.—88,330 baskets.
B. & D. B. R. R.—127,850 baskets.
Cambridge & Seaford—14,905 baskets.
Del. Md. & Va.—107,685 baskets.
Total—537,075 baskets.

The principal shipping points will be Wyoming, on the Delaware Railroad; Milford and Selbyville, on the Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Railroad; East New Market, on the Cambridge & Seaford Railroad; Ridgely and Queen Anne, on the Delaware & Chesapeake Railway; Millington and Centreville, on the Queen Anne & Kent Railroad.

These are the points where the buyers will be located and they will draw from the smaller stations.

The only section where there will be peaches in any quantity will be on the Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad, which runs from Clayton to Chestertown. This road runs through the finest peach section on the peninsula, but very little of the fruit has gone to Philadelphia and other northern markets in the past, on account of Baltimore being so close and the difference in freight so great. The past two seasons the steamboats have taken small lots, but the bulk of the crop has gone to Baltimore.

The estimate of this road is made on what is likely to be shipped by rail under ordinary circumstances, but everything points to a much larger shipment than the estimate, as the buyers are most likely to bid for this fruit the present season, as it will be scarce at the points where they have been buying in the past, and if they do the amount shipped will double the estimate. The following is the estimate by stations on this line:

Black	1,000	baskets.
Kennedyville	10,000	"
Hepbron	40,000	"
Lynch	15,000	"
Worton	18,250	"
Nicholson	8,600	"
Chestertown	35,000	"
Total	127,850	"

Another thing in connection with the fruit in the neighborhood of Chestertown. The trees are healthy and have never been affected by the "yellows."

PERCH FISHING on the Chesapeake is fairly good. Mr. W. C. A. Thompson and party caught six dozen fine fellows a few days ago.

LITTLE BOY HANGED!

Isaac Wilmer, a colored resident of Millington, went to work Wednesday morning leaving no one at home but his twelve-year-old boy. When the father returned at noon he found his son hanging to a door with a rope about his neck. The boy it is supposed, was playing with this rope up on the stairs, and in some manner, fell with the rope about his neck. It is evident that the rope was first placed on a nail which was found broken, and in falling off the nail, caught on the door hinge and hanged the lad! Life was extinct when he was found. B. F. Hartley, coroner, called a jury of inquest who rendered a verdict of accidental death.

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

MARCUS ASCHER, who recently purchased the Blackway corner property in Chestertown, says he expects to erect a new dwelling and store-room there next fall. Mr. Ascher says the town commissioners want to buy enough from him to widen the College avenue. This would be a big improvement, and it could no doubt be bought at a reasonable figure. The corner is to be rented to Mr. B. Edwards for a harness shop.

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THE steamer Gratitude broke her shaft Tuesday evening off Piney Point, and the Emma Ford was compelled to run into Centreville, reaching Chestertown about 10 o'clock. The B. S. Ford towed the Gratitude to Baltimore and repairs will be made at once.

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TWO COLORED MEN entered the bedroom of Miss Nellie Porter, and Miss Addie Parsons, who is visiting her, at Worton Station, on Sunday night by means of a ladder stolen from Mr. Kiker. Miss Porter says she felt some one holding her hand and reached forth her other when she clasped a colored man's hand. This frightened her so that she gave the alarm but before assistance could arrive they had escaped. The men were bare-footed and were traced as far as Catt's Corner.

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THE State live stock sanitary board have sent a veterinary surgeon to Princess Anne, Somerset county, to investigate a peculiar disease that has broken out among cattle in that vicinity. The board has also decided to enforce the law against receipts of cattle from below the quarantine line.

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THE bids for furnishing the Kent county almshouse with 55 tons of nut and stove coal were opened this week, and the contract awarded to Dr. J. T. Twilley at $4.75 and $5. There were ten bidders.

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THE first Kent peaches in the Philadelphia market were from the orchards of James S. Harris, Esq., in Still Pond last Saturday. They sold for $1.00 per basket and were of the Waterloo variety.

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MR. F. H. GREENWOOD, deputy clerk of the county, has been gathering roasting ears from his garden for the week past. We were the recipients of a fine lot on Wednesday from the expert gardener.

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A PIG THIEF made a narrow escape at "Riverside" last Saturday night. Mr. J. C. Loud had lost several fine pigs and had his suspicions as to what become of them. His two boys, John and Cody, heard a singular noise in the pig quarters on the night named but neglected to take a gun with them when they went out to investigate. They went quietly to the locality and the sound of pigs eating *corn* at that time of night changed their curiosity to the suspicion that a thief was near by, and sure enough a man jumped out of a fence corner and ran for his life leaving a couple of large bags behind! The only regret of the boys is that their guns had been left at the house. Otherwise Mr. Thief would have gotten the full benefit of cold lead.

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HENRY JOHNSON, the bootblack, was arrested Thursday for striking Bordley Sappington, tried before Justice Wright and fined $6. He appealed to court. Henry, when placed in jail, began to sing, "Mr. Casey, turn me loose!"

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CHRIST M. P. SUNDAY SCHOOL will hold their annual picnic at Queenstown July 21. The M. E. school goes there next Thursday.

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MR. W. S. WALKER, of Goose Hill, brought to the NEWS office yesterday a perfectly formed double hen egg.

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DR. THOMAS DUNCAN, rector of Saint Stephen's parish, at Earleville, met with a serious accident Monday afternoon. Accompanied by his little grandchildren he was driving near Mrs. Stephen Ford's, and stepped out on the shaft to gather some cherries for the little folks. He was leaning over near the tree when his horse started up, throwing him heavily to the ground. His left arm was broken and his back hurt severely.

A STREET SPRINKLER is the greatest need in Chestertown these dusty days. Will not our progressive City Fathers grant us such a desirable blessing?

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MR. CYRUS G. HOWARD has purchased of R. D. Hynson, Esq., the Blackway house now tenanted by Father McSweeney for $575.

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HEAVY SHOWERS fell in the upper part of Kent on Thursday of last week and several farmers were unable to cut wheat until this week.

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MISS HELEN LINK has resigned her position as teacher of Worton school. She has served this school over ten yrs. and is one of the best teachers in the county. Miss Jewell, who resigned as teacher of the school at Golt's is talked of as likely to succeed Miss Link.

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CAP. BACHELOR, of High street, Chestertown, says a thief entered his house a few nights ago by means of breaking the window with an axe. In making his escape from Mr. B., who heard the noise, the culprit upset a large pitcher and broke it. Nothing was stolen.

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THE yields of wheat in Kent are very gratifying. Mr. Stonewall Johnson threshed this week on his Masseys farm and averaged about 35 bushels to the acre. Mr. Thos. Trew, on "Stepney," in Broad Neck, leads the list so far, having threshed 800 bushels weighing 62 pounds each on 20 acres. Capt. W. D. Burchinal, near town, reaped about 30 bushels to the acre.

Mr. J. W. Lambert averaged 33 bus. to the acre on one of his fields and 25 on the other. Mr. Shinn is tenant.

SPORTING NOTES!

Lecompt, of Cambridge, carried off the honors at Frederick last Monday and is now State champion.

The attendance at the State meet was about one-third of what was expected. The boarding house people prepared for large crowds and the local club will lose heavily. The number of racing people are very small compared to the number of wheels. The visitors were given a royal reception and the town given up to the cyclists. It is needless to say that they accepted it.

Messrs. Wm. N. Emory and C. D. Wrightson wheeled it from Philadelphia to Chestertown last Saturday. They made the eighty mile run in nine hours. The last eight miles were made in 30 minutes. Mr. Emory is a native of Chestertown, but has been in the Philadelphia National Bank for 13 yrs. --since he was 14 years old. This latter *feat* is more important than even the popular cycling spurts.

The Havre deGrace Republican states that Miss Katie Russell, of Baltimore, left Baltimore on Monday morning last, at half past seven o'clock, on her wheel, and arrived here at her uncle's house, Mr. Luciana, at two o'clock in the afternoon. We think this quite a remarkable spin for the young lady, and we doubt whether any of the amateur wheelmen of the sterner sex can do much better. The run was an average of nearly six miles an hour.

Marion Mills, the guideless pacer, paced a heat Tuesday in 2.05¾. This mare goes around the track alone, without sulky or driver. She will not do well alongside another horse nor with some one holding the reins. She is a curiosity on the race track.

The Chestertown ball team defeated the Harlem Athletic Club Saturday by a score of 12 to 3. Stevens pitched, Bader catch.

On Monday Bader, Stevens, Deakyne, William and Thomas Trenchard and four players went to St. Michael's and defeated the local team by score of 17 to 6.

Mr. W. W. Hubbard has purchased of J. H. Sides a new wheel and joined the wheeling army.

A telegram from M. G. Latimer on Thursday says he is playing ball at Woodstock, Va.

The game Wednesday with the Lafayettes, of Baltimore, resulted in a victory for Chestertown by score of 10 to 1. Stevens pitched in his usual form and was well supported.

The game to-day will commence at 3 P. M. Don't fail to attend and give the boys a good send-off, as they are trying to arrange games next week with Seaford, Dover, Federalsburg and Cambridge, all to be played away from home.

Aleck McCubbins, of the Baltimore McDonoghs, has signed with Chestertown to help Stevens in the pitchers box.

Mr. Carle Westcott received this week a fine Continental tandem.

Mr. Stockton Startt has purchased a new Syracuse, red frame.

The Millington team was defeated yesterday on their grounds by the Chestertown club, score 7 to 1. Thus it will be seen that Chestertown is superior to the College team.

LOCAL POLITICS.

The Democrats Will Wait — Republican Primary To-day — Prospective Results.

Democratic primaries to elect delegates to the county convention for the selection of delegates to the State convention will be held next Saturday.

The County Executive Committee met in Chestertown last Tuesday and after filling vacancies adjourned to meet on the 3rd of Aug., at 11 A. M. Dr. E. G. Clarke and H. G. Hendrickson, of the first district, were selected to fill the vacancies caused by the removal of the residence of Thomas M. Britton and Noble E. Pennington. In the fourth district, George W. Smith and Henry W. Catlin were appointed to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of C. F. Stam and death of J. M. J. Byron.

The action of Queen Anne's in turning down Kent's favorite son for the Republican judgeship nomination has been a severe blow to the aspirants for the local offices. However the blow only stunned them temporarily.

Caucuses were held in several districts this week and the delegations arranged for the primaries today to be elected to come to Chestertown next Tuesday. In this the Chestertown district the following persons will doubtless be delegates: C. T. Westcott, W. D. Burchinal, S. F. Smith, J. Henry Hurtt, W. T. Matthews, Zack Dunn, Fred. Nichols, Jr., Edw. Graves, Harrison Jenkins, Wesley Broadway, there being five white and five colored delegates from each district. Judge Wright was in the caucus but withdrew when he discovered that he was to be debarred from a place on the delegation.

Last Saturday one of the most surprising incidents of the campaign transpired. Mr. Jos. C. Kendall and Mr. J. W. Downey, two rival candidates for the Rock Hall postoffice, came to Chestertown in Mr. J. J. Blackiston's team! Mr. Kendall relinquished his claim for the postoffice in favor of Mr. Downey with the understanding that Mr. Kendall was to have a place on the ticket without opposition. Judge John E. Beck, however, says he will have something to say about the fix-up and Mr Kendall may have to fight for his delegation today. He will win, however, as the P. O. understanding will bring to his support the Casey wing of the party in addition to his personal popularity.

A lively fight is on in the first district between Messrs. W. Scotten and C. Price on one side and Messrs. S. Mallalieu and Dr. Fred. Walls on the other. Each declare that he will bring the delegation to Chestertown.

This will be near the "slate" when it is finally given out:

Clerk—Wm D. Burchinal.
Register of Wills—Jos. C. Kendall or Thomas A. Jacobs.
Treasurer—Wilbur Eliason or F. H. Harper.
Sheriff—Samuel Webb or S. F. Smith.
Legislature—Morris Bramble, Sam'l Mallalieu.
Commissioners—Vickers and Owens.

A prominent leader in speaking of the delegations and candidates, says that every delegation will be *unpledged* and that any aspirant for office will be named before the convention and his fitness for the place considered. The leaders are disposed to delay the county nominations and the convention next Tuesday will not make the ticket then, but after selecting delegates to the Judicial convention it will adjourn to about the first of September.

As the Democrats seem also disposed to put off their nominations as late as possible we may expect a short campaign this fall.

GALENA NOTES.

The Junior O. U. A. M. celebrated Independence Day by attending church in a body. The councils of Cecilton and Millington joined those of Galena. They formed in the hall and marched in a body (forty-two strong) to the church. The pulpit was nearly covered with "Old Glory." Front seats in the church were reserved for the order. Rev. Mr. Fletcher preached a patriotic sermon from Psalms 33: 12. The reverend gentleman dwelt particularly on the immensity of the country under the stars and stripes. He pictured Philadelphia as the most American city in the United States, though she was cursed with thousands of saloons, a great many of which were run by women.

The excursion by the steamer Sassafras on the 5th, to Tolchester, was quite a success.

Several of the farmers in this section are threshing and report the crop turning out satisfactorily. Report says that Stonewall Johnson got 35 bushels to the acre.

D. D. G. M. Henry Parr installed the officers of Kent Lodge, No. 74, I. O. O. F., on Wednesday evening last. After the installation services were over the brothers enjoyed themselves with ice-cream and cake.

Our school closed on the 30th ult. The boys put in their time now playing ball. OBS.

THE State Teachers' Association meets next Tuesday at the Blue Mountain House for three days.

THOSE PICTURE MEN!

The ladies of Chestertown who patronized the Culpepper Picture Co. several months ago and lost money and picture were surprised this week by the receipt of a notice. These notices were all written in the same hand and arrived in Wednesday's mail. But a singular fact connected with the concern is that they have "handed over" the pictures to a *Philadelphia* firm. The notices read thus:

WEST PHILA., PA. 7, 7, '97.

Madam:—We received your picture some time ago from a Baltimore firm. It is now finished and ready for delivery by express. Please let us know by return mail when you will be prepared to receive it.

Yours, ACME ART CO.
675 Union St. West Phila., Pa.

The idea to be conveyed in the following postal is clear:

W. Phila., Pa., 7, 7, '97.

MADAM:

Having bought out the Culpeper Mfg. Co., we found your picture among the lot, it is finished ready for delivery by express so please answer by return mail.

Yours, ACME ART CO.,
675 Union St., W. Phila., Pa.

Mrs. M. E. Watts has heard nothing from the Culpeper Co. in reference to their unpaid board bill. The new (?) firm evidently did not assume the debts of the old company.

ROCK HALL JOTS.

Department Grand Chancellor, J. D. Ayres, installed the following officers of Chesapeake Lodge N. 68 K. of P. on last Saturday night: C. C., Henry W. Davis; V. C., Chas. Sewall; Prelate, W. J. Hudson; M. of W., Nathan Satterfield; M. at A., Lonnie I. Whaland.

The races on Coburn's track last Saturday were witnessed by quite a large gathering. Six entries were in the first class, Lonnie Stevens' bay being the winner; three entries were in the second class and the winning horse was George Stevens' black.

The two baseball teams on the same afternoon gave an exhibition of their skill to a large audience, the second nine losing. "Old Sol" handed it down so rapidly that players and racers were far from their best.

The 5th was exceedingly quiet in this section, almost everybody that could possibly get off spent the day at Tolchester; those remaining at home found "Old Sol" too unbearable for the usual outing parties, nevertheless, the patriotic ones displayed "Old Glory" and other bunting the entire day.

A balloon weary of its journey descended into the bay on Huntingfield Point bar at about 1 o'clock P. M. Sunday. Parties from Huntingfield and Rock Hall had an interesting race to capture the prize; Josh. Thomas succeeded in making the capture, when hauled out of the water, an inscription in bold letters was found upon it, reading thus: "C—— H—— S——, the d—st liar in Kent co.," as a compliment to one of our popular young farmers.

Quite a sensation was created on Sunday night about 9 o'clock, among a number of citizens, a brilliant light apparantly the size of the evening star was seen traveling at the rate of six or eight miles an hour from a point south, directly toward the North star, the supposition finally prevailed that some one in Eastern Neck had started another balloon which proved to be correct.

Quite a quantity of "Buck" and other 4th of July beverages was landed here on Saturday, happily however, very little of its effects was observed during Sunday or Monday.

Mr. F. M. Satterfield has the misfortune of being a subject of partial deafness for several years past; during last week he was afflicted with rheumatism, and the doctor ordered him a preparation for relief. As a consequence, the treatment that he was undergoing for deafness and that for the rheumatism became imbued with the spirit of "Wellington" and "Warner," and now Mr. S. is almost totally deaf, and very little relieved from his rheumatism.

The Odd Fellows Lodge here will attend divine service to-morrow morning in a body at the M. E. Church, when the "poor sinners" will have the plan of salvation made clear unto them by Pastor Outting.

The mud machines are making slow progress with harbor improvements. The main shaft has been broken causing considerable delay. The outside machine ran all of Tuesday night.

While hay harvesters were much chagrined about Wednesday's rain, it was much needed on corn and truck, putting vigor into vegetation generally.

Capt. Jos. B. Downey, the veteran perch net fisherman, succeeded in capturing several hundred bunches of rock fish the other day rather unexpectedly. He laid his net off upon a lump in the upper bay without any sign of fish in the vicinity, but it proved a lucky undertaking. The day previous he laid around quite a large school of fish, but the net becoming entangled on an old wreck was badly torn, thus letting out the fish.

Dist. Dept. Grand Master J. R. Ryan, assisted by the Past Grands, installed the following gentlemen as officers of Maxwell Lodge No. 27, I. O. O. F. on Wednesday evening: N. G, Dominick K. Ayres; V. G., S. B. Colyer; Rec. Sec'y, J. W. Boyer; Chaplain, Wm. T. Harrison; Warden, James B. Wilson; R. and L. sub. to N. G., J. D. Ayres and S. C. Porter; Sup. to V. G., Wm. Larrimore and Wm. T. George; R. and L. S. S., L. Greenspon and L. J. Rich; I. G., C. H. Harrison; O. G., Jas. O. Harrison. This lodge has been under heavy beneficial expenditures during the past six months, but has been enabled to meet all without drawing from funds "salted down" in the Chestertown Savings Bank, and still have a surplus in hand.

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