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THE OYSTER QUESTION.

MESSRS. EDITORS NEWS:—I have before me the Haman Oyster and Road Bills. In the first place Mr. Haman wants to burden the tax-payers with a Shell Fish Commission, which must be paid $5,700 per year; also a hydrographic engineer at $2,500 a year. Why not let the State Fishery Force attend to the oyster planting business and save the farmers this amount? Then, again, Mr. Haman is going to tax the oyster farmer from one to five dollars per acre, whichever the said commission may see fit; and third, the oyster farmer can only lease his oyster ground for 20 years.

Now, Messrs. Editors, why should there be any more offices to fill? Have we not enough? I think so, for the tax payer has about all he can do now, and any man who knows anything about the oyster business will not invest his money in a 20-year lease. I am speaking from 30 years experience in the oyster business. There is but one way to make a success in oyster planting—that is by planting shells while the spat is floating about, and it will cost $150 per acre. I think our present law much better than Mr. Haman's bill because it is a lease for life, and if the number was changed from 5 to 15 acres and taxed one dollar per acre—which I think is heavy enough—and have the law so that no person or company could hold or control more than 15 acres, but that any person holding 15 acres could sell and give a good and clear title to same.

Now, Messrs. Editors, I know there is no end of money to be made in oyster planting in Maryland, but to limit a business is to kill it; and I think those that have money to invest will have to have better inducements to get them to invest than Mr. Haman offers.

OYSTERMAN.

A SAD DEATH.

Mr. Joseph W. Harper died at his home in Still Pond on December 19. When we received the message of that honorable man's death our hearts were filled with sorrow. We feel the loss of Mr. Harper very much for several reasons. He was a friend to the poor people of our community and a friend to the poor. It is a saying that we often hear, "A friend in need is a friend indeed," and no one can successfully dispute it. We feel that one of our best friends has departed from us. It is more than we can tell who can fill his place among us, for he was a man of integrity to do right by everybody that done right by him. He was kindly. We can say he had an affectionate disposition to the people and sympathizing benevolence to the church. We will never forget the kindness of Mr. J. W. Harper to us as a community.

THOMAS A. WHITE.

Still Pond, Md.

QUAKER NECK NEWS.

Wedding at Pomona.—Mr. Owen Connell Beauchamp, formerly of Brice's mill, and Miss Lydia J. Rollison, of Chestertown, were married at Pomona M. E. parsonage Monday noon by Rev. M. McCann. They left for their new home near Cecilton, Cecil county immediately after the ceremony.

Church News.—Revival services at Bond resulted in three conversions and extra meetings will begin at Mowbray next Sunday.

The Sunday schools were given elegant treats Monday and Wednesday evenings. Rev. Milton McCann directed the excellent program and the children performed their parts in fine style.

The Sick—Mrs Legg at the Cliffs is quite sick; Mrs. Thos. B. Trew has been threatened with typhoid; Mr. Chas. Brown is quite sick.

Removals.—Sam T. Moffett from Westcott farm to Jere Miller's Groves' farm, near Fairlee; Thos. B. Trew from Eliason farm to farm vacated by Mr Moffett; S. W. Brown moves from Jos. S. Clark's farm to the Trew farm; Mr. Anderson, of Still Pond, takes the Brown farm; Wm. C. Townsend moves from "Salt Box" to Wilkie farm; Britton Townsend takes "Salt Box"; W. J. Deford moves to B. Townsend's place; J. P. Decorse moves to Chestertown; Dave Ford takes Mr. Decorse's farm; Jas Bennett moves to Brice farm in Morgnec and Wesly McClary takes the Edw. L. Maslin farm; Abe Hudson goes to Col. Vannort's Broad Neck farm and W. E. Simms leaves Porter farm to take Hudson-Gardner farm; W. B. Nourse moves from Bel Rio to his farm at Pomona.

Postmaster Walter Trew contemplates relinquishing his place and it is reported that Mr. Charles N. Satterfield and wife will remove to Rock Hall.

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ROCK HALL LOCALS.

Fishermen of this place seem to be doing a good business with sink nets in the bay waters.

A number of our oyster buyers purpose selling off thair vessels and retiring from the business.

An ice blockade is now confronting our watermen. Tongers are laying their oars waiting for a break-up.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Burr left here on Tuesday for a two week's sojourn with their children in North Carolina.

There are more removals in this section than was ever known in any one year before. There will be a number of unoccupied houses here in 1904.

Capt. David Ashley is extremely ill with the grip and little hope is entertained for his recovery, his age—80 odd years—being very much against him.

The M. E. Sunday School held its annual election of officers on Sunday afternoon, which resulted in the re-election of Messrs. Warren Burr superintendent and James Taylor assistant superintendent.

The Young People's Society of the Seventh Day Adventist Church had the privilege last Sunday evening, Dec. 27th, of hearing a sermon by Pastor V. Hammond Lucas, of Wilmington, Del., upon "The Power of the Word of God." [We will try to publish the sermon next week.—EDS.]

Mr. Wm Hendrix met with an unpleasant experience on Sunday while driving on the public road near Green Lane. The hind wheels of the buggy parted company with the front wheels, thus causing the body to drop backward. Luckily the horse was a gentle one and Mr. H. was uninjured.

Capt. G. T. Sewell is advocating a "count law" in the sale of oyters on the bar. By such a law he thinks *all* shells and small oysters will be returned to the bars, thus proving a means of increasing the supply. The present mode permits very many small oysters being sold and shells also, which should remain on the bars.

Mr. Thomas Warram, Sr., suffered an abrasion of the skin on one of his limos, just above the ankle, one day last week. On Monday he scratched off the scab that had formed and as a result an artery was ruptured. Dr. Selby was summoned, and after the loss of considerable blood the flow was checked, and Mr. W. is now OK for a trip of the light fantastic toe.

Among the pretty events of the holidays was the marriage of Miss Emily D. Kelley to Mr. George L. Mench, at the M. E. Church, on Thursday evening by Rev. Mr. Jones, of Pine Neck M. E. Church. The bride was handsomely gowned in white satin, with other requisites to match. The groom was attired in the conventional black. Miss Susie Casey acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Thomas Bryan performed the duties of best man. The ceremony was witnessed by a very large assembly of relatives and friends of the happy couple. The ushers were Messrs. Stanley Downey, Bush Morris, Wm. Sewell and Charles Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. Mench will reside near Galena.

CHRISTMAS AT ROCK HALL.

Christmas was very quietly observed by the people of this section. The principal event of the day was the M. E. Sunday School program and treat, which was held in the evening before an audience that more than filled the church. The church was appropriately and tastefully decorated with festoons of evergreen along the walls and at the left of the pulpit was a most beautiful motto "Merry Christmas," and at the right was another, "A Happy Newyear," while above the pulpit was another motto of equal beauty with the cheery inscription "welcome," beneath which hung a huge star of brilliancy and beauty. In the rear of the pulpit was an old time fire place in brick imitation and mantle upon which hung stockings of various sizes from the infant to pa and ma, and they were filled from toe to top, it was the consensus of opinion that the decoration were prettier than ever before witnessed. Mr. J. W. Joiner impersonated "Old Kriss" and did it to perfection and to the joy of the young and old alike. An abundance of good things was distributed to the 376 members of the school. The following program was nicely rendered:

Opening Chorus, Hail The Happy Day, School
Prayer ..... Pastor
Song, "Joy of The Earth" ..... School
Recitation, "Christmas Reunion" Reta Hersch
Recitation, "Helping Santa Claus" ..... 5 boys
Recitation ..... Carl Apsley
Recitation, "Santa's Secret," Nannie Sewell
Song, Wonderful Message" ..... School
Recitation, "Little Soldier" Bennie Durding
Song, "Snow Birds" ..... a class of girls
Recitation, "Santa's Cake," Jessie Middleton
Song, Wonderful Child" ..... School
Recitation, "Little Helpers" ..... 6 little girls
Recitation, "Reflection of a small boy" ..... Carroll Sanford
Song, "Tip Toe." ..... 7 girls
Recitation, "Mary's Stocking" Lloyd Scott
Recitation, "A Christmas Dream" ..... Florence Jones
Song, "Wonderful Love of God" School
Recitation, "What Reba Sung," Reba Parks
Recitation, "What Boys Know" Joseph Ayres
Recitation, "The Indian Maiden." ..... Annie Schreck
Song, "Christmas All The Year," School
Recitation, "Father Christmas." Reva Smith
Recitation, "O Tell The Christmas Story" ..... Ella Ryan
Singing, "Herald Angels Singing," School
Recitation, "The Search For Santa Claus" ..... Rose McCormick
Santa and the treat.

MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Mr. D. H. Mallalieu, of Louiville, Ky., spent several days this week with relatives in town.

Mr. Gilbert Clark, of Phila, spent Xmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Clarke.

Mr. Linden Loper with Lit Bros. in Phila., was home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vansant spent Xmas at Mrs. V.'s parents, in Chester town.

Mr. Alpheus Price, of Phila., is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Price.

Miss Helen Price, Baltimore, has returned to her home near town.

Mr. Wm. Harrington, of Bears, Del., visited his parents this week.

Miss Mary Smith, of Middletown, spent last week with her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Comegys gave a card party at their home Thursday eve.

The friends and members of Epworth League spent a very pleasant time Wednesday evening at a social in the parsonage.

Miss Alice Rigby and brother, Grover, of Sudlersville, are visiting their sister, Mrs. L. A. Fallowfield.

Miss Eva Jones, of Baltimore, is the guest of her mother.

Mr. Franklin Cacy died last Wednesday morning at his home about two miles from Millington. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2.30 in the M. E. Church, Rev. E. R. Sidell officiating; interment Millington cemetery, J. L. Smith undertaker.

The annual treat for the Sunday school scholars of the Asbury M. E. church was given last Tuesday evening. An interesting program was rendered.

Miss Drusilla Myers, of Balto., and Mr. Abdalloh Ezgot, of Cairo, Egypt, a student of Univ. of Md., were guests of Miss Julia Ferguson last week.

Master Soloman Pippin is visiting his father, Dr. Pippin, in Washington.

Miss Bessie Jackson, Downs Chapel, Del., is the guest of Miss Addie Moore.

Miss Olivia F. Price, of Phila., spent Xmas with her mother here.

Mr. Frank L. Smith spent Sunday with relatives in Newark.

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GALENA LOCALS.

Our merchants generally, enjoyed a good Christmas trade.

Miss Minnie Hicks returned last week from a two week's visit in Baltimore.

Mrs. Victor Stradley and children are visiting her mother, near Sassafras.

Mr. Clarence Clark, of Crumpton, is the new clerk in W. A. Whitaker's store.

The weekly trips of the boat to our town is likely to be cut off during this cold spell.

Rev. E. K. Creed announces that he will begin revival meetings at Sassafras next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Caldwell recently returned from a few days shopping in Philadelphia.

The Junior Epworth League will give an entertainment in the Chapel next week on Thursday evening.

Captain Tarbutton has a week or more off and is home making himself useful about the house and wood pile.

Miss Bessie Whitaker, a student at the Conference Academy, Dover, will return to school life again next Tuesday.

It is rumored that Captain Woodall will fit up and thoroughly stock the Hicks' store as a first-class up to date general store.

Mrs. Kate Jones of Centreville, a sister of Mrs. Tarbutton, visited the latter Christmas, also another sister from Church Hill.

Miss Katie Tarbutton, who is attending Strayers Business College, in Baltimore, is home for the holidays, but expects to return this week.

Miss Ruth Creed is spending her vacation of two weeks with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Creed. She returns to Pennington Seminary next Monday.

It is rumored that Mr. Thomas Dixon and Miss Nannie Ford, of this place, slipped quietly over to Cecil a few days ago and were made husband and wife.

Mr. McGuire, who was Mr. Prettyman's overseer last year, has moved to a rented farm near Locust Grove, and Mr. Sutton from near Locust Grove will take his place.

This week Messrs. Land, Gray, Vansant, Hayes, Prettyman, Dr. Scott and several others have been filling their ice houses with four to five inch ice. Of course skating is good and our young people are enjoying it immensely.

Mr. Meyers, who has been the blacksmith at Hyland's shops for the past year, has closed his engagement, and will set up in business for himself here or elsewhere. Mr. Hyland has a new man who has moved in his vacant house on main street, and will do the work at the shop.

Miss Jennie Stevens was taken very ill last week with blood poisoning, and is still in a critical condition, but somewhat improved. In splitting a piece of kindling a piece hit her on the lip, leaving a scar, which after a few hours developed into blood poisoning, is the way it started.

THE SAD REAPER.

Mrs. Edith Fiddis, Miss Fannie H. Maslin and Others Called To Their Eternal Home.

Miss Fannie H. Maslin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J H. Carvil Maslin, died at her parents' home, near Pomona, on Saturday, December 26, at noon. She was taken sick over a year ago with tuberculosis of the throat, and since that time her life has been one long, sad struggle against that dread disease. The best skilled physicians of Kent and Baltimore made every effort known to science to stay the ravages of the disease; loving hands were always present to minister to her every want and she had the tender sympathies of a host of relatives and friends; but to no avail. The long weeks and months of patient, silent suffering she endured was wonderful, and the end came as peaceful and quiet as the drooping of a snow white lily.

It gave a blessed rest to her, but over her family and friends it has cast a dark cloud. She was 20 years of age and was a sweet, lovable, Christian girl; always so appreciative and thoughtful of the loved ones who were ministering to her. While her early demise and months of suffering seem hard for us to understand, yet she was perfectly reconciled to obey the Master's call, and just before death blessed each loved one and bid them not to weep for her.

The funeral took place from her late home on Tuesday at 1 o'clock. Rev. Milton McCann, of Bond, and Rev. A. H. Covey officiated and spoke very touchingly of her lovable character and patient suffering. Mr. and Mrs. Rich'd C. Leaverton and Mrs. Henry Brown tenderly sang "Lead, Kindly Light," "Some Day We'll Understand" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The bearers were Messrs. Page Strong, J. Raymond Simpers, David B. Ford, W. B. Usilton, Jr., Horace Nicholson and Richard C. Leaverton. The interment took place at Chester cemetery; John N. Dodd, undertaker.

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Just one year ago the corpse of Levi Fiddis was brought to Chestertown and interred in Chester Cemetery. Mrs. Mary Editha Fiddis, his beloved widow, who had nursed him night and day, broke down under the strain and for a year has been a great sufferer from rheumatism. She grew weaker and weaker and death came Sunday. She was 69 years old. The deceased was before marriage Miss Newell, daughter of the late James Newell, formerly of this town. She resided here many years and made many friends. She leaves two sons, Mr. Preston and Mr. John S. Fiddis, president and secretary, respectively, of the Southern Type Foundry Co., Baltimore. The remains were brought to Chestertown Tuesday and interred in Chester Cemetery, Rev. D. L. Greenfield officiating at the grave. Undertaker John N. Dodd had charge of interment. The pall-bearers were J. W. Chapman, J. W. Lambert, J. S. Bradley, J. F. Howard, W. A. Carroll, and C. S. Smith.

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Mrs. A. Jane DeKay, mother of Prof. E. J. Clarke, of Washington College, died at her home in Pocomoke City last week.

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Henry Selar died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. J. Morrison, in Chestertown yesterday, aged 74 years. He has been sick for several months. He was born in York, Pa., The body will be taken to Mt. Vernon, Hartford County, on Monday and interred. J. E. Ferguson, undertaker.

PROGRAM UNION M. E. CHURCH.

Song, "Lead On" ..... School
Responsive Reading ..... School
Prayer ..... Pastor
Cherus, "The Christmas Song" ..... School
Recitation, "The Matchless Gift ..... Miss Nellie Ivens
Exercise, "Under the Starry Flag....." Ethel Rash, Clara Cooper, Frank Turner, Mamie Greenwood, W. Miller, Mary Hurd, Charles Miller, H. Rambo, Ida Wood, Edgar Clark.
Solo, "Listen to the Bells" ..... Ethel Rash
Recitation ..... Ella Fowler
Recitation, "Little Secret" ..... Daisy Clark
Chorus, "He Cometh" ..... School
Recitation, "Limitless Love", Eunice Cooper
Dialogue, "Why Do We Keep Christmas?" ... Ethel Rash and Ida Wood
Solo, "Dear Little Child" ..... Daisy Clark
Exercise, "Bible Boys" ..... Benny Herbert, Edward Greenwood, Walter Iyens, Wilbert Mench.
Chorus, "Joyful the Tidings" ..... School
Recitation, "Day Ever Dear," Martha Usilton
Solo, "Dear Little Child in a Manger" ..... Ida Wood

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MRS. ELIZA RILEY PASSES AWAY.

Was Striken Monday Week at Home of Mrs. E. M. Fowler and Died Yesterday.

Mrs. Eliza Riley, widow of the late John Riley, of near Odessa, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Marriott Fowler at noon Thursday from a stroke of paralysis which she received a week ago last Monday. Since she was stricken she has been unconscious with practically no hope for her recovery. The deceased was a daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Davis, of Sussex county, and was born January, 1824. In early life she married Mr. John Riley, a farmer near Odessa. He died suddenly about 41 years ago. Mrs. Riley remained there until 1875, when she moved to Smyrna and made it her home until five years ago. Since then she has been residing with her daughter, Mrs. Augustine Hendrickson, of near Millington, Md. For sixty years she has been a member of the M. E. Church and has led a consistent life. She is survived by two children, Mrs. E. Marriott Fowler, of Smyrna, Del., and Mrs. Augustine Hendrickson, of Millington, Md. Besides these she has two brothers and two sisters who survive her: Mrs. Alfred L. Hudson, Sr., of Smyrna; Mrs. John F. Staats, of Townsend; Mr. Manlove Davis, of Middletown, and Nehemiah T. Davis, of Summit Bridge.

Funeral services were held at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. E. Marriott Fowler, on Mt. Vernon street, Thursday morning at 11 o'clock; interment at Odessa M. E. Cemetery.

MARRIED.

At Georgetown, Del., July 27, 1900, by Rev. J. H. S. Ewell, S. ROMAINE WAGNER to MARY E. BECK, both of this county.

At the M. E. Parsonage Millington, Wednesday evening, December 23rd, by Rev. E. R. Sidell MR. WILLIAM G. BLACKISTON and MISS SUSIE M. CREW, both of McGinnis corner.

DIED.

At her home in Worton, on Sunday, Dec. 27th, 1903, THELMA CLAYTON, daughter of Eugene Clayton, aged 1 year and 6 months.

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A voice we loved is still'd;
A place is vacant in our home
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SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

The death of Mr. Macomb Clayton on Friday evening Dec., 18th, was particularly sad indeed. He died from blood poisoning, caused by picking a little pimple on his face. He was a son of the late Col. Joshua Clayton and Martha Lockwood Clayton, of Middletown, Del. In 1874 Mr. Clayton married Miss Elizabeth Porter Laws, eldest daughter of the late Alexander T. Laws, of Newark, Delaware, and a sister of Alex. T. Laws, of Sassafras. He leaves a faithful and devoted wife and seven children to mourn his loss, Martha Lockwood, the wife of R. S. Rollings; Edith Murray, the wife of Harry McTassel; Jenette Young, the wife of J. R. Murkley; Lousia Porter, the wife of W. R. Bryant; all business men of Philadelphia, and Miss Adelaide E. Clayton about 18, two sons Julian, 16 and little Thomas 10 years old, the last three the youngest, reside at home with their parents, four devoted sisters and one kind brother, Adelaide, the wife of Charles S. Ellison, of Bohemia Manor, Mary Clayton Price, the wife of the late Fletcher Price, of Chesapeake City, Dr. Joshua Clayton, a practising physician of Philadelphia, Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Williams, of New York city; Francis the wife of Martha U. Williams, a business man of Middletown, Delaware.

Mrs. Joseph B. Fletcher, of West Spruce street Philadelphia, who joined her husband in Washington State on the 1st of October last, her husband met her at Seattle and together they went to Brementon, to the Puget Sound Navy yard.

Mrs. John F. Ernest and two sons, John Jr., and Douglass, were the guets of her mother on Sunday at a family dining, Mrs. I. Gunkie, of Warwick.

The death of Mr. C. Crockett was heard here with very much regret, he was young and handsome to die. He died from typhoid fever at the home of his mother near Middletown on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Staats and children, of Fairlee, are visiting his sister, Mrs. James Davis, near town.

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