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Lowest Point Recorded Since Blizzard of 1899 Navigation Suspended—Bay Frozen —Some Sleighing.

Tuesday was the coldest day of the winter in Kent, the temperature going as low as two degrees below zero. It was the coldest night since the memorable blizzard of 1899, on February 10 of which year the mercury dropped to seven degrees below zero, the lowest ever recorded here—unless it was at Golt's where no jugs arrived. The cold was not felt so sensibly because of the calmness. Tuesday night was a climax o the cold of several days. Sunday morning the mercury was down to 8°; Monday 6°; Tuesday 2° below zero; Wednesday 6°; Thursday 20°.

The Emma Ford left town Monday morning with Capts. Taylor and Vandyke at the helm and cut ice from thade to four inches thick all the way to Baltimore. She was one hour reaching Emory's; arrived at Quaker Neck at 1 P. M. and finally reached Baltimore at 9.20. A number of passengers were on board, also Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morrison with the corpse of her father, on their way to Harford county. Ice covers the bay and navigation is not only suspended in the rivers but many of the steamers are laid up. Supt. Noland, of Tolchester, was in town Tuesday and says the thermoneter got down to 3° below zero there and that the bay is frozen solid.

Soon after the Ford left Monday three boys and a dog crossed and recrossed her tracks!

Owing to the snow on the ice the young people have had no skating. Mr. Dunbracco has had his ice boat ready but the lack of wind prevented him enjoying the sport.

Mr. George S. Biddle has filled his ice house with twelve inch ice; Messrs Harry Fowler and S. G. Lee have gathered 8 inch ice from Fairlee mill.

The sleighing was fairly good and some fast horses were out, among the number those driven by the following: George Rash, Elwood Morris, William Bell, with "Bonnie Butler," 2.18; Leon Brown, with "Maryland Russell," 2.40; David B. McMenamin, with "Gladys E.," 2.114-5; Wallis' gray, of Church Hill; Robert Morgan, of Kennedyville; Dr. E. A. Scott, Galena; Ralph Barnet, John Gale, George S. Biddle, Josiah Massey, Jr., Earle Nicholson, Thomas Toulson, Wilbur Eliason, Jr., George Vickers, Alfred Bramble, Thos. W. Eliason, Jr., Wm. G. Smyth, Harry Jefferson, Frank Baxter, W. W. Hubbard, Harry McWhorter, Murray Smyth, George Brice, J. G. Beck, Samuel Hicks, M. Wilber Thomas, Harry McWhorter, Robert G. Nicholson, Robert Brown, Bartus Trew, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. J. B. Hossinger.

"Tie a string around your finger." Get that bottle of Rheumacide today before your rheumatism gets a firm hold and becomes dangerous.

STILL POND ITEMS.

Miss Joe Jones is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Walter and children are visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. S. H. Pippin has moved from the Price house into the Crowding house.

Mr. John Schofield has moved from the Crowding house into the Rasin house.

Mr. Claude Hackett spent a few days with his friend, Mr. Grover Sutton, at Worton.

Mr. Low Atwell and Master Lemont Hackett have returned to their school in Baltimore.

Miss Lydia Hackett entertained at supper on Friday evening Misses Jennie and Annie Bowers, Olive Beauchump and Marion Hackett.

Miss Cora Harden has resigned her position as saleslady with Wm. Medders for the winter months. Miss Jennie Coleman will take her place.

Mrs. R. Boulden entertained at dinner on Friday Mrs. Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Schofield and children, Misses Scotten, Emma Anderson and Mr. William Anderson.

We learn that one of our young ladies who was at work in the city was married this week. Also one of our young men who also was at work in the city was married Wednesday evening. Come let us go to the city.

The young people of our town gave a surprise party to Miss Daisy Severson on Thursday evening. Among those present were Misses Mabel Rasin, Sarah Jones, Rachel and Alice Wood, Mae Hackett, Miss Davis, Miss Ricards, Mrs. Ed. Ford, Mrs. Chas. Severson and son, Miss Emma Anderson, Mr. James Robinson, Charles Severson, Harry Moore, Charles Jewell, Harry Ricards, George Williams, Wylie Hodgson, Harry Stanley, Charles Ford, Carl Lynch, Golden Warren, William Anderson.

At one of the Baptists anniversaries Dr. Lorimer related the following dialogue, which penurious Christians would do well to ponder: Talking with a man who had professed to be converted, a minister said: "Have you joined the church?" "No; the dying thief did not join the church, and he went to heaven." "Have you given anything to missions?" "No; the dying thief never gave anything, and he went to heaven." "Well, my friend, it seems to me the difference is that he was a dying thief, and you are a living one."—Lutheran World.

MESSRS. MCINTYRE & HODGKIN have removed their store to the new Toulson building and Mr. W. H. Wardell will occupy the store adjoining the post-office.

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GALENA LOCALS.

Those having ice houses have gotten them filled with an excellent quality of ice from 4 to 6 inches thick. We have had some of the coldest days than for several years back, on the 5th inst. the thermometer stood at 2 below zero at 7 A. M.

There is not much sickness in our town, Miss Lucille Parr daughter of Wm. Parr, of Still Pond, has been ill for the past two weeks at her grandfather's, Henry Parr. At this writing she is somewhat better, she is under the care of Dr. Scott.

As the Legislature has convened several of our people are very much disappointed, they all expected to go as officers, thinking that Kent county might be able to capture all the places.

Report says Capt. Woodall is about to put the Hicks store house in thorough repair.

Our stores have done a fair business during the holidays, but not as good as they nave done in former years.

The Galena bank seems to be doing some business, they have received on deposit for the first 6 months about $120.000 dollars and loaned quite a good sum, their business is extending right along.

The social event of the week was the marriage of Miss May Jarvis, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jarvis, near town, to Mr. Thomas Stradley, of near Sassafras. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride, in the presence of about sixty invited guests, last Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock Rev. E. K. Creed, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church performed the ceremony which made them husband and wife. The newly married couple will live on Mrs. Stradley's farm near Sassafras, the young couple have many friends who wish them a prosperous life journey; they received many valuable presents from friends.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

A leap-year hop is now the order of the new year.

Dr. E. N. Jeter has his brother from Virginia on a visit to him.

Mr. Frank Wilson, one of our young farmers, was in Wilmington for several days last week.

An alarming number of cases of pneumonia are reported by physicians from all parts of the country.

Miss Jennie Boyles, near town, returned home Saturday, after a delightful visit to Philadelphia.

Mr. William H. Spry, we are pleased to state, is somewhat improved and hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. John F. Ernest entertained her mother, Mrs. I. Gunkie, and Mrs. John R. H. Price, all of Warwick, at dinner on Monday.

Messrs. Jacob T. Shallcross, Robert Shallcross and Master Shallcross visited Wilmington relatives from Friday until Saturday night.

Mr. Joseph Delaney, of the Baltimore Custom House, was entertained on Friday last by his brother in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest.

Mr. William Shallcross attended the dance at Cecilton on Thursday evening last, and remained with Mr. Owen Griffith of near Cecilton, on Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Robt. S. Griffith, our genial postmaster, entertained his son, Mr. Charles S. Griffith and wife, of below Cecilton, for the day on Thursday last at an elaborate dinner.

Mrs. Laura Townsend returned home on Sunday after visiting Mrs. George Johnston, near Blackiston's Station. Her grandmotner, Mrs. Ford, was taken very ill, consequently she was sent for.

Mr. Thomas Stradley, one of our model young men, was married to one of our fair ones at Galena on the 6th. He is a model young man and neither smokes, chews or drinks, and is devoted to his aged mother.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston and family moved from near town on last Thursday to near Blackiston's Station. We all regret to lose such a good farmer, and they will be much missed from the Rehoboth M. P. Church, of which they were members.

Rev. John P. McGoulrich, rector of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church at Bohemia Manor, has been transferred to Easton, much to the regret of all the parisioners, as Father McGoulrich was greatly beloved. Father Chas. A. Conly has been assigned to Bohemia Manor church.

The mercury fell last night (Monday) below zero and this morning it was 5° below. It is freezing cold here. The compensating feature of the heavy 8-inch snow storm is the exceptionally fine sleighing, and many brayed the cold for sleigh rides. Some very fine teams were in town on Monday.

On Friday last we had quite a skating carnival here. The surrounding country was represented, and we noticed the Misses Marsh and brother, fine skaters; Rev. D. Litsinger and his brother, Mr. E. Litsinger, both fine young skaters. The ladies did excellent, though we have several here in town can skate, too.

The friends here of Mr. W. Hodge Bennett, formerly of Elkton, regretted to learn of his sudden death in his office in Philadelphia on Monday, immediately after eating his dinner. Mr. Bennett had been connected with Fisher, Bruce & Co., 221 Market street, for many years, and remarked a few minutes before he was stricken that he never felt better.

Messrs. John F. Jr., and Douglass Ernest, two of our model young boys in town, received many fine Christmas presents, and two of their admirers presented each of them with a fine watch. But they were ever gallant and returned the compliment with fine presents. These two boys are beloved by every one. They skate well, play the piano, are good students, and last of all are good boys, respectful and kind to every one, old and young, rich and poor; and this is why they are beloved.

THE seventeenth annual meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society will be held in Cambridge on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 19, 20 and 21. A program, which cannot fail to benefit every horticulturist, has been prepared, and the various topics will be discussed by practical fruit growers. Capt. R. S. Emory is vice-president from Kent.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

Deputy Commander.— Who will be Deputy Commander on the Anna B. Smith? is as important a question among our denizens as who will be U. S. Senator. It is now reported that Capt. Satterfield will retire about April to resume the yachting business. There is an apparent hustling among watermen to become successor to the gallant Satterfield, among whom are Messrs. Thomas Kendall, B. F. Sewell, John Hogans, "Dye" Urie and Thomas (Duck) Kendall, and the woods is full of others who will come out later.

Road Supervisors.—Another important question with us is who will be the road supervisors. Several names in connection with this are mentioned for the roads in this section, among whom is Mr. George L. Maslin, an ex-supervisor, who always did first-class work, with economy and satisfaction to all.

News Along the Water.— Capt. J. M. Collison has just completed a clipper for Mr. Larrie Stevens, which will be used for freighting farm products to the steamboat wharf, which will prove a means of saving horse flesh in the busy season.

Some of our oystermen are still tied up in the city with their cargoes of oysters, and have been there since November 3, having been unable to sell at a paying figure. The captain sold out at $1.50 per bushel.

A number of the fishermen of this place have been unfortunate in having their nets caught out in the bay by the freeze.

Sick.— Prof. Greenwood was taken suddenly ill on Friday of last week while superintending preparations for the opening of the public school. His illness did not seriously interfere with the opening of the school on Monday, his able corps of assistants being at their posts promptly and have been conducting the exercises with efficiency.

Officers Installed.—Mr. B. H. Coburn, D. D. G. M., assisted by Past Grands L. T. Whaland, W. T. Harrison, J. B. Willson and M. L. Maslin, installed the following gentlemen on Wednesday evening as officers of the Odd Fellows' lodge at this place: N. G., Jacob B. Downey; V. G., Joseph A. Williams; recording secretary, John W. Boyer; financial secretary, Samuel B. Colyer; treasurer, B. H. Coburn; chaplain, Milton L. Maslin; right and left supporters to N. G., Wm. T. Harrison and J. B. Willson; right supporter to V. G., L. T. Whaland; inside sentinel, Thomas Maslin.

Legislation.—Now that the Legislature is in session many of our people think it an opportune time to enact a poll tax law, instead of a property qualification clause to the election law. We are all looking for wise legislation by the solons at the Ancient City. Sorry our county representatives and Mr. Hamen have been unable to pay this section a visiting tour. No doubt we will see them and hear them later on.

Social Item.—Miss Bertha V., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones, of Rock Hall, gave a delightful surprise in honor of her brother, William M., last Wednesday evening, December 30th, 1903. Among those present were Misses Delma Sewell, Fannie and Ella Morris, Daisy and Edith Ryan, Essie and Lilian Smith, Nora and Ada Jones, Messrs. William Jones, William Webb, James and Nelson Rodney, Joe Davis, Frank Joiner, Russell Sewell, Frank and Gibson Morris, Charlie Stevens, Elmer Jones, Joseph Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gears. They all spent a very pleasant evening and all left for their homes about 12 p. m.

Miss Edna R. Downey, daughter of Mr. Joseph Downey, of Rock Hall, also a student of the Normal Department of Washington College, entertained a few of her many friends last Wednesday evening. All present seemed possessed with intention of making an enjoyable evening for all present. Flinch tables were numerous also the "Pit" (much trading was carried on.) Other parlor games were carried on in an adjoining room. Instrumental music was rendered by Misses Taylor, Coppage and Downey. At the proper hour the guests were invited to partake of the refreshments which were very excellent in quality and daintily arranged. Miss Downey's guests were principally from Rock Hall though Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Fairlee were represented.

The Weather—Sunday's cold, 8° above zero, was almost a complete knock-out to church-goers in this section. Rev. Mr. Gill, however was on hand, and occupied the M. E. Pulpit preaching to an audience of about 35, Mr. Gill also preached at the evening service to a well-filled house.

Rev. Mr. Jones of Pine Neck Church, will preach in the M. E. Church here to morrow morning, and Rev. J. M. Downey, will preach at the evening service, Rev. Mr. Burr, being still on a vacation visit in the Sunnie South.

Removals.—There has been more moving in this section than there has been before for many. years Mr. George Joiner goes to the Rudolph property in Green Lane; Mr. Alfred Walbert moves from Edesville to the house vacated by Mr. Joiner; Mr. F. T. Hogans moves to the Hannah Bell farm on Worton Creek; Mr. Chas. S. Kerr moves to the Hogans property; Mr. Chas. O. Kendall moves to the Collyer property in Graytown; Mrs. S. Carter moves from Graytown to Alexyille; Mr. Merrickton Carter takes the house vacated by Price Orr, Mr. Orr moving to Deep Landing; Mr. Herbert G. Wilkins moves to his Voyce property in Denbeigh; Mr. Frank E. Stevens moves from Swan Creek to Huntingfield farm; Mrs. Orr moves to Fairlee; Mr. John H. Kelley Jr., moves from the Voyce property to the Jno. E. Beck property near Deep Landing.

THE Canning & Mercantile Co., will have a change of adv. in the NEWS next week. They have well-stocked stores at Chestertown and Still Pond and the public will find them ready to supply their wants at reasonable figures.

THE St. James Sewing Circle held their first meeting this winter at the house of Mr. and Mrs. John Gale. A sumptuous supper was served.

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DEATH'S DOINGS.

Jervis Spencer, a well-known citizen of Chestertown, died at his home in the Pearce Mansion on Cannon and Front streets, Monday about 8 a. m., aged 65. The deceased has been suffering from a complication of diseases to which he succumbed Monday. He was the son of the late Col. George Spencer, and for many years farmed near Black's Station where his home was the headquarters for sociability and hospitality. He has been bailiff to the Circuit Court for many years and his warm greeting to everyone will be missed. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Kate Staples, of Elkton, but no children. Mrs. Nathaneil Comegys, Mrs. Thomas W. Wickes, of Kent, and Mrs. Addison Emory, of Queen Anne's, are sisters of the deceased. The funeral took place Thursday, interment at Shrewsbury, Dr. Martin officiating; Undertaker, J. E. Ferguson. The pall-bearers were P. A. M. Brooks, Philip G. Wilmer, R. H. Collins, Spencer Comegys, Henry T. Deaver and John Comegys.

Mrs. Eliza Legg died at the residence of her son, Moses Legg, at Cliff City, this county, on Saturday, aged 82 years. Mrs. Legg was one of the oldest women in the county and was the mother of William D. Shinn, a prominent farmer near Lynch's, and of Nelson Shinn, of Wilmington, Del., by her first husband, and of Moses Legg by her second husband. Undertaker J. N. Dodd had charge of funeral.

The remains of Mr. F. S. Wheatley, who died in Baltimore last Sunday, were brought to Kent via the B. & D. B. Railroad Tuesday and taken to St. Paul's cemetery for interment. The deceased was a relative of Mrs. Victor Hendrickson and Mrs. J. M. J. Byron.

Miss Annie E. Taylor died at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Wm. T. Lane, Kennedyville, Thursday night, of the infirmities of old age, aged 75. The funeral service will be held at M. P. Church, Kennedyville, tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 10.30 a. m., interment at Kennedyville cemetery; undertaker, W. H. Krusen.

THE sixth annual meeting of the Maryland State Horticultural Society will be held at Dushane Post Hall, Baltimore, on Thursday and Friday, January 14-15. Every one is invited to attend the meetings and place products in the exhibit of fruits and vegetables. Through its large membership the Society is now able to exercise considerable influence in horticultural affairs in the State, and the discussions and business transacted at this meeting will be of vital importance to all citizens interested in the growing of fruits, flowers and vegetables.

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PREPARING FOR CONFERENCE.

Annual Session Meets in Dover in March.

The Rev. L. E. Barrett, pastor of Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, announced to his congregation last week that arrangements had already begun for the comming session of the Wilmington M. E. conference, which will convene in Dover on Wednesday, March 16, lasting until March 23. It is expected that at least 400 ministers and laymen will attend the session and the committe will soon begin the work of securing homes for the visitors during their stay at the Capitol. It is the quadrennial session of the Lay Electorate Conference and includes not only the ministers from every church in the Conference in Delaware, Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, but laymen from each church as well, besides a number of other official representatives. Dover has always been a popular place for holding the Conference and will attract at least 200 other visitors during the session.

The following is the roster of leaders of the Sunday evening song services at Christ M. P. Church for the current quarter:

January 3	Miss Addie Hurlock
January 10	Ralph Barnett
January 17	Miss Mary Knight
January 24	W. A. Wheatley
January 31	Miss Fannie Baker
February 7	W. H. Blakeney / Miss Ethel Baccus
February 14	Joseph Guest / Miss Nellie Nicholson
February 21	Rev. D. L. Greefield / Charlie Wheatley
February 28	Miss Mamie Thompson
March 6	A. M. Culp
March 13	Mrs. J. E. Ferguson
March 20	Mr. James W. Lambert / Miss Augusta Aldridge
March 27	Mrs. Charles J. Reiche / Wm. A. Wheatley, Jr.

Chestertown M. E. Sabbath School elected officers for the ensuing year, last Sunday, as follows: Superintendent, Mr. M. Wilber Thomas; asst. sup'ts., Mr. M. A. Toulson and Mrs. James Brice; secretary, Mr. Harry Coleman; treasurer, Mr. James Dunbracco; librarians, Messrs. Joel R. Clements, Thos. Eliason Jr. and John Benjamin; organist, Miss Lillian Matthews; chorister, Mr. J. C. Loud; orchestra, Jacob F. Thompson, L. B. Russell, W. Irving Walker and Kemp Bordley, superintendent primary department, Misses Idel Baker and Susie Dunbracco.

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