Kent News

SATURDAY, - - DEC. 25, 1897.

A "Merry Christmas!"

First Shad of the Season.—Probably the first shad of the season was caught Tuesday near Rock Hall and sent U. S. Stewart & Bro., 120 Hollingsworth street, Baltimore. The fish was a fine specimen, and weighed seven pounds.

A Big Dance. — One of ths largest dances of the season will be given in Stam's Hall next Tuesday evening. About 250 invitations have been sent and the affair is expected to be the biggest social event of the year. The committee is Hiram M. Brown, Eben F. Perkins, Jr., Lewin W. Wickes, Henry W. Catlin and William W. Beck.

Father McManus' Work.—The Rev. Miles J. McManus is negotiating with the state president of the A. O. H., of Maryland, with a view of establishing a branch of that order at Galena. An invitation will be extended to the official board of Wilmington requesting their presence upon the occasion.

Grounded. — On the special trip to Rock Hall, on last Saturday evening, the steamer Gratitude ran ashore on a shoal bar, just below the wharf, and owing to the low tide was compelled to lay there until late in the night. There were about fifty passengers aboard and they were landed in small boats without any difficulty and very little inconvenience was felt by the accident as this was the only landing the steamer makes on the special Saturday trips.

Funeral of Mr. Morris.—The funeral of the late Bevins Morris, aged 73, whose death was mentioned in the NEWS last week, took place Sunday from the M. E. Church at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. B. Merritt preached the sermon. The pall bearers were James T. Dixon, Harry Rickey, John Bell, Milton Melvin, Wm. Morris and Wm. H. Rollison. The interment was at Chester cemetery. The body was brought over on the Corsica and placed in charge of Undertaker Reiche who kept the same in his home until Sunday.

Reception. — Miss Anna R. Brown gave a reception to her brother, Mr. Henry Clay Brown and his bride, at her home on Front street Tuesday evening. The elegant home was decorated in holly, mistletoe and evergreen and never shone so brilliantly as on this evening. The hostess, Miss Brown, assisted by the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs R. D. Hynson and Lewin W. Wickes, received the guests. Miss Brown wore a beautiful pink gown; Mrs. Brown, white satin and Duchesse lace; Mrs. Hynson, black satin and lace. Iula, the harpist, rendered sweet music. The supper room was a perfect dream of beauty with Mrs. T. W. Eliason and Mrs. Wilbur Eliason guarding spirits.

Died.—The fine brown setter dog belonging to Mr. J. K. Aldridge died on Sunday night at the home of his owner on Front street. This dog was poisoned, but how is not known. He was given a decent burial in the lot on Cannon street Tuesday by "Peter," in the presence of J. K. Aldridge, J. H. Aldridge and the little grandchildren, Kennard, Augusta and Gladys. This dog was not only a good bird dog, but a great pet, and his owner regrets to part with him.

Lodge Officers.— Kent Lodge No 74 I. O. O. F., Galena, at its last meeting elected the following members as officers of the lodge for the next term commencing January 1st 1898, viz.: A. H. Redding, N. G.; G. C. Walls, V. G.; Henry Parr, Sec.; G. W. Jacoby, Treas.; Tilghman Shafer, Chaplain; Walter McIntyre, Marshall; Henry Parr, G. W. Jacoby, and L. C. Hays, Trustees; Henry Parr Rep. to Grand Lodge. The above officers will be installed on the first meeting night in January.

Galena Conclave No. 373 I. O. H. elected the following members as officers for the year 1898 as follows, viz.: C. F. Lehmann, Past Archon; A. H. Redding, Archon; L. C. Hays, Provast; Wm. Steel, Prelate; W. T. Hicks, Sec. Wm. T. Caldwell, Treas.; P. F. Pierce, Financier; J. P. Sweeny, Inspector; G. W. Starr, Warden; Wm. Nickerson, Sentinel; R. H. Hicks, L. C. Hays and W. L. Meredith, Trustees.

Chesapeake Lodge No. 68, K. of P., of Rock Hall, elected the following officers on Thursday evening: C. C., Charles Sewell; V. C., Jas. B. Wilson; P., Geo. Davis; M. F., S. J. Coleman; M. of Ex., J. D. Ayres; K. of R. and S., J. Dickinson; M. of W., Henry W. Davis; M.A., L. J. Whaland; representative to grand lodge, J. D. Ayres; alternate, William J. Hudson; trustees, J. T. Stevens, Geo. Davis, J. J. Davis, John Urie, L. J. Whaland.

THE fourth robbery within a month occurred in Elkton last Saturday night. Marks Lieberman's store was entered and robbed of clothing to the value of $35.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

What is Transpiring Here, There and Everywhere.

THERE were 104 filled jugs landed at the Chestertown wharf by the Corsica Thursday morning! Another hundred will probably arrive this morning.

E. E. MARSH has sold the "Meadows Farm," near Warwick, containing 452 acres, to Alday Clements, Esq., of this county, for $45 per acre.

THE Tolchester steamer carried at least a hundred persons to Baltimore Saturday. Many had their jugs with them, among the number being some great temperance advocates. They were preparing for sickness, no doubt.

THE corn shellers have been doing some fine work the past week or two whenever the weather presented the opportunity. Mr. Sparks' machine shelled 4600 bushels in twelve hours in Quaker Neck for Allie and J. C. Loud. M. Bramble shelled 2,000 from 7.30 A. M. to 4 P. M.

JUDGE BURGESS brought to the NEWS office Tuesday a sample lot of second crop apples grown by Mr. John Kendall, of near Edesville. They were the blush apples.

THE Chestertown postoffice hours today will be as follows: 6 to 8 A. M., 12 to 2 P. M., and from 6 to 8 P. M. Postmaster Wheatley and assistant, Miss Katie, extend through the NEWS their best wishes to all their patrons for a happy Christmas.

THE SOCIABLE of St. Paul's Church met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Bell Thursday evening, December 16, which was the thirteenth anniversary of their marriage. The programme was limited, owing to the absence of some of the members. Mr. Denroche furnished some good reading and Mrs. Nellie Arrowsmith gave a new remedy for rheumatism, which was worse than the disease.

THE "Mexican Chic" show that has been at Stam's Hall for more than a week past was well patronized and quite entertaining. Tne joke on Melitota and the Republicans brought down the house. The illustrated songs and sketching were very good, as were also the negro comedian and acrobat. The company showed here eight nights.

J. J. COOPER, aged 20, an employe in the postoffice building in Wilmington, Del., was killed last week by an explosion of acetylene gas. The young man was charging the tank when the explosion occurred. This is the gas that was on exhibition in Stam's drug store the last week or two. Mr. Cooper was a brother to the wife of Rev. T. B. Cooper, of Bond Church, Pomona. He was to have been married last Thursday. Harry Jefferson, of near Chestertown, served as one of the pall-bearers Monday.

AT A meeting of the Delaware College Athletic Association George Vickers, of Chestertown, was elected manager and Richard Reed captain. The team of '97 was a fairly representative one and played good baseball. The material for the coming year will be better. Thus H. W. Vickers, Esq., will furnish the captains of both football and baseball teams in Delaware College, Harrison having been elected captain of the football team some time ago. These young men are not only up in athletics, but are studious and stand well in their classes.

MRS. CONNOLLY, of Queen Anne's sold her 90 turkeys last week and received $150 cash. Mr. Fesmyer was the purchaser. He also shipped a yearling gobler which dressed 40 pounds and another which dressed 30 pounds. Mr. Fesmyer will ship this week, says the Record about 12 tons of dressed turkeys and about 2 tons of geese, mostly alive. The Messrs. Watson and Townsend will ship about the same, making a total of about 28 tons. This poultry brings the farmers' wives 10 cents a pound on the hoof and has scattered around this neighborhood at least $2,500 this week, with as much more to add for next week's shipments.

LEWIS WHITEHOUSE, mechanic and iron founder, Ulysses Grant Ross, Frank Ross and Bernard Ross, carpenters, will leave Easton for Alaska about the first of February. They will not join any of the numerous expeditions that will leave this part of the country about that time, but will make the venture on their own account entirely. Each man will carry with him $1,000. All of these men are skilled mechanics and accustomed to hard out-door work; all are comparatively young; they are muscular and sinewy men, well educated and thoroughly trained in business. They will decide upon just what to do when they reach Alaska. If they find it pays better to work for some one, they will do that. If they see prospects of striking it rich by digging gold for themselves, then they will dig gold. An Easton young man, of bull-dog tenacity and strength, Jacob Perry Williams, is in the Klondike now. He is a partner of Mr. Stonebraker, of Baltimore.

REV. F. F. RIGGS, pastor of Wilmington Baptist Church, has been trying for some time to get a raise of salary but the trustees refused. Last week two bouncing baby boys arrived at the minister's home, and the trustees of the church were so delighted with the twins that they raised Mr. Briggs' salary at once to $2,250 per year.

AN exciting incident occurred at Booker's wharf last Monday. Among the half dozen beeves taken on board the Emma A. Ford was a blind streer. The animal insisted upon walking overboard twice in succession, and would have taken a third bath but for the extra precautions of the men in charge. After his first plunge the steer came near being drowned by wedging his head in between the wharf piles but was finally extricated and swam ashore.

KENT ISLAND wharf was crowded with geese last Monday, and the Ford took them all on board. The number in the different coops brobably footed up three or four hundred, and they were all genuine "Island birds." This means that they were the largest and finest geese in the world! They sell in the city for about $1.50 apiece. The farmers generally on Kent Island engage in this business of geese raising and they find it profitable — the climate and soils of the Island being peculiarly adapted to the purpose. Three years ago, early in the fall, parties from New England visited Kent Island and engaged 1,000 lean geese at $2 apiece. Seven hundred were shipped in one day. This is the largest ever known from that wharf. A farmer on the Island informs us that their income from poultry farming is more than from all other sources.

INTERESTING CASES.

Constable Jones Arrests Three Trespassers in Worton—Ex-Sheriff Dodd's Overcoat Stolen from His Home.

Joe Hicks, Jim Butler and Frank Hicks, all colored, were arrested last week by Constable Al. Jones charged with gunning upon Mr. Aaron W. Taylor's farm in Worton. They admitted their guilt and appeared before Justice Wright and paid their fines. Mr. Taylor had warned the colored folks about trespassing upon him and finally arrested these violators. The fine was only $2 for the first offense, but the justice said he would make it heavier if it was repeated.

A bold robbery took place in Chestertown Saturday. Ex-Sheriff Dodd, who lives on High street, left his hall door open at noon on Saturday while he stepped out to get some butter. On his return he found two large colored men investigating in his hall. He asked them what they wanted and one replied "We are looking for Mr. Matthews' house." Mr. Dodd then began to question the darkey about Mr. M. and while he did so the other fellow slipped out the door and went up town and was soon followed by his pal. Mr. Dodd did not miss his coat, which was hanging in the hall, until later in the after noon. He at once surmised the thieves and reported the same to officer Kelley.

Sunday morning Chas. Harris came to Officer Kelley with the coat and said that he had traded with two men for it giving them an old coat and $1.25. After examining the coat more thoroughly he suspicioned the men and thought best to come to town and report the case. Mr. Kelley in company with Sheriff Roe immediately started up Morgan Creek Neck to find the men who were looking for work. They were tracked to Sheriff Roe's home, and there found in his kitchen waiting to help Mr. Roe thresh wheat the following morning! They had walked into the Sheriff's up-the-county office! A hearing was held before Justice Wilkins Tuesday and they were sent to jail. The thieves were named John Edmonds and Philip Goings. They have been in Kent only a few months and claim Baltimore as their home. These two men carried a bundle to Dan Wright recently and pawned it for 50 cents claiming that they had clothes in it. Dan gave them $1 and told them to return him the change. They did not do so and of course Dan claimed the property. He opened the box and found nothing but an empty grain bag! Dan vows *he* will prosecute them also.

Thieves raided the following coops this week: Fifteen geese from Mrs. Wm. H. Stewart, two turkeys from Mr. Josiah Massey, thirteen turkeys from Mrs. Eugene Gooding and two fine gobblers weighing 35 and 36 pounds each from Mr. Edw. Lusby.

Capt. James T. Brice, of Chestertown, reported to the Baltimore police that some one entered the cabin of the bugeye Maggie C., lying at Spear's wharf, some time after 12 o'clock Wednesday, and stole $33 of his money from a coat left in the cabin.

Thieves stole two of Mr. Fris Newcomb's fine turkeys Tuesday night. He thought he had tracked the guilty parties but upon searching their houses no clue was found.

IT IS very reliably said that there are to be two weddings in Crumpton very soon. That is right, let the good work go on.

THE canned goods market shows a decided upward tendancy for tomatoes.

"The Sere and Yellow Leaf."

Not many reach the nineties in the age limit, and when one is found pressing the century mark he is an interesting figure "on the shores of time." Mr. Henry Davis celebrated his 96th birthday at his home with his son, Mr. Harry Davis, in Still Pond, on the 17th instant. Mr. Davis is a devout Methodist, and had his honored pastor, Rev. E. H. Nelson, present on this occasion to join him in a short season of prayer and song. It was a specially delightful anniversary.

Mr. Davis is in remarkable health and strength. His faculties are nearly all perfect and his physical activity is something wonderful. On the day before this 96th anniversary he walked at least five miles on his son's farms. His wife is in her 84th year. This interesting couple have been making their home with their son, as above stated, for about six years, coming from Middletown, Del., where Mr. Davis had been for many long years a prominent business man. He settled many estates there, and always with perfect satisfaction to all concerned. His habits are simple. He has been a coffee drinker all his life —six cups a day being his custom. For fifty years he used tobacco, but about twenty years since he discontinued its use because he thought it a sin. He said it required a great effort to stop the weed; for some time he chewed corn husks as a substitute.

Another almost centenarian in Kent is Mr. William C. Crow, who makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. John Bell, near Chestertown. Mr. Crow is in his 95th year. He has also been remarkably well preserved up to recently, but is now quite feeble. He felt very sensibly the privation of failure to cast his vote at the last election. He was never before absent from the polls, and votes. the straight Democratic ticket every time

Mrs. Daniel Vincent and Miss Elizabeth Turner, of Morgan's Creek Neck, are aged respectively 86 and 85, and the public school children who attend Morgnec school visited them in a body on Thursday at the closing of the session and honored the good ladies with Christmas cards and presents.

COURT BUSINESS.

Work Done by the County Commissioners Last Tuesday.

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1897. Full board present. The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid by order on levies provided in the treasurer's hands: Samuel Todd, commissioner, account of services, $125; Wm. H. Cheffins for road work in first district, $27.25; Wm. S. Melvin, last quarter as keeper of Morgan's Creek bridge, $12; Wm. S. Melvin, for one gallon of oil for draw of said bridge, 50 cents; R. S. Thomas, for road work in fifth district, $1; William Biggers for road work in fourth district, $7.25; Dr. G. Allan Jarman, for one gallon of vermin exterminator for jail, 75c.; Geo. W. Smith, for road machine appliances, by check, $17.50.

The following accounts were examined and allowed and ordered to be provided for by levy in 1898: Lewis P. Atwell, for road work in first district, $13.34; James S. Webb, for road work in second district, $6.50; J. A. C. Biddle, per diem as juror on inquest on body of William Newton, col'd, $1; L. M. Shuck, for road work in second district, $17; S. B. Latherman, for road work in second district, $15; W. S. Walker, for road work in second district, $6.50; William Stauffer, for road work in second district, $14.62; Wm. M. Watts, justice of the peace in second district, for fees in State cases, $6.75; John C. Jones, per diem as judge of election in third district, $7.50; Dr. W. Frank Hines, for making autopsy and examination at inquest, $20; Henry Brown, per diem as clerk of election in 7th district, $7.50; Mary E. Massey, for judgment October term, '97, for taxes paid in error and plaintiffs' and witnesses' costs and interest, $268.93; B. N. S. Wilkins, justice of the peace in fourth district, for fees in State cases, $26.80; Bedford Roe, sheriff, board of prisoners and fees in State cases, $80.95; Henry W. Catlin, witness in State case October term, '97, $3.75; T. W. Skirven, for work on roads in fifth district, $8.75; I. R. Leaverton, for work on roads in fifth district, $18.80; George G. Cosden, for work on roads in fifth district, $12.25; T. W. Trew, for work on roads in seventh district, $32; Wm. Keating, for work on roads in fifth district, $2; A. W. Willis, per diem as doorkeeper at election in sixth d strict, $3; H. P. Jones, per diem as clerk of election in sixth district, $7.20; Bartus C. Legg, constable in fifth district, fees in State cases, $11.67.

George W. Hatcherson, committee on Chester bridge, reported old lumber sold since last report $2.50, and paid same over to board. An order was passed appointing Henry Parr, Philip G. Wilmer and Thomas J. Vickers examiners on new roads through Drayton and Kennard's Point to Long Point, on Still Pond creek, and landing at said point. Chas. W. Nickerson, upon recommendation, was appointed constable in second district for two years. Wm. A. Hyland's application for reduction in assessment was granted. Robert R. Calder, petition for transfer of lot and house in Chestertown, was ordered to be made.

Christmas, 1897!

NOW is the Winter of Our Discontent Made Glorious by the near Approach of the Happy Christmas Tide. Hard Times Prevail. We cannot Help it. Therefore we want Our Money to Go as Far as Possible. What Shall We Do? Where shall We Go? Listen to me a moment, I have a little secret I will tell you. Lend me your ear I will whisper, but, You Can Speak it in tones of Thunder.

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