DENTON JOURNAL.

SATURDAY MORNING. JAN. 5, 1901.

Items of News from All Parts of the County Solicited Under this Head.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAILS.

MAILS CLOSE.

6.30 A. M.—Via D. & C. R. R., for Points North.
8.07 A. M.—Via Q. A. R. R., for Points West.
9.45 A. M.—Via Q. A. R. R., for Points East.
11.45 A. M.—Via Steamer, for River Points
1.00 A. M.—Via Stage, for Preston.
4.30 P. M.—Via D. & C. R. R., for Points North.
6.45 P. M.—Via Q. A. R. R., for Points West.
6.45 P. M.—Via Q. A. R. R., for Points East.

MAILS ARRIVE

8.35 A. M.—Via Q. A. R. R., from Points East.
10.15 A. M.—Via Q. A. R. R., from Points West.
11.00 A. M.—Via Stage, from Preston.
11.30 A. M.—Via Steamer, from River Points.
12.00 — M.—Via D.& C.R.R., from Points North.
7.10 P. M.—Via Q. A. R. R., from Points East.
7.10 P. M.—Via Q. A. R. R.; from Points West.
8.00 P. M.—Via D.& C.R.R., from Points North.

PUBLIC BUSINESS CALENDAR.

CIRCUIT COURT WILL MEET JAN. 14.

ORPHANS' COURT WILL MEET JAN. 8.

LEVY COURT WILL MEET JAN. 8.

SCHOOL BOARD WILL MEET JAN. 8.

THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

DASHES HERE AND THERE.

There are three butcher's shops in Denton now.

Mr. Fred High, the humorist, at Masonic Hall, January 11th.

Thomas Gross, Ridgely, has been granted a pension of $6 per month.

Wheat sells at 76 to 77 cents in the Baltimore market. Corn, 41 to 33.

An interesting illustrated article on ice-houses appears on our fourth page today.

Mr. L. F. Bell, the well-known miller, has removed from Williamsburg to Hurlock.

Accounts of 1900 should be settled promptly. Procrastination is not a part of the New Century program.

In the JOURNAL today the J. C. Godwin Company, Easton, make some important fire sale announcements.

Mrs. B. B. Brumbaugh made 4,006 pounds of butter during the year 1900, besides the quantity used by the family.

Messrs. C. H. Shields, J. H. Spence and G. A. McDaniel have had telephones put in their places of business this week.

The members of Choptank Conclave, No. 28, I. O. H., are urged to attend an important meeting next Thursday evening.

W. F. Liden, of W. E., near Smithville, recently slaughtered six hogs, weighing 274, 276, 292, 334, 334, and 376 pounds each, or a total of 1886 pounds.

Hear Fred High, the elocutionist and ventriloquist, at the town hall on January 11th. The entertainment will be for the benefit of the Denton public school.

Beginning Tuesday, January 1st, the steamer Endeavor, of the Queen Anne's Railroad Company, began running under a new schedule. The Endeavor has been greatly improved.

Mrs. Lydia Hughlett, aged 82, widow of the late Colonel William Hughlett, died of apoplexy at her residence in Trappe, December 27. She was Miss Carter of Caroline county.

Thomas S. Clark, who is serving a sentence in prison for his connection with the Dover bank cases, is seeking a pardon. Several years ago Clark was a well known real estate dealer in Dover.

The Chestertown Electric Light Company is likely to undergo radical changes soon. Miles A. Hoffman, of London, England, the owner of the plant, is now in Chestertown investigating, and says changes will be made.

The school Commissioners held a meeting on Monday last. The overcrowded condition of Ridgely school was considered, and Commissioner Jones and Examiner Crouse were requested to secure a room in another building, and employ an additional teacher.

Half of the younger population of Chestertown have been arrested and fined as a result of their over-zealous observation of the Christmas festivities. The citizens of the town are at loggerheads over the matter; some being with the magistrates and others siding with the youthful celebrators.

Mrs. Mary Josephine Dickey, wife of Rev. Robt. L. Dickey, died very suddenly at her residence in Baltimore on Thursday of last week. She was 63 years of age, and was a great grand daughter of Robert Morris, of Revolutionary fame. Mrs. Dickey is survived by her husband and three children—the Rev. John W. Dickey, of Denton, Md.; Mr. Robt. L. Dickey, Jr., of Uplands, Md., and Mrs. Perry Sinclair, of Baltimore.

The next annual meeting of the Peninsula Horticultural Society will be held in the Middletown Opera House on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Prof. Wesley Webb has been working hard to make the meeting the most largely attended and successful meeting of the farmers and horticulturalists ever gathered on a similiar occasion, and the prospects are most promising. The railroads and hotels have decided to reduce prices.

Wood work above a fire-place heater and behind a slate mantel in Mr. F. R. Owens' residence became ignited late Sunday night, and for a time the building was in danger of destruction. Mr. Owens was awakened by hot air in his bed-room shortly after midnight. He gave the alarm and the firemen in a short time responded, assisted by a dozen men with buckets, subdued the flames. In order to get to the fire with the hose one side of the house had to be partially wrecked. It is said the damage done will amount to over $200. Mr. Owens has a policy of insurance, and his loss will be paid.

WEDDINGS AND SOCIAL NEWS NOTES.

Several Marriages of Interest — Pleasant Parties of the Week.

The wedding of Miss Mary Fountain Johnson to Mr. Philip Worthington Downes, at Concord Methodist Episcopal Church at one o'clock last Wednesday, was a very pretty one, friends of the popular young couple having banked the altar-place with holly in most tasteful arrangement. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Theodore F. Beauchamp in the dimly-lighted church, the daylight having been excluded that the occasion might be the more impressive. Mrs. Benjamin H. Johnson, of Denton, furnished wedding music, and Messrs. Ormond W. Downes, Charles H. Whitby, Jr., Frank LeR. Nuttle, and DeW. Lee Anderson escorted the bride and groom-to-be to the altar. The bride was dressed in a tailor-made gown of castor broadcloth, and carried a handsome bouquet of white carnations. Previous to the wedding luncheon was served to a few invited friends at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emma T. Johnson, and directly after the ceremony the couple were driven to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Downes, in Tuckahoe Neck, where an elaborate reception was tendered them, and where during the evening scores of friends called to leave congratulatory messages for Mr. and Mrs. Downes the younger, and incidentally to partake of the lavish hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Downes the elder. The young couple reside on a farm in "The Neck."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of their wedding, December 27th, at their home, near Matthews. The house was prettily decorated with holly and mistletoe, "Eighteenth Anniversary," in gold letters, extending across the mantel. Miss Rebecca Carroll and Mrs. Thomas Barwick assisted in receiving the guests, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Saulsbury, Mr. and Mrs. William Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Barwick, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Gooding, Mr. and Mrs. Marvel, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. C. Carroll, Mrs. Frank Conlyn, Miss M. Esinbury, of Baltimore, Mrs. R. T. Morgan, Mrs. C. Adams, Mrs. C. W. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. C. Barnes, Misses Ida Wood, Annabel Wood, Rebecca Carroll, Nora Carroll, Elizabeth Dudley, Susan Saulsbury, Nannie Sullivan, Messrs. John Morgan, John Saulsbury, John Ruse, Grover Carroll, Willard Sullivan, and J. M. Barwick. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were the recipients of many handsome presents.

On Monday evening last a number of young people met at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Beachamp, near Concord, to watch the old year out and the new year in. Many interesting games were played, music was rendered by several of the young ladies, and a selection from Charles Sheldon's "Twentieth-Door" was read by Miss Lillian Carroll. About eleven o'clock refreshments were served and as the new century came in the guests departed, declaring they had spent a very pleasant evening, and wishing their hostess a Happy New Year. Among those present were Misses Ida Deane, Estella Collins, Minnie Todd, Emma Poole, Emma Everngam, Winnie Griffith, Lillian Carroll, Winnie Johnson, Della Graham, Rosa Burkett, Jennie Kelley, Emma Hubbard, and Messrs. Ora Carroll, Lee Cahall, Charlie Murphy, Clarence Beachamp, Percy Deane, Benjamin Todd, Frank Nuttle, Herbert Beachamp, Richard Wirt, Walter Kelley, Kirwin Everngam and Walton Trice.

Misses Kellie and Marie Perry gave a very enjoyable social at their home, "Oakdale," Poplar Neck, on Monday evening, in honor of their guest, Miss Alice Perry, of Tunis Mills. Those present were: Misses Alice Perry, Emaline Hubbard, Grace Perry, Hattie Buckley, Kellie Hubbard, Bessie Gootee, Georgie Perry, Ethel Wright, and Mabel Wright; Messrs. Clarence Perry, Roy Hubbard, Fred Perry, Bert Lewis, Harry Hubbard, Frank Collins, Zora Hubbard, John Gootee, Percy Hubbard, Norman Gootee, Roy Baker, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Stevens. Refreshments were served at half-past ten, consisting of fruits, cakes, cream, and nuts. Music and games were the amusements of the evening.

Mrs. Nina Faithful Aldridge, of Easton, was married early New Year's morning to Joseph Wright, of Philadelphia, in Christ Church, Easton, by the Rev. Leonidas Bradley Baldwin, rector of St. Peter's Parish. Her brother-in-law, George E. Haddaway, gave the bride away. The bridegroom's brother Philemon Kennard Wright was best man. Mrs. Alfred Lee Tharp was organist. The bride was gowned in a travelling dress of brown broad cloth. She carried a white prayer book. They have gone South on a wedding trip. Mr. Wright is the son of the late Joseph V. B. Wright and Mrs. Amelia Wright, of Easton. They will reside in Philadelphia.

At the Euchre Club meeting Thursday evening, at Judge Russum's, the ladies' prize was won by Miss Laura Melvin and the gentlemen's prize by Mr. Albert G. Towers. Miss Helen Naudain, of Middletown, took the "booby." Fried oysters, slaw, warm pocket book rolls, biscuit, coffee and chocolate were served at eleven. Miss Laura Melvin entertains the club next Thursday evening.

Mr. Fred O. Jester, of near Garey's Chapel, and Miss Lizzie V. Bennett, were married by the Rev. J. S. Wickline at the home of Howard Archer on Sunday evening last at half-past six.

Preston.

A very enjoyable New Year's dance was held in Lednum's Hall, Preston, Tuesday evening. The hall was decorated with flags, artistically draped, and holly and other evergreens. The patronesses were Mesdames J. R. Phillips, J. B. Fletcher, C. S. Carmine, S E. Douglass, and R. I. Lednum. Dancing began at 9 o'clock. At midnight refreshments, consisting of coffee and sandwiches, were served, after which dancing was continued till 2.30 a. m. A trio of musicians from Easton furnished the music. Among those present were Misses Prettyman, Spence, Varnes, Thompson, Melvin, and Messrs. Parvin, W. Camper, Spence, and Dr. Hitch, from East New Market; Mr. J. R. Phelps, Cambridge; Miss Georgia Stevens and Mr. Bruce Stevens, Williston; Mr. James Stewart, Easton; Miss Anah Blades, Choptank; Mr. Elmer Deen, Fowling Creek; Miss Maud Hubbard and Messrs. Paxson and Norman Lednum, Bethlehem; Mr. John Payne, Baltimore; Misses Bessie and Nellie Phillips, Lulu and Ethel Fletcher, Mattie Douglass, Velma Hollis, Lulu and Nettie Hollowell, Clara Noble, Lida Porter, and Lulu Stack; Messrs. R. I. Lednum, Nelson Fooks, Roy Tuff, George Redhead, J. F. Lednum, Richard Phillips, J. E. Douglass, Ralph Poole, A. E. Cooper, Bert Redhead, and E. K. Stack, of Preston.

Richard Phillips has returned to school at Alexandria, Va.; F. B. Noble, to Chestertown; Miss Ethel Fletcher and Miss Clara Noble, to the Normal School.

Mr. Michael Jonnson has removed to Hurlock. Mr. Alex. Noble now occupies the property vacated by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Thomas Sisk and Miss Susie Sisk have been visiting their brother, A. W. Sisk, Esq.

Prof. Edgar Williamson, of East New Market, was at home during the holidays.

Mrs. H. W. Temple and children have been visiting at Mr. J. B. Harrison's.

Miss Elbert Douglass has been the guest of Mrs. J. C. Clark, at Sykesville.

Miss Katie Trice has been visiting Mrs. Jesse T. Dennis.

Greensboro.

Mrs. Charlotte Sangston died Wednesday morning, at the home of her son, William Sangston, New York, where she was spending the winter. The remains were brought here on Wednesday evening and funeral services were held in the Church of the Holy Trinity Friday morning. Interment was in Greensboro cemetery. The deceased was 82 years old and was a sister of Mr. Richard Comegys of Greensboro, and Dr. Henry Comegys, of Scranton, Pa. The following children survive her: Mrs. G. W. Eliason, Mrs. William H. Lowe, Mrs. Nathaniel Horsey, of Greensboro, Mrs. Samuel Vail, of Wilmington, Del., Messrs. William and James Sangston, of New York, and Edmund Sangston, of Danville, Virginia.

Mr. Harvey Coursey, Mr. Samuel Bilbrough, Miss Thelda Clark, Mr. Alfred Clark and daughter, Miss Addie, and Mr. Amos Mattox, attended the Twentieth Century celebration in Philadelphia.

Miss Eva M. Palmer, who has been in Baltimore for the holidays, returned on Wednesday, accompanied by her sistet, Miss Katherine Palmer.

Miss Pauline Barber, who spent the holidays at her home, near Annapolis, returned to her school on Wednesday.

Mr. Guy Pippin, who resides near The Plains, and Miss Emma Poore, of this town, were married this week.

Miss Ella Moore, of Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with her mother in Greensboro.

Mrs. Susan Newton, of Church Hill, has moved into the Colonel Comegys property.

Mr. Chas. Wiggins, of Boston, has been visiting Rev. S. J. French, of Greensboro.

Mr. Almont Baggs spent several days this week with friends in Chestertown.

Mr. William H. Simpson is visiting his son, in Philadelphia.

Marydel.

The young ladies and gentlemen gave a social in the Jr. O. U. A. M. hall on Friday evening of last week. The music from organ and violin, intermingled with the sound of the traveling disc from several crokonole boards, did not cease until a late hour, when refreshments were served, after which Miss Gulia Heather sang several selections. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Emory, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hummer, Mrs. Hester Cubbage, Miss Gulia Heather, of Delaware City, Miss Nellie Manlove, of Middletown, Miss Emma Hall and sister, Misses Emma McKnett, Sara V. Heather and sister, Margaret Palmer, Edda Reed, Kizzie Gooden and sister, Ex-Governor Robt. Reynolds, of Felton, Messrs. John Moore, Frank Lane, Herman Smith, J. Harry Hemmons, of Ridgely, Thomas E. Heather, G. H. Cleaver, Thomas Temple, Seward Dailey, L. Gooden, Coburn Clark, Foster Clark, William Carrow and James Sparks.

Mr. Charles Segelkin and a friend from Baltimore, visited Mr. Segelkin's brother for a few days during the holidays.

Mr. Gordon Taylor, of Chestertown, visited friends in town last week.

Miss Sara V. Heather entertained a few friends last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Bates, of Oxford, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Henry Segelken.

Miss Bessie Sinclair, of Ridgely, is the guest of Miss L. Fallowfield.

VERY IMPORTANT STATE INDUSTRY.

The Outlook is Bright for Packers—Caroline Specially Interested.

Of the Maryland counties Caroline has, with one exception, Harford, the largest output of canned goods. Many persons are directly or indirectly interested in it. In a review of the packing business of last year the Baltimore *Sun* says the volume of trade of 1900 was greater than ever before, and speaks hopefully of the outlook. The writer says: A lively canned goods trade is expected after the new year gets fairly started and conditions are generally regarded as favorable throughout the country. The effect of the pending consolidation of tin can manufacturers is considered by some large interests in the trade as likely to give an impetus to that business. While this combination is not as yet completed, it is expected to be, and the promoters have assured some of the principal factors in the canned goods trade that reasonable prices will be maintained. Baltimore, being a strong factor in the canned goods trade, will, it is thought, have its wants properly protected by the new combination. There are some interesting features in connection with the record of the canned goods trade for the past year and they may be reviewed as follows:

Pineapples—The increase during the past five years in the packing of pineapples has been phenomenal. A steady improvement in quality seems to account for the growth of the demand from consumers. Every season during the past five years the entire pack has been sold before the following season came around. Notwithstanding the increase in the pack accompanying the increased demand the wants of consumers appear to grow in the same proportion, if not at a greater rate, and stocks now in the hands of the packers are said to be the smallest in many years. Last year's pack of standard two pound pineapples was closed out at $1.60 per dozen. The opening price of the new pack in 1900 was $1.15 and advanced to $1.25, with indications that it will go as high as last season.

The peach crop in 1900 was one of the largest in the State for six or eight years and the pack of the canned article was the greatest for eight years. On account of the small crops of peaches during the preceding three years there had been a marked advance in the price of the canned fruit. With the opening of the season of 1900 prices were fairly cut in half and this brought jobbers from all over the country to Baltimore for their supplies. To illustrate: In January last the price of three-pound pie peaches, the standard of that grade, was $1.25 per dozen, but when the new packing was ready for delivery the price was quoted at 60 to 65 cents for the same grade. Three-pound yellow peaches, the standard of that grade, were on January 1 last $1.90 per dozen and the opening price of the new pack last summer was $1.25. In consequence of the large crop of peaches in 1900 Baltimore regained its supremacy in the canned goods markets of the world as the largest producer of canned fruits of the highest quality.

Tomatoes are now considered the most important staple article in the business, as they are now packed in every State in the Union. It is conceded that the pack of tomatoes throughout the country in 1900 was about 60 per cent. of the pack of 1899. Low prices during the previous two seasons brought an exceptional increase in the consumption, and although in nearly every season there had been wide fluctuations in prices the fluctuations during the past year have been confined to narrow limits. In January last three-pound standard tomatoes ranged from 67½ to 70 cents per dozen and the closing of the year finds the market price ranging from 74½ to 75 cents per dozen. Orders received in this market from all sections of the country show permanence in the increased demand from consumers and the outlook is for more active business with probably higher prices during 1901. The enlarged demand for staple articles of canned goods, like tomatoes, peas, peaches, etc., more than offsets the increased pack of these articles in different States of the Union and the reputation of the Baltimore product enables it to hold its markets even if prices go a little higher. The packing of peas the past season was not as large as the previous season and the continued demand for them has about cleaned up the best quality of the different grades packed. The opening price on two-pound standard early June peas for the season of 1900 was 85 cents per dozen and the market has advanced to $1.10, with a firm tone at the closing.

Choptank.

Miss Elsie Blades, who attends school in Baltimore, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Blades.

At the recent shooting match Frank Collins and Bert Whetington each won two turkeys, and R. T. West one.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. West and son, of Baltimore, have been guests of Mr. R. T. West.

Mr. Harvey Baker, of Baltimore, spent a day or so with his parents last week.

Miss Sallie Hastings has been visiting Miss Bertha Blades.

Miss Edna Jones, of Baltimore, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Fred Bowdle has returned from a visit to Marydel.

Judge J. R. Wheatley has moved to Galestown.

Agner.

A very delightful party was given by Miss Ethel Wilson at her home Thursday evening, December 27. Various games were suggested and played. During the intervals both vocal and instrumental music was furnished. Late in the evening refreshments were served, consisting of cake, candy, apples, and nuts, which were duly appreciated. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Misses Mary Dayton, Minnie Scott, Della Smith, Viola Covey, Carrie Trice, Eunice Wilson, Messrs. Gootee Collins, Will Lewis, Minos Morris, Ernest Sullivan, John Wilson, Joe Wallace, Charles Cahall, Walter Trice, and John Todd. After thanking the kind hostess for the good time they had the guests very reluctantly left for their homes with pleasing thoughts of the evening's enjoyments.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Charlie Walker very highly entertained a number of his friends at his home. Great preparations were made that all might enjoy themselves. The rooms were very prettily decorated with holly and Japanese lanterns. Games were indulged in until a late hour, when two-by-two, the young folks marched to the dining room, where ample refreshments awaited them, while Mrs. Walker rendered "The Happy New Year March." After many good wishes for the coming New Year, the company dispersed to their several homes.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. Lewis Trice, in honor of his guest, Mr. John Stevenson, of Brooklyn. Refreshments were served at a late hour, after which the guests left for their respective homes declaring it was a time long to be remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crew, of Watertown, N. Y., and Mr. John Stevenson, of Brooklyn, who have been spending some time with relatives near here, have returned to their homes.

Mr. Ed. Short, of Lewes, Del., and Miss Linda Todd, of Ellendale, spent Saturday and Sunday with the Misses Covey.

Miss Stella Scott, of Delaware, is spending the holidays with Miss Eva Satterfield.

Mr. Ernest Sullivan left for Philadelphia Saturday, seeking employment.

Miss Mary Dayton, of Greenwood, is visiting Miss Ethel Wilson.

Mr. Gootee Collins, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents.

Hillsboro.

Mrs. E. L. Thompson had the pleasure of entertaining, on New Year's Day, two of the oldest ladies in Hillsboro, Mrs. Mahala Wilkinson and Mrs. Ellen Sparklin, in company with the Rev. G. F. Beaven and wife, Miss Lola Bevan and Miss Anna Holt, of Cordova.

The entertainment given at the school house by Miss Ethel Moore, of Queen Anne, entitled "The Peak Sisters, or Why I never Married," was a great success.

Mrs. Hous. Russum, of Baltimore, Mrs. Legg, of Kent Island, and Mrs. Deen, of Queen Anne's, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Russum.

A large lamp exploded in the parlor of the rectory Sunday night. It had to be thrown in the street to save the house.

The Rev. Mr. O'Brien and family have returned from Wilmington, where they spent the holidays.

Miss Louise Branford is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Federalsburg.

The young people of town ushered in the new century with a masquerade party at Mrs. Messenger's. A chocolate supper was served, and games played until the church bell pealed the midnight hour, when New Year's greetings were exchanged and all separated.

Miss Ida G. Deane, of Federalsburg, has been visiting Miss Ella Beauchamp, who is spending the holidays with her mother, near Concord.

The Eaglet, with H. B. Messenger and Paul Mowbray in charge, has gone to the Rappahannock river with a load of flour and meal.

Mrs. C. M. Frissell and little son, Carroll, spent New Year's Day at Mrs. Messengers.

Pauline Huey, of Seaford, was a guest of Ruth Elliot during the holidays.

The Christmas entertainment at the hall was well attended.

Miss Sallie Pitts spent the week with Sadie Eddington.

Hickman.

Our factory, recently purchased of S. P. Brown by Messrs. Cahall, Peters and Adams, will soon be in operation.

A Christmas entertainment was held at the M. E. Church here on Wednesday evening of last week.

Messrs. Chas E. Meluney and A. M. Moyer spent several days with Hartly friends this past week.

Miss Nellie S. Evans, of Baltimore, is at home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs T. E. Evans.

Miss Clara L. Noble, who has been on the sick list for some time, is now convalescent.

The population of this village was slightly increased at the beginning of this year.

The young people of this vicinity are holding quite a number of socials.

Burrsville.

Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Saulsbury, of Burrsville, have been visiting at the home of Rev. C. E. Dryden, Waltersville, Wicomico county.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Sparks, who have been visiting here, have returned to their home in Wilmington.

HAIL, CENTURY NUMBER TWENTY!

Services in a Number of the Churches—Religious Intelligence.

A service appropriately celebrating the close of the century was held in St. Paul's Reformed Church, at Ridgely, on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The progress of the century in several departments was related as follows:

Science—The 19th century's bequest to the 20th in science and general knowlege.—Miss Amanda Saulsbury.

Medicine—Modern medical methods and means compared with those used at the beginning of the century.—Dr. F. P. Herr.

Railroad—The development of the railroad and modern means of travel.—M. L. Weaver.

Church — Brief history of the growth of the Reformed Church in the United States during the century.—Miss Annie Stevenson.

Religion—A religious review of the 19th, and forecast of the 20th century.—Rev. E. L. Coblentz.

The discussion of these subjects was interspersed with music, concluding with "America."

At Denton M. E. Church the new century was welcomed by appropriate religious exercises, beginning at 8.30 with a devotional service conducted by the pastor. The following subjects were treated:

Number and character of the unsaved.—Prof. James Swann.

Among non-church-goers. — Hon. H. R. Lewis.

The condition and peril of the unsaved.—W. H. Thawley, Esq.

Soul Winning.—Rev. J. S. Wickline.

Have we lost our experience? If so, how find it?—H. A. Roe, Esq.

Open testimony meeting. What led to conversion, account to end at that point.—A. R. Wright, Esq.

The services were interesting and impressive, the talks to the point and good. A goodly number were present, and happy congratulations and good wishes were expressed.

Rev. A. S. Mowbray, pastor of the Tome Memorial M. E. Church, was the recipient of a handsome gold watch and chain as a Christmas gift from a member of the church. The members of the congregation also gave him a No. 2 Smith Premier Typewriter. From the same friend who gave the watch, Mrs. Mowbray and daughter, Miss Agnes Mowbray, each received a silk dress. These, with quite a number of other valued presents from various friends, made the season an exceedingly happy one for the members of the parsonage.—*Port Deposit Press.*

Watch-night services in Christ Church were well attended. The church bell rang out the old century and rang in the new. Services began at twenty minutes before midnight and were closed at twelve sharp, the bell hailing the coming New Year. The rector made a short address from the text "A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing it is passed as a watch in the night."

The Denton M. E. Sunday School has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Superintendent, H. R. Lewis; assistant, H. A. Roe; lady assistant, Mrs. R. J. Jump; treasurer, T. C. West; secretary, Miss Lena Stewart; chorister, H. A. Roe; organist, Miss May Fisher; assistant, Miss Myra Stevens; librarians: J. T. Alburger and Ellis Boswell.

The Methodist Protestant Sunday School held their annual Christmas entertainment and festival on Monday evening. The literary part of the program was in charge of Rev. W. J. D. Lucas.

Rev. N. T. Meginniss, of Baltimore, will preach at the Methodist Protestant Church tomorrow, at 10.30 a. m. and 7.45 p. m.

A Rival for Mr. Richardson's Companies.

The telephone companies of Mr. Harry A. Richardson, the Diamond State Company and the Eastern Shore Company, the former with headquarters at Dover, and the latter with headquarters in this place, will soon be confronted by a rival striving for Peninsula business. A company of Baltimore capitalists, called the Maryland and Delaware Telephone Company, has been chartered under the laws of Delaware, and will at once buy the lines of telephone constructed by the Queen Anne's Railroad Company, comprising about one hundred and twenty miles in all, and absorb franchises owned by the road in Rehoboth, Lewis, Federalsburg, Denton, Greensboro, Ridgely, Hillsboro, Queen Anne, Easton, Centreville, Queenstown, and other places. It is said that in a number of these places exchanges will be constructed. New lines to various places on the Peninsula are to be built, and an outlet for the business will be through the city of Wilmington. It is understood that the Maryland Telephone Company, of Baltimore City, which is one of the greatest corporations of the kind in the country, with connections and interests throughout the East, is behind the new enterprise. The Maryland Company has recently expended a million dollars in Baltimore City in improvements, and has eight thousand subscribers there. This company owns the Wilmington telephone system, and will soon complete a new line from Baltimore to Washington. The Maryland and Delaware Company will begin work at once. The lines already constructed are to be improved with metallic circuits, and new lines built.

Montauk Ladies Quartette on Saturday evening, January 26.

Jackson Fears Bold Kidnappers.

A Camden letter says: Alexander Jackson, of this town, whose munificent gifts of real estate and money to relatives gained for him considerable notoriety a few months ago, and whose life was made burdensome thereby, because of the deluge of petitions and impecunious visitors it brought him, has suddenly been seized with the idea that he is in danger of being kidnapped and held for ransom. Many of the publications concerning his disposition of his estate, describe him as being immensely wealthy, and he fears that the crooks all over the country are convinced that he is a sort of Monte Cristo. His present fear has been brought about by the Cudahy kidnapping case, the details of which he has read with interest. His home surroundings having been very accurately described by the newspapers, he considers that everything about it furnishes a guide post to strangers, and, he has within the past few days had the large bronze dogs, which ornamented his front porch, and which have been pictured by correspondents, removed, and other changes made. Even with these precautions taken, he absolutely refuses to pass the night at his home, and each evening Frank Jackson, the Wyoming mail carrier, who is enjoying a new hack and team presented by Mr Jackson, calls for him and he is driven to some friend's house in the country. The destination is changed each evening. Mrs. Jackson, with a 12-year-old boy as protector, is left to guard the homestead.

Sudden Death of Charles W. Clark.

Mr. Charles Wesley Clark, a highly respected resident of Williston, died very suddenly on December 28th, from heart failure, in the 75th year of his age. Mr. Clark was well and favorably known throughout Caroline, of which county he was a native, and in which he had resided all his life. By perseverence and industry he had accumulated considerable property. He was a devoted husband, affectionate father and sincere friend. Liberal in his disposition, he was ever ready to contribute for the relief of the needy and distressed. Deceased had been a consistent member of Concord M. E. Church for about forty years, and was a liberal contributor to church and church work. Though Mr. Clark had been in feeble health for some time, his sudden death was a shock to the community. He was sitting in the store of Mr. O. M. Hignutt, where he had just exchanged greetings with a friend, and in less than a minute, without warning or pain, his spirit took its flight to the spirit world. Deceased leaves a widow—daughter of the late Wingate Neal—and four children—Francis A., Charles H., and James M. Clark, of this county, and Mrs. Annie Porter, of Kent county, Del. H. B. Hartley, of Philadelphia, was an adopted son. Funeral services were held on the 30th, interment being made at Concord.

He passed over quickly the river of death;
It was only a gasp, a quivering breath—
Not a farewell word was spoken;
No loved ones were near to comfort or cheer,
Ere life's slender cord was broken.

Population Statistics.

We have received from William C. Hunt, Chief Statistician for Population, the following letter: "In response to your communication of July 5th, the receipt of which has been acknowledged heretofore, I take pleasure in furnishing you with the population of the following places in Maryland: Greensboro 641, Ridgely 713, Denton 900, Federalsburg 539, Hillsboro 196, Preston 192." Comparing these figures with those for 1890, we find in Greensboro a decrease from 902, in Ridgely an increase from 215, in Denton an increase from 641, in Federalsburg a decrease from 543, and in Hillsboro an increase from 174. Denton has made rapid growth in its suburbs, that might very properly be classed as part of the town, notable the village on the west side of river, which would bring its population above twelve hundred, and make it a close second to Ridgely in rapid increase of population. It is likely some error has been made concerning Greensboro.

The population of the county, by districts, is as follows: District No. 1, Henderson, 1,937; No. 2, Greensboro, 2,374; No. 3, Denton, 2,519; No. 4, Preston, 2,126; No. 5, Federalsburg, 1,739; No. 6, Hillsboro, 1,796; No. 7, Ridgely, 1,928; No. 8, American Corner, 1,829. Total, 16,248.

Cordova.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merrick, of Ingleside, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Carter last week.

Mrs. Martha Todd and children, of Choptank, spent some time with their uncle, Nathaniel Perry.

Mr. Thomas Fisher, of Baltimore county, spent Christmas with his brother, John L. Fisher.

Mr. Thomas Sisk, of Glyndon, Baltimore county, visited his brother, J. F. Sisk, Christmas.

Mr. Harry Stevens, of Baltimore, enjoyed the hospitality of relatives here last week.

Mr. Harvey Wooters, of Philadelphia, visited his mother and brother Christmas.

Miss Bertie Williams was entertained last week by friends at Goldsborough.

Miss Pearl Gadd visited her mother at Wilmington, Del., last week.

Mr. J. Harry Rose, of Baltimore, was here last week.

Hobbs.

Miss Jennie H. Steelman, of Georgetown, Del., who has been spending the Christmas holidays with Miss I. Virginia Wooters, at Hobbs, has returned home.

Mr. J. Wooters visited Seaford friends this week.

MANY WERE MARRIED IN DECEMBER.

Visitors in Denton and Elsewhere—Wedding Announcements.

Marriage licenses were issued during the last month of the old year to the following couples: Herman Daniel Luff and Sallie Lane; William E. Hubbard and Bessie L. Daffin; Alfred Carter and Ida E. Butler; Frederick A. Walls and Rosa E. Carter; W. Howard Hopkins and Maggie Pylant; J. Twiford Williams and Mattie W. Morris; William J. Whitby and Ida V. Allen; Luther H. Covey and Nannie M. Nichols; Richard Baker and Angie L. Murphy; Harry D. Connelly and M. Elizabeth Roe; Frederick Linwood Baggs and Mary Ellis Booker; William W. Shockley and Annie R. Maloy; William C. Jump and Elizabeth Hutson; W. Lee Wheatley and Roberta Bradley; Alvin Neavitt and Sallie Brindell; William C. Stevens and Mary S. Neal; Benjamin S. Vansant and Lida S. Jewell; Charles W. Larrimore and Dora Smith; Herbert Hayes Murphy and Eva May Davis; Charles H. Lord and Anah V. Andrew; John Edward Morris and Rosie Snowberger; Merritt H. Hubbard and Sallie A. Slaughter; Daniel McClain and Susie A. Medford; Courtland Mitchell and Bessie Mildred Draper; William T. Beachamp and Minnie B. Horsey; Corsine Carroll and Ella Nowell; Anton Burchard and Jessie Vivien Kerr; George M. Towers and Mattie E. West; Abettle Thomas and Alberta Rich; Philip Shulthies and Carrie Mitchell; Oliver B. Reed and Elva Hurd; Frank B. Miller and Roxie V. Bowlle; Minus Williamson and Mollie Dean; Fred Owens Jester and Mary Virginia Bennett; Philip W. Downes and Mary F. Johnson; German G. Wright and Flora B. Brodes; Walter Mosely and Verdie Pritchett; Don Collison and Sidney Minus; James M. Daniels and Annie E. Bratcher; James Peck and Sarah Jane Copper; John Berry and Emma Young; Charles Dabson and Mamie Bateman; Thomas Gross and Ammariah Cassom.

Mrs. Sarah A. Hardesty, of Ruthsburg, has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Lydia Gertrude, to Mr. Houseton Pennington. The ceremony will be performed at Ruthsburg M. P. Church, Wednesday evening January 9th, at 7 o'clock.

Miss Sadye E. Cheezum, Miss Edythe Clark, Miss Lillye G. Cheezum, Mr. Walter T. George, Mr. DeW. Lee Anderson and Mr. Harry F. Sullivan, of Tuckahoe Neck, spent last Sunday with Miss Elizabeth and Mr. Edward Dudley near Matthews.

Miss Maggie Wilson, of Georgetown, Miss Nannie Thompson and Miss Nannie Keating, of Centreville, who have been guests of Misses Mary and Nellie Fisher, have returned to their homes.

Miss Lena Fitzhugh, who has been teaching in Virginia, is at home for a visit. Her brother, Mr. E. H. Fitzhugh, who has been sick at a Baltimore hospital, is also at home.

Cards have been issued for the wedding of Robert Clendening and Miss Carrie Walls, which will take place in Calvary M. E. Church, Sudlersville, January 16th.

Miss Helen Naudain, of Middletown, Del., who has been visiting Mrs. Albert G. Towers this week, returned home on Friday.

Mr. Jesse Henneman, of the Queen Anne's Railroad, is recovering from a serious illness.

Rev. W. J. D. Lucas and son, Bates, left Tuesday to spend the week at Frederick.

Mr. H. B. Hartley, of Philadelphia, was in the county this week.

Miss Vertie Smith, of Barrsville, is visiting Miss Lizzie Townsend.

Mr. Charles G. Griffin, of New York, was in town this week.

At the Traps.

The shooting-match at Greensboro Thursday afternoon was pretty well attended, the towns of Centreville, Sudlersville, Crumpton, Harrington and Denton being represented, and Greensboro shooters were out in force. The honors were about easy between several of the shooters for the day. The score for the three events is as follows:

	5 Birds.	3 Birds.	3 Birds.
E. Longfellow,	12111	011	101
J. Godwin,	22211	111	
Steele,	*201*	111	
Beauchamp,	22122	211	11*
George,	01122	111	112
Taylor,	01012	011	220
S. Longfellow,	01021	220	122
Alburger,	01*20	012	201
T. Longfellow	20120	110	021
Insley,	11101	001	122
Turpin,	01101	111	
Booker,	1*221	122	
Harrington,	21020	100	
Berry,	0*220		
Newman,		2*1	

*Dead out of bounds.

The five-bird event was a class shoot and the three-bird events were for high guns. Quite a lot of shooting was done, and some of it very good, outside the events. Dawson killed 9 out of 10.

A social shooting-match was held at Whiteleysburg on Friday of last week, and