LOCAL NEWS.

Tomato Contracts.—The farmers in the vicinity of Worton Point met Mr. Chas. Vogelman, representing Numson & son, of Baltimore, at Worton Station last Saturday. Mr. Vogelman offered to give the farmers 12c per basket to grow tomatoes for his firm, but they wanted $8 per ton and refused to contract for less.

A Heavy Loss.—Capt. Charles E. Davis, of Rock Hall, met with a big loss in Baltimore last week. He had just disposed of his load of oysters when he fell into the hands of thieves who robbed him of nearly the whole of the hard earnings of his trip. His loss was $392. Three negroes were arrested on the charge of committing the robbery, but none of the money recovered.

Horse Notes.—Mr. George H. Watts, near Chestertown has sold his handsome White Mountain stallion to Commissioner Louis C. Ayres, of Rock Hall. The price paid is said to be $250.

Mr. Wm. Biggs, the famous Maryland-Delaware jockey and driver of the champion pacer Bedworth, Jr., was in Chestertown this week. He visited Mr. Wm. Bell, the owner of Bedworth, Jr., and looked into the condition of the record-breaker Mr. Biggs will have charge of Bedworth, Jr., the coming racing season and some lower records than ever may be looked for.

Mr. C. H. B Massey has sold his fine mare "Belle of Kent" to Mr. W. C. Stevens, of near Miginnes, Queen Anne's. This animal is a standard and registered horse by Bellman 2.14¾, dam by Myrtleton, sire of Red Wilkes and is 5 years old. Mr. Stevens will put her on the track and make a pacer out of her.

Mr. Wm. T. H. Whiteley had a horse to break its leg this week while ridden by a colored man and was compelled to have her killed.

In the NEWS will be found the cards of some of Kent's best bred stallions, who will make the season in Kent.

The "Echo" Read.—The reading of the "Echo," published by the 8th grade of the Chestertown public school took place Friday. The reading of this paper is one of the old and established customs of the school and under the supervision of Miss Jeannette Gooding is always looked forward to with pleasure. The following was the program rendered.

Song, "Washington's Birthday" 5th Grade.
Echo, "H. W. Longfellow."
"Longfellow's First Poem," Ethel Price.
"The Reaper and the Flowers," 4th Grade.
Echo, "Bits of News."
Instrumental Solo, "Empire March," Daisy Barnes.
"The Children's Hour," Ethel Ringgold.
Echo, "Locals."
"The Village Blacksmith," 3rd Grade.
Echo, "The Fun We Have Had Skating."
"The Builders," Muriel Elburn.
"Bean Bar Song," 3rd Grade.
Echo, "The Crusades."
"The Day is Done," Elizabeth Russell.
Echo, "Spice Box,"
"A Queer Hospital," T. Anthony.
"John's Pumpkin," Joseph Wheatley.
Instrumental Solo, "The Flower Song," Lillian Matthews.
"The Bell of Atri," Maud Kelley.
Echo, 'The Manufacture of Glass."
"A Little Boy's Hatchet Story," Emma Harris.
Echo, "Locals."
Song, "Psalm of Life," 7th, 8th Grades.
"The Birds of Killinworth," Emma Harris.
Echo, "Locals."

To Build New Draw.—The commissioners of Kent and Queen Anne's counties met in joint session last Saturday and considered the question of building or repairing the draw to Chester river bridge. After an inspection of the present structure and the report of an expert bridge builder, the commissioners decided to build a new draw. Plans and specifications for a new iron structure and also for a wooden one, are being prepared and an advertisement for proposals to build will be published in the NEWS later.

New Wall Paper House.—Mr. Walter W. Needles is no longer associated with Mr. John Bartley and hereafter will be found at the store of Wm. H. Waddell, up-town, where a new line of wall paper can be seen.

THE public road across the Chester river bridge will be shelled from Capt. Pen. Jester's gate to the Faithful farm. Capt. Curtis E. Crane has received the contract to furnish shells and the farmers will do the work.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE will entertain the Oratorical Association of Maryland Colleges this year. The oratorical contest will take place in Stam's Hall on Friday, April 25th. Last year Washington College took first honors.

WORK on the new bridge at Georgetown, over the Sassafras river, has begun. The York bridge company, which has the contract, has ten men at work. The company will operate a ferry while building the bridge.

JOSEPH GUEST, of Chestertown, has material enough in stock to complete 30 miles of fencing; consisting of woven wire fence, smooth and barbed wire all of which he proposes to sell at but a little advance. He also has roofings, creamers and bailed clover hay. See his adv. in thisissue.

MOODY & LUSBY have a display of Florida fruits in their window including oranges on twigs and cocoanuts in shells. They were brought North by Mr. Thos. R. Hubbard who spent two weeks in the South.

KENT roads are improving. Many mishaps resulted from their bad condition, but no serious ones. Capt. Wm. Crouch started from his home in Piney Neck for Chestertown last Tuesday with two companions. After getting stuck in the mud several times they decided to turn back. He then got in his canoe and sailed to town, reaching here easily in about two hours. The team of Mr. Robt. G. Nicholson got stuck in the miry road at Flatland Saturday night and the occupants were compelled to get out, walk home and leave the carriage until next day, when it was pulled out with considerable trouble.

FISHERMAN have commenced their Spring operations in the waters of the Chester and Sassafras rivers. The first perch were caught on Tuesday by Capt. Jim Coleman, when he landed six fine bunches. Indications point to a good season.

The Kennedyville W. C. T. U. held its regular monthly meeting at the M. P. Church on Tuesday evening. After singing by the audience, with Mrs. Annie S. Redmile, organist, Rev. Louis Randall offered prayer. At the request of Mrs. Emma Jarrell, the audience sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer," after which Mrs. Jarrell read one of the beautiful Psalms having "Prayer" for its theme. She spoke of the comfort of coming to God in prayer, and said that in the hurry of these busy days many are apt to neglect the blessed privilege of secret communion.

The president referred to the "Red Letter" days of the month, "Union Signal Day" and "Prohibition Day", the former observed in honor of our national president's birthday; the latter in honor of Gen. Neal Dow, the "Father of Prohibition."

Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, of Still Pond, gave an earnest, heartfelt address that greatly encouraged and inspired the members. Beginning with the days of Queen Esther he spoke of woman's influence for good. Advancing to later years he briefly sketched the crusade movement and the birth of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; spoke of its mighty power as a whole, and, referring to the local unions, said he had heard of the work that is being done by the Kennedyville Union. He said it behooved him and his church, the ministers present and their churches to stand by these unions and help them, for in the years to come they might be the means of saving his boy or theirs. He believed the day was not far distant when the Christian Church would arise in its strength and by its influence and vote outlaw the drink traffic. He pictured scenes in the homes of the drunkards and thought it not surprising that the fruits of such surroundings should be vice and crime.

As if in response to this earnest appeal the honorary members, in short speeches, pledged themselves anew, to redeem the fair name of their village from the stigma that has rested upon it through violations of the Local Option Law. It is hoped that there may be such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon this community that every man who has the love of his home and fellow beings at heart may so faithfully perform his duty that walking speakeasies and keepers of secret bar-rooms may find it impossible to ply their diabolical trade. From this action of the honoraries the union has received substantial encouragement in its efforts to elevate the moral tone of their neighborhood. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. K. M. Bull.

BY THE DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT

Showing the condition of the

Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

of Kent County, Md., Dec. 31st, 1901.

INCOME:		
Total income during the year		$ 12,703 38
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Total expenditures during year		$ 11,729 60
ASSETS:		
Real estate owned by the company	$ 9,978 25	
Mortgage loans on real estate	19,600 00	
Loans secured by pledge of bonds, stocks or other collateral upon which more than one year's interest is due	2,400 00	
Bonds and stocks owned by company	33,585 00	
Cash in Office and in B'k	6,468 17	
Interest due and not paid	180 00	
Interest secured but not yet due	576 15	
Rents due	123 38	
Premium Notes held by company $195,844.31		
Assets admitted		$ 72,910 95
LIABILITIES:		
Net amount of unpaid losses in process of adjustm't or on which no action has been taken	720 00	
Total amount of all Liabilities		$ 720 00
Surplus as regards policy Holders		72,190 95
Surplus as regards Stockholders	$ 72,090 95	
Amount of Policies in force U.S. on Dec. 31, '01	2,157,750 00	
Amount of Polices written in Md. during the year 1901	218,122 00	
Premiums received on Md. business in 1901	8,910 15	
Losses paid in Md. during 1901	1,676 49	

STATE OF MARYLAND,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 27, 1902.

In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Kent county, Md., to December 31st, 1901, now on file in this department.

LLOYD WILKINSON,
Insurance Commissioner.

March 8 3t.

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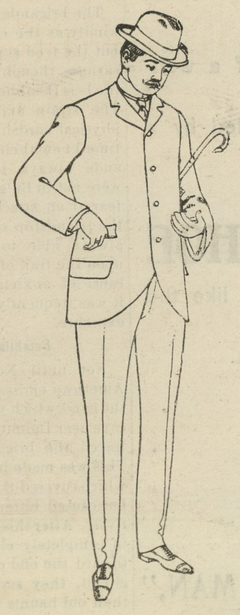

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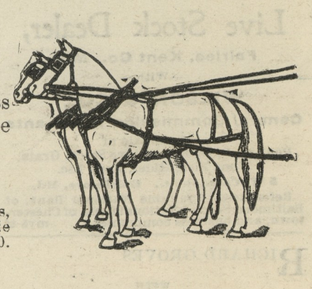

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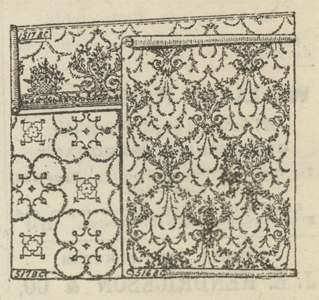

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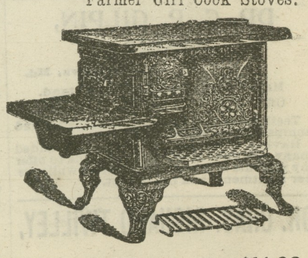

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