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CRUMPTON ITEMS.

Removals About the Town—Personal Items.

The list of removals are as follows: Mr. Henry Hughes and sisters went to Church Hill. Mr. Webster, of Delaware, takes the Mr. Joseph Smith house. Mr. Andrew Lesage goes to Mr. Buss' house, on the Roberts farm. Mr. C. B. Engram takes Mr. Clow's house. Mrs. Samuel Everett takes the house vacated by Mr. Engram. Amos Lynch moved into the house vacated by Mr. Samuel Cranor, Mr. C. going to Chestertown. Mr. Wesley Skinner took the house vacated by Mr. Lynch. Mr. W. B. Lindale goes to Hillsboro. Mr. Joe Hessey takes Mr. J. W. Bogus' farm, over the river. Mr. Thos. Godwin and Mrs. Orem moved on Dr. Sheppard's farm. Mr. George Biddle goes on the Sanders farm of Mr. Alday Clements. Edwin Coleman has rented the Lusby farm, up the river in Kent, Mr. John W. Martin, the tenant, going to Still Pond. Mr. George Sweetman and Calvin Hamel have moved into the house vacated by Mr. John Keed.

Mr. Edgar H. Bratten was unanimously elected teacher of the bible class in the M. E. Church last Sunday. J. P. Hartley and Rev. J. Jones made two pleasant speeches which were responded to by Mr. Bratten in accepting the position. I am requested to invite the young people and adults of the town and community to join the class.

Mr. Wesley Skinner, who has been superintendent of the Barclay M.E. Sunday school for about seven years, will take charge of a class here.

We were much surprised to read in the Philadelphia *Record* that there was an opposition among the business men of Baltimore to the extension of Queen Anne's Railroad through this place, on the ground that it would carry the trade to Philadelphia. It is an acknowledgement that Baltimore cannot compete with the Quaker City.

We do not think that. If Baltimore would just give us credit with good common sense she would rather help than hinder, for I assure you, Mr. Editor, there is in our people a State pride that would compel them to go to Baltimore if they only had the facilities. We are in possession of information that induces us to believe that there is no short extension that would be any more remunerative than the line from Crumpton to Queenstown. Our farmers would patronize the road by sending their grain and fruit, and as to passenger traffic, only inquire of the Chester and Sassafras River Steamboat Companies what amount of patronage comes from upper Queen Anne's and Kent Counties, and if the facts could be ascertained the railroad would not be long in building, for they would readily see that there was money in it.

Mrs. C. A. Bradley is quite sick.

Our little friend, Bernard Goodhand, we are glad to report, is better.

When do we have our expert report in? Does Echo answer?—*Centreville Record.*

Social Gathering.

"Wye Hall," the beautiful residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Rasin, on Wye Island, was the scene of a very enjoyable party of friends who were in attendance at the 6 o'clock tea tendered by the Misses Rasin, Tuesday evening. After tea the large and spacious parlor was prepared for dancing in which all the guests present took part until 12 o'clock when lunch was served, after which the merry party left wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year. Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Hopkins and J. K. Uhlig, of Wye Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. H. Zeigler, of Longwoods; Mrs. Geo. Davidson, Jr., Mrs. Tilghman Davidson, Misses Luta Batte, Alice Emory, Anna Davidson and Daisy McConnor; Messrs. Herman L. Reed and C. C. Waller, Jr., of Queenstown; Joseph Rasin, Jr., and others.

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Auditor's Notice.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, No. 1262 Equity.

Henrietta M. Wilson, et. al.,
versus
Unknown Heirs of Patrick Murray,

THE creditors of PATRICK MURRAY, interested in the proceeds of sale in this case, will file their claims properly authenticated, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court within sixty days from the date of the first date of this notice.

By order of court.

EBEN F. PERKINS, AUDITOR.

Dec. 31, 1898—4t.

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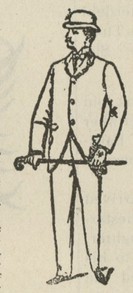

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Ex-Governor Cochran's Bequests.

Much speculation has been heard as to the will of the late venerable Ex-Governor, which was read by Attorney John H. Rodney on Monday last. The estate is a large one, including some thirteen valuable farms in this section and in Maryland, and no little curiosity is manifest to learn the provisions of the document, which has not yet been probated. The following are a few of the bequests as we learn from the New Era:

Dr. T. H. Gilpin, Charles P. Cochran and Joseph L. Gibson are named as Executors, who will carry out the provisions of the will.

To Charles P. Cochran goes the fine home farm known as "Cochran Grange," near Middletown.

To Mrs. T. H. Gilpin, the Smith farm, on Bohemia Manor, now tenanted by George Rhodes.

To William R Cochran the farm on which he lived, adjoining "Cochran Grange," and the farm known as the "Fox Park Farm," now tenanted by Robt. Morgan.

To Julian Cochran the farm known as the "Eddows Farm," now occupied by William Donovan, and the farm in tenure of Benj. Armstrong.

To Mrs Eliza Green the farm now tenanted by C. Malcomb Cochran and the farm in Maryland occupied by Bedford Roe.

To Victor Cochran a valuable farm in Maryland known as the Jesse Hines farm, tenanted by Howard Clendaniel.

To Clarence Cochran a farm in Maryland known as the Henry Jones farm, tenanted by W. T. Jones.

To Mary and Warren Cochran a farm in Maryland, tenanted by John Clendaniel.

To his seven granddaughters, the farm tenanted by James Brown, near Mt. Pleasant.

The document is quite lengthy, with other provisions and bequests, but not stated at present. The will will be probated, it is expected, on Saturday next.

OYSTERS SCARCE AND HIGH.

An Unusually Heavy Demand From The West Which Cannot Be Promptly Supplied.

Baltimore Sun: The scarcity of oysters is causing packers and dealers much concern, especially as it exists at a time when there is an unusually heavy demand from the West.

For the first time the oyster beds of the Chesapeak are failing to supply the legitimate demand. There has been since Thanksgiving an unprecedented demand for oysters from the West, and at the same time were never so scarce in this city. The result is the Baltimore packers are in trouble. They are unable to fill their orders, or to buy in sufficient quantities. Prices have been run up because of these conditions to a point twenty per cent. higher than at this time last year.

According to the statement of Gen. A. E. Booth, head of the firm of A. Booth & Co., Wolfe and Lancaster streets, the largest oyster packing establishment in the city, an offer was made recently by himself to buy at a good, stiff price all the oysters that every other house in Maryland could shuck. The offer was made verbally at a meeting of the Oyster Packers' Association. "There is" said General Booth, "a tremendous demand from the West upon this market, and we have been unable to meet the demand simply because of the scarcity of oysters. Our trade has been larger since Thanksgiving than at any previous time since we have been in business. Oysters have risen in price until they are now selling at 70 cents to $1 a bush.; which is full twenty per cent. higher than last year at holiday time. Of course, there is always a larger sale at this time of the year than at others, but hitherto there has not been so much trouble to meet it. When the Western houses fail to get their goods on time they kick, like anybody else does when orders are not filled.

"I can give no explanation for the increased demand, but the scarcity, I believe, is due mainly to the heavy fog which has hung over the bay for the last ten days and has almost entirely prevented dredging or tonging. The fog has begun to lift, and with good weather more oysters will come up. I don't believe the beds are gradually becoming extinct, and think that if the cull law is enforced for two years we will have more oysters than we ever had. There is no telling how long the demand from the West will keep up, but if we have any very cold weather oyster prices will go still higher."

Mr. B. J. Meehan, of Thomas J. Meehan & Co., in speaking of the scarcity of oysters, blames it on frequent violations of the culling law. He said: "There is no doubt that the condition here is serious. For five years things have been gradually working up to the point where Baltimore cannot supply the demand upon her for oysters. Fresh oysters are selling now at 80 cents to 85 cents a gallon, according to quality, which is a rise of ten cents a gallon in six weeks. Canned oysters have risen in about the same proportion, selling now at 80 cents for one pound five ounces and $1.40 for two pounds ten ounces. I don't see how prices are going to be kept from going still higher. When oysters get to a certain price consumption is, to a great extent, stopped, although always there is a trade for the real Chesapeake Bay oyster. Our firm has been able to fill orders for canned goods, because there is not the demand for them at this time of the year that there is for the fresh oysters.

"The scarcity, I believe, is caused by the slight attention paid to the cull law Oysters are brought up here too small to be used, plainly against the law, and have to be thrown on the dump. Schooners cannot come right up here with the unculled oysters, but they put in to Washington and send them on here by freight, which amounts to the same thing. The demand for oysters from the West is enormous, and the failure of Baltimore packers to supply the Chesapeake oysters in the quantities wanted is giving the Southern oysters a chance to work itself in that under normal conditions it would not have."

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