ROCK HALL LOCALS.

A Budget of Newsy Items from the Bay side Town.

Rock Hall was visited by one of the coldest New Year's days for many years, so say the oldest citizens, and old records. Snow was about 4 inches on level and sleighing has been enjoyed by all who could participate in the sport.

Chesapeake Lodge No. 68, Knights of Pythias, is the oldest organization in this town, it having been running nearly 30 years. On Saturday night last they elected the following officers for this term: C. C., B. F. Urie; V. C., Frank Davis; Prelate, George Davis; Master of Exchequer, Jeff. D. Ayres; Master of Finance, Stonewall Jackson Coleman; Keeper of Records and Seal, Wm. P. Durding; Inner guard, L. I. Whaland; Outter guard, J. J. Davis; Master of work, D. K. Ayres; Trustees, John T. Stevens, H. W. Davis, John J. J. Davis, George Davis, L. I. Whaland. Representative to Grand Lodge, Jeff. D. Ayres.

Whoever holds ticket No. 524 will receive the handsome Music box which was raffled off by the Hall association of Rock Hall Council No. 149 Jr. O. U. A. M., on Monday evening, Jan. 2nd 1899. Please bring or send the ticket to Chas. N. Satterfield, secretary, Rock Hall, Md., and get the box.

The schooner R. J. McAllister, Capt. Jas. R. Downey, is lying at the Chester River S. B. Co.'s wharf unloading shells for the county roads.

Capt. J. Frank Stevens, of the police schooner, on Sunday night last arrested Capts. Fred. Walters and Thos. Gibbons for dredging on Wickes Beach. They were brought before Justice Beck and gave $500 bond for their appearance at the April term of court.

The young men of Rock Hall gave a dance in K. of P. hall on Thursday night last. A large crowd was present and a good time enjoyed by all.

Old 1898, not content with his own career of bluster and storm and its effect upon our immediate community, had the audacity to instill into the mind of the young chap, 1899, some of his own miserable notions. Accordingly, after twelve hours of heavy wind, rain, and sleet, in the midst of which the old fellow died, the young lad took charge, increasing the wind, changing the rain to snow and sending the thermometer down to "freeze over." But as the day succeeded the night, when the havoc of what had been done and what was being done, could be viewed, the youngster doubtless saw the unwisdom of such terrible weather, and therefore permitted the clouds to roll by and the sun to shine bright and clear the remainder of the day, but with Arctic weather still on, which has had the effect of closing up our harbor and cutting off the egress and ingress of the oystering fleet. The sleet and hail previous to the snow prepared the ground for its retention, so that several days sleighing were enjoyed by many persons.

Notwithstanding the unfavorableness of the morning, a number of oystermen went to Swan Point on Saturday and as a result some of them experienced considerable difficulty in getting into harbor again, owing to the heavy wind that prevailed about midday. Capts. G. T. Sewell and Benj. Coleman started for Baltimore, their vessels loaded with oysters, just previous to the onslaught of the wind. Others who were ready to go refused to turn out, fully expecting to see the two above mentioned soon return to harbor; but the two plucky captains "weathered the blast and landed at last safe" at Pratt street wharf.

District Deputy Grand Master George Davis, assisted by the following Past Grands—W. T. George, L. J. Whaland, J. D. Ayres and J. R. Ryan—installed the following gentlemen as officers of Maxwell Lodge No. 27, I. O. O. F., on Wednesday evening: N. G., A. R. Fogwell; V. G., D. Scott; recording secretary, J. W. Boyer; financial secretary, M. L. Maslin; warden, Wm. J. Porter; chaplain, D. K. Ayres; conductor, L. T. Whaland; right and left supporters of the N. G., Wm. Harrison and Sam'l B. Colyer; right and left supporters of the V. G., Wm. Hinds and Jacob Downey; right and left S. S., F. Kerr and J. O. Harrison; inside guardian, Thos. Harrison; outside guardian, Thos. Berger.

There are still many cases of the grip in our neighborhood. At this writing Mrs. S. J. Wickes is quite ill. It was hoped that the clear, cold weather would continue for a week or more, in order to clear up the unhealthy effects of the late damp and foggy spell.

During Tuesday night the wind and ice carried away five oyster boats from Jones' channel, East Neck Island. Some of them were recovered Wednesday in the ice pack off the mouth of Swan creek. It is not known at this time whether all the boats have been recovered.

The society of the Seventh Day Adventists here have in circulation the quarter centennial number of the *Signs of the Times*, the weekly organ of their church. It has thirty-two pages, brimfull of the very best religious and secular reading, and finely illustrated with interesting designs. The Pacific Press Publishing Co. deserve great praise for the general make-up of the paper.

Quite a number of removals have taken place in this section, among which are the following: Phil. Dickerson, to Quaker Neck; Thos. Elburn, from the "Minnick" farm to the place vacated by Mr. Dickerson; Wm. J. Porter, from the Porter farm to W. R. Coleman's property, vacated by F. M. Satterfield; Mr. Sanders has moved into the house lately occupied by Mr. Porter; Mr. William Keating, from Mr. Alexander's property to his own home; Mr. Thos. Brannock moves to the dwelling owned by the Knights of Pythias, and Mr. Edgar Culley now occupies the house vacated by Mr. Brannock.

We hear that the arrangement between Messrs. Ruth and Urie to open a new store is off, and Mr. Urie will enter the mercantile business on his "own hook" at the stand vacated by Mr. F.M. Satterfield.

Capt. Stevens, of "Aunt Mary's" gallant police force, captured two dredging vessels early Monday morning in Chester river, and ran them in before Justice Beck, who, from the promptings of a sympathetic heart, ordered them to be sheltered from the wintry blasts at the "Hotel Roe," in Chestertown. Illegal dredging, unculled oysters and carrying firearms, we understand, was the charge against them. That local police crew seem to envy the record of their predecessors, and are determined to make as good for themselves. We hear that the local boat is now high and dry on the ice-bound shores of the picturesque Lankford Bay.

THE first well in Rock Hall is said to have been dug at the M. E. Church by Mr. Carter about fifty years ago.

J. D. LUCAS says he is thankful to everybody. Thankful to his many patrons for their liberal dealing; thankful to his competitors for no greater opposition; thankful to the KENT NEWS for its valuable service, and thankful indeed to the man who told him he had a good thing and urged him on into business life. Watch his next change of ad. in this paper.

THE great Guy Bros. Minstrel show will be in Chestertown next Wednesday. The big street parade will take place in the afternoon. This is one of the best minstrel shows on the road and all who enjoy a good laugh will get it there.

Benefit of Bankruptcy Law.—Mr. Joseph Downey, a merchant of Rock Hall, made application in the United States District Court through his attorneys, Messrs. James P. Gorter and Hope H. Barroll, for the benefit of the bankruptcy act. The schedule of unsecured claims shows a total indebtedness of $7,622.93.

Bank Showing.—The Kent County Savings Bank directors on Tuesday declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent. clear of taxes, paid over $1,800 in interest to depositors and carried $580 to undivided profits.

The directors of the Second National Bank declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent. and carried $1,000 to surplus.

The directors of the Chestertown National Bank hold their meeting next Tuesday.

BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE.

Pleasant Social Affairs Given in Chestertown and Elsewhere in Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard entertained a number of friends last Friday evening at their beautiful home on Washington Avenue. The interesting game known as "Character Guessing" was one of the features. Pictures of well-known public men were pasted on numbered cards and the contestant was expected to guess and place the name on a corresponding card. When the belle was rung a correct list was read and the prize awarded to one guessing the highest number. Mrs. Morrison won the ladies' prize, a bunch of brides roses; and Mr. Hopper the gentleman's prize, a pretty silver shaving brush. Following this a course supper of terrapin, salads, coffee and confectionery was served. Those present were Judge and Mrs. Jas. A. Pearce, Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Micou, and their guest, Mrs. Morrison, of Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Eliason, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hopper, Mrs. Hallie Goodwin, Mrs. H. M. Brown, Mrs. R. D. Hynson and Mrs. Allan Harris.

Christ M. P. Sunday school room was the scene of a novel and interesting entertainment, known as a "Photograph Social," Wednesday evening. It was given by the social committee of the Y. P. S. C. E. The feature of the evening was a photograph contest in which fifty photographs were placed upon a table each one being numbered. Pretty cards with silk cords and dainty pencils were supplied each guest on which the names were written. Each guest brought his first photograph and it was indeed an interesting sight, some of which were taken in 1837, 1858, 1870, 1878, etc. Mr. James W. Crouch guessed 32 out of 50 and was awarded the prize, several others guessing 28, etc. The apple contest for boys was won by Master Frank Greenwood. The contests were preceded by a beautiful solo by Mrs. H. Meeter Wallis, duet by Messrs. D. B. Ford and Warren Hurlock, and a most excellent paper on "Photography," by Mr. J. Waters Russell, piano solo by Miss Clara Usilton, etc. Refreshments were served during the evening.

Miss Sophia Beck entertained at a terrapin supper in honor of her friend, Miss Wooters, of Easton, on Friday evening. Dancing was enjoyed during the evening. Among those present were Miss Wooters, of Easton; Miss Ethel Wright, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Welch, Misses Nannie and Annie Brice, Marie Westcott and Emma Beck; Messrs. P. B. Hollis, Robert Shaw, Geo. Vickers, Frank Simpers, Arthur Bradley, Joseph Brice, Horace Constable and Thomas Massey.

Misses Cora Emory and Jennie Hines entertained a number of friends most pleasantly at their Front street home on Tuesday evening. Among those present were Misses Mary Rogers, Adele France, Grace Wilkins, Olevia Wilkins and sister, Sallie and Isabel Beck; Messrs. Wilber, Eldrige and John Eliason, Geo. and Harry Vickers, M. deK. Smith, Jr. and Frank B. Hines.

A very pleasant evening was spent at Miss Eugie Dill's, Rock Hall, on Dec. 28. Quite a number were present and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. They played various games until ten o'clock when they were invited to refreshments consisting of cake, lemonade, candy, etc. Among those present were Misses Laura Greenwood, Coretie Arthur, Julia and Clara Middleton, Ada Joiner, Ethel and Mary Boyer, Nettie Reynolds, Clara Lewis, Benia Dill, Sadie Frazier, Hattie Lewis, Messrs. Benj. Davis, Milton Arthur, Chas. Dowling, Benj. Wilson, Wilmer Dill, Mahlon Lee, Arthur Greenwood, John Hudson, Robert Lewis, John Nicholson, Jack Duyer, Buddy Newcome, Milton Dill and others.

The Brick House Club on Princess street held a New Year's treat Tuesday. An elegant time was enjoyed.

One of the most pleasant and largest dances of the season was that given by the young men at Edesville Hall on Friday night. Messrs. W. B. Strong, J. T. Decorse, John Brice, Jr., and Eugene Willson managed the affair.

Christmas services were held in Worton Presbyterian Church Thursday evening, Dec. 29. Members of the Sunday School took parts and each received a pretty box filled with candy.

Mrs. John S. Vandegrift held a pleasant reception at her home on Friday evening. Among her guests were: Mrs. C. S. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Copper, Misses Annie and Sue Lambert, May Fallowfield, Carrie Reiche, Josephine and Clara Thompson; Messrs. John Toulson, Geo. B. Twilley, Eugene Lucas, Harry Hodgkins, Harry Taylor, Robt. and Charles McWhorter.

Little Miss Nellie McWhorter gave a reception in honor of her guest, Miss Marian Tucker, last Thursday evening. Among those present were: Frank and Etta Jarman, Anna and Blackiston Wroth, Donald and Lillian Stam, Nellie Paul and Preston Jones, Edith Frazier, Raymond Moody and others.

Mr. M. W. Thomas, president of the Chestertown Epworth League entertained the League Cabinet and friends on Saturday evening. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Grise, Mrs. C. M. Lucas, Mrs. Marcie Burchinal, Mrs. W. B. Copper, Mrs J. R. Clements, Misses Fannie and Bessie Stuart, Annie G. Lambert, Lillie Bramble, Mary, Julia and Anna Burchinal, Cora Massey, Palmer Carroll, Messrs. R. S. Thomas, Geo. Perkins and others.

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We offer a lot of Fine Astrican Carriage Robes worth $4.00 and 4.50—Special.....	3.39
Fine Lot Ladies' Heavy Gloves and Mitts, best 25c goods—choice.....	.15
A Bargain Lot of Men's Heavy Undershirts, etc. special drive at near half price—choice 39c.	.39
Lot of Ladies' and Misses' Underwear go for only 19c —Choice.....	.19
We have some Heavy Horse Blankets which make good Bed Blankets and are always in demand, 65c.	.65

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Large Table Fancy Glassware, Your choice—only 5c.	5c
The 5c Tea Strainers,	1c
Now for a Coffee Mill, only	10c
Large 15c Agate Wash Basins,	10c
New Table Fancy Glassware, All one price china.	10c
$1.25 Fancy Porcelaine Clocks,	98c
We sell Lenox Soap, only	2½c
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Fine Granulated Sugar,	5c

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