LOCAL NEWS.

FEBRUARY certainly has favored Kent County with nearly every variety of weather. Yesterday, a thunder storm and hard rain ushered the month out.

INTERNAL REVENUE Collector Melvin was in Chestertown this week and made a stir among the bagatelle owners. It seems that this is a new game in Chestertown and a license of $25 is put on them. Two were found in Chestertown and the tax at once required to be paid by the owners. Pool tables are licensed at $50 each.

THE anniversary of the Galena Odd Fellows has been postponed to next Wednesday, March 5th.

THE oystermen succeeded in plying their vocation on Wednesday for the first time for a month. Over 500 bushels were caught on Swan Point bar alone.

THE farmers in the vicinity of Lynch's Station were met on Wednesday by Mr. Ivens, of the firm of Ivens & Carr, of Aberdeen. Mr. Ivens wanted them to contract to grow tomatoes at $7.00 a ton, but all the growers refused and are waiting for something better. Messrs. Ivens & Carr will operate the canneries at Worton and Lynch's, if they get assurances of tomatoes. The Isaac Robinson Company have asked the farmers in that vicinity, as well as other sections of Kent, not to contract for tomatoes until they had a chance to see them and make an offer.

Mr. Joseph Downey, of Rock Hall, is offering $7 25 per ton.

THE American Ice Company has harvested 63,000 tons of fine ice on the Susquehanna river.

THE buildings on the Round Top farm, tenanted by Mr. Daniel McKee are being rebuilt. Mr. Frank E. Duyer, of Chestertown, has the contract for the stable, granary and carriage house.

THE prospect for work among the carpenters of Kent the coming spring is good. Messrs. Stavely & Bowers, the hustling contractors of Lynch's will commence work on Monday with a force of 12 men. Their first work will be the tearing down of old Union Church, near Worton.

Two colored men were before Justice France on Thursday—Bill Jasper, was fined $1 and cost for disorderly conduct and Tom Taylor was cleared on charge of taking coal from depot.

THE differences in Caroline county which for some time have existed between the farmers and canners relative to the prices to be paid for tomatoes the coming season have been adjusted. The canners generally throughout the county have agreed to pay $8 per ton. The growers had remained steadfast to their previous demand of 15 cents per basket, at which price they would realize about $9 per ton for the fruit. The canners had previously offered to contract at $7 per ton. In some instances the canners have made contracts with the growers at the above figure, and since it is decided to raise the contract price to $8 those who had previously contracted at the former price will be given the advance of price.

THE Maryland county shoot for amateurs will be held in Baltimore May 21 and 22. The conditions will be the same as last year. Each county will send a team of three men. Mr. J. Mowell Hawkins, of Balto., is managing the affair.

A grand time was had by the participants last year when the Queen Anne's team won first honors. The teams for this year from Queen Anne's will probably be composed of J. E. George, Louis Booker and Will Seward from Sudlersville and Jack Brown, Ed. Smith and Will Wallace from Church Hill. Kent will also likely send a team and it will be a good one.

A JOINT meeting of the Kent and Queen Anne's commissioners will be held in Chestertown to-day to consider repairs to Chester river draw.

THE schooner "Agnes" which has been ice-bound in the Chester river has been gotten out. Ex-deputy sheriff Jack Davis has taken command of her. The boat is owned by C. S. Smith and ex-sheriff John C. Davis.

DR CHAS. R. TWILLEY has purchased the dwelling now occupied by him from his father for $1500.

MANY citizens of Chestertown, on Mr. Walter T. Morris' milk route, are complaining that petty thieves are robbing the buckets of money places in them to pay for the milk.

Mr. Robert Usilton Cohee and Miss Lillie Gertrude Smith were married in Baltimore, Wednesday, Feb. 19th. The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. E. Smith and the grand-daughter of Mrs. George Cadwallader.

When Klaw & Erlanger's "Ben Hur" opened at the Academy of Music, Monday evening, February 24th, the famous chariot race was seen for the first time in Baltimore. This feature of the stupendous production is one of the most famous illusions known to the stage. Twelve horses run in full view of the audience at the same time. The four bays driven by Ben Hur were chosen for beauty as well as speed. Messala's chariot is drawn by two blacks and two whites. The illusion of the race is secured through the employment of a device containing treadmill principle. Eight treadmills, one for each horse, are built into the stage. The advance sale of seats is now in progress and it is proving to be the largest ever known in Baltimore. Especial attention is being given to mail orders. These should by accompanied by remittance, and tickets will be mailed upon receipt of order. Matinees are given Wednesday and Saturday.

Declined.—Mr. Wm. H. Brown, who was appointed the Republican member of the Board of Election Supervisors for Kent, has declined to serve and sent his resignation to Governor Smith. The Republicans have recommended that one of the following gentlemen be named: Ex-Sheriff J. C. Davis, L. Bates Russell, John A. Russell, and one other Republican.

The Wires Down.—Chestertown, like other sections of the country, suffered isolation for a few days from the telegraph and telephone wires being down. Communication was entirely shut off from the outside world by wire, and much damage was done to the lines in all directions. The Diamond State people at once put their men on the road and are still making repairs. Between Centreville and Chestertown about 70 breaks in the telephone wires were found. The Western Union sent a special train to Chestertown this week with a force of linesmen to repair their plant. The recent storms have been more severe upon wires than the blizzard of 1888.

Memorial Exercises.—The memorial exercises in memory of the late Francis Willard were held in Chestertown M. E. Church on Wednesday evening. The President of the Chestertown W. C. T. U., Mrs. Col. Wm. J. Vannort, presided and made a short address. Rev. Dr. D. L. Greenfield made an address upon "Francis Willard in the World's Memory." Solos were beautifully rendered by Mrs. Mamie Dodd and Miss Anna G. Lambert. Papers were read concerning the life of Miss Willard by Miss Daisy Barnes, Miss Mary Burchinal, Mrs. Hiram Brown, Mrs. Mary A. Brown and Mrs. C. H. Hurlock.

In a Flourishing Condition.—The Kent Building and Loan Company, of Chestertown, has been in existence little more than a year and its success is remarkable when the circumstances and happenings of the last year are considered. This Association now has 116 shareholders who are paying dues upon 730 shares. The principal under which this company operates is admitted by all to be good and is one of the best ways to save money. The officers of this company have recommended to the Kent delegates in the legislature that a State Auditor for building and loan associations be appointed whose duties shall be to look into all associations of this kind and make stated and minute examination of its books.

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LYNCH'S ITEMS.

Personal and Local.—Mr. Carvey Casey, who has been so sick nearly all winter, is able to be out again.

Miss Sallie C. Rouse is convalescent also after a very sick spell of neuralgia and may go South next week to spend the month of March.

Mrs. Ammie Rouse is quite sick at her home in Baltimore with lagrippe, she makes her home with her son, Dr. B. F. Rouse.

Mrs. Geo. W. Rouse who bas been so ill is improving.

Mrs. Jones, of Lynch's, has a beautiful lot of 2½ pounds fine fat spring chickens, she has fried chicken every week in the year, she has them from three months to two weeks old.

The recent entertainment at the school house on the 14th of this month was a very recherche affair, and well gotten up. The children recited most beautifully as the children of this place always do. Miss Bertha Biddle and Daisy Jones are also fine speakers; also Charlie Jones spoke "his sisters best fellow" in a perfect manner; Leonard Mann spoke his "three inch grin better than a half inch frown" to perfection; all did well. The supper was fine and did credit to the friends of th teacher and parents of the scholars. There were nearly a hundred present.

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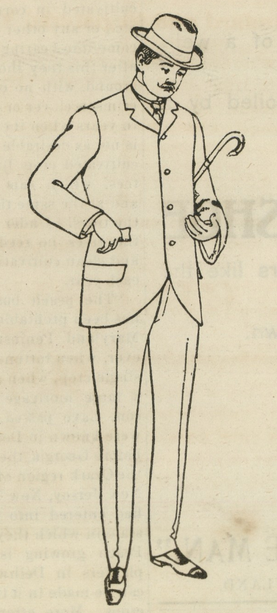

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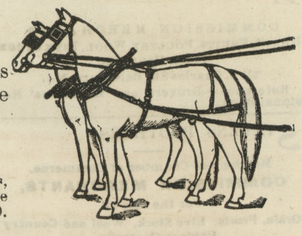

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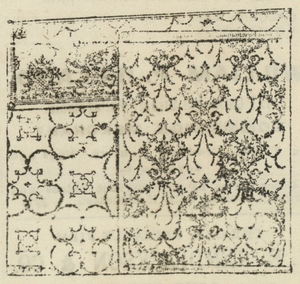

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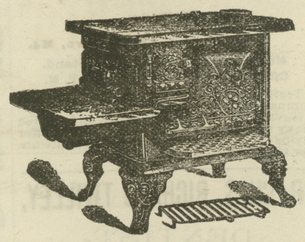

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