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BIRTHDAY SOCIAL!

The ladies of PROVIDENCE M. P. CHURCH will hold BIRTHDAY SOCIAL, at the home of Mrs. H. G. Tarbutton, THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 11th. If the weather should be unfavorable, the next fair evening. Proceeds for church purposes. 1t.

NOTICE!

All persons having claims against GEORGE C. WALLS, of Galena, Md., are hereby notified to file same with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County, and all persons indebted to him on note, account or otherwise, will pay same to the undersigned.
HENRY PARR, TRUSTEE,
f6-3t. Galena, Md.

LACE CURTAINS! LACE CURTAINS!
A NEW LINE, BEAUTIFUL and CHEAP!
at P. T. McFEELY'S,
Furniture House, opposite Voshell House.

SPECIAL TRIP!
THE EMMA GILES
will make a Mid-winter Excursion SATURDAY, Feb. 13th, leaving Tolchester at 9 A. M. and 4 P. M. Fare, 50c round trip. f6-2t.

FOR RENT for Present Year:
STORE and DWELLING in Galena, with good Garden attached. It is well located for business. For terms, &c., apply to MRS. A. SUTTON
f6-3t. Perryville, Cecil co., Md.

FOR RENT:
THREE NICE ROOMS.
Apply at
THE CHESTERTOWN LAUNDRY,
j16-4t. No. 228 Maple Ave.

For the Next 30 Days for Cash Only!

—WE WILL MAKE—
HEAVY REDUCTIONS!
—IN THE PRICES OF—
FURNITURE, PICTURES, WINDOW SHADES AND PAINTS.

OAK STANDS	that were $1.25	now	$ 95
EXT. TABLES	" 3.75	now	3 30
LOUNGES	" 3.00	now	2 45
COUCHES	" 15.00	now	12 45
ROCKERS	" 2.10	now	1 60
CURTAINS (Spring Rollers)	15	now	10

Masury's Ready Mixed Paint
that sells for $1.40 a gal. now $1.20.

We have CUT DOWN the price on all goods. Come now and be the first to secure these bargains. We have not the space to tell you what they are. We have added a Fine Line of

Lace Curtains
which are selling from $1 per pair, up.
PERCY T. McFEELY,
Feb. 6, 1897. Opp. Voshell House.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:
All persons are hereby forewarned from fishing with seine, net, hook or in any other manner in my mill pond after this date. The law will be enforced against all violators of this notice. JOHN BRICE.
Jan. 30, 1897-tf.

CHEAP! CHEAP! VERY LOW!
Have you seen the Pretty, Durable and New Cobble Seat Chairs at $1.75, and the Oak Centre Tables for 50 cents at
P. T. McFEELY'S?
Call and inspect them.

FOR RENT for 1897:
THE BRICK DWELLING
on High Street, near corner of Queen and High. It is all in complete order and may be occupied at once. Apply to
d12-tf. A. J. CAHALL.

300 BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS, GOLDEN WYANDOTTS and LIGHT BRAHMAS, FOR SALE.
I have the finest chickens I ever had and can accommodate any one with trios, breeding pens, and any number wanted. Also, a
For sale by ROBERT W. LUSBY,
n28-tf. Chesterville, Md.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
MISS ROSE FRAZIER
takes this method of announcing to her friends and the public that she is prepared to TEACH MUSIC and solicits your patronage. Miss Frazier in offering her services as a teacher comes well recommended, and can give her pupils many advantages. She has one of the best methods—one that was never used in this country, but was most successfully adopted in Germany. To improve her talent she is continuing her course in higher grade music under one of the finest and most skilled professors of Baltimore, who finished his education in Germany. Application can be made by mail, or a personal interview will be granted every day, except Wednesday and Thursday, at her home on Mill street, Chestertown. Terms $5.00 per quarter.

TO RENT:
SEVERAL DWELLINGS in Chestertown, two of them for the balance of the present year, and others for the ensuing year. The dwelling in which I live will be sold at a reasonable price or will be rented at once, and the rent taken in board by the undersigned, if they so prefer.
I have also a lot of Household Goods which may be bought at private sale.
For terms apply to MRS. L. C. SHAW.
e26-tf. or her attorney, J. D. URIE.

NAVIGATION OPEN!

The Steamer Gratitude Arrives at Chestertown Thursday After a Blockade of Nine Days.

The Railroad Trains Have Not Missed a Trip.

The plucky little steamer, Gratitude, with the fearless Capt. Taylor at the helm, arrived at Chestertown Thursday afternoon about 4.45 o'clock after an absence of nine days. When her whistle sounded through our streets as much excitement was created as though it had been the fire alarm. White men and colored men, and boys of all sizes ran to the wharf to welcome her arrival.

The steamer left Baltimore at 6.30 A. M. and made rapid progress until the mouth of the river was reached. Here the ice was gorged in large cakes, some of which were three feet above the water and fifteen or twenty feet wide. "We were four hours," said the captain, "going a distance that ordinarily requires thirty minutes. We would back two lengths of the boat but when we struck the gorge we would stop within fifteen feet of the starting point." It reminded one of two well-matched football teams as they tried to work the wedge trick, neither side moving an inch. At one point it was thought the steamer would have to abandon the effort and be caught in the ice. For one hour she battled with the gorged ice and did not advance the length of the boat. Finally the captain and his crew, armed with four axes and several boat hooks, got out on the ice and cut the steamer out from her close quarters.

The steamer stopped at Kent Island, Rock Hall, Queenstown and all river landings except Centreville. Not a sail was to be seen in river or bay, all vessels fortunately having reached harbor before the freeze came. Very little trouble was encountered from Bogle's to Chestertown and if the weather permits the Ford will be put on this route next week.

The Balto. & Del. Bay railroad has not missed a single trip, and only once or twice has there been the slightest delay. Ordinarily this is regarded a "matter of course," but when the rivers and creeks are closed with ice and there are no other means of communication with the "outside world" the whistle of the Kent railroad train is music indeed! The recent ten days' close has brought conspicuously to our country people the great advantages of the railroad, and Col. Stacey and all those concerned in the management of the road, deserve special commendation for their successful efforts in battling with ice and snow and maintaining such remarkable good schedule time.

RELIGIOUS DOINGS.

Rev. Thos. O. Crouse, of Chatsworth Church, Baltimore, preached Sunday to large congregations in Christ Church, Chestertown. His morning theme was "Results of the Gospel, its best vindication," and at night he spoke from the text "I shall be satisfied when I awake in his likeness." Rev. Mr. Crouse preached his first sermon in the old church, on Cross street, now used for a school house, just twenty-five years ago, and today he is the equal to many of the best preachers in the State and has very few superiors. His sermons last Sunday were full of power and delivered in the able preachers' pleasant and forcible manner.

A spirit of religious fervor has grasped Wilmington church people, and revival fires have been kindled and are now burning brightly in churches of all denominations throughout the city. Meetings are being conducted afternoon and evening, and so much interest in the work of converting people has not been manifested for many years. The meetings are largely attended, but the cold weather causes no perceptible decrease in the attendance. The results have been gratifying to all concerned. Many have been won over by the stirring appeals of the preachers, or by the earnest exhortations of the church workers. The pleasing results have actuated all to labor harder in their important undertaking, and ministers from distant cities are now engaged in conducting services.

Not only in that city but throughout the entire state has this spirit manifested itself. Revivals are being conducted in many towns on the Peninsula, and many conversions are reported by the different preachers.

Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, was 60 years old on February 5, yesterday. A few of his friends purpose to give him, as a birthday offering, a sum of money with which to build a chapel for his boys' school at Mount Vernon. Other friends are asked to aid in supporting the two schools for training over 700 young men and women for Christian work. In England the contributions are sent to Lord Innaird; in this country they may be sent to Ambert G. Moody, East Northfield, Mass.

Brief Locals.

BALTIMORE grain market, February 4. Wheat, 87c.; corn, white, 27½@28; yellow, 26@27; cob, $1.45@147½.

Farm Sold.—The Gears farm, containing 76 acres, situated in the third district near Catt's Corner, was sold at public sale at the Court House door last Tuesday, by F. G. Usilton, mortgagee, for $1084.00. Messrs. H. H. Barroll and H. L. Boyd purchasers.

A New Yacht.—Mr. Curtis Crane, of the firm of Trenchard and Crane, Chestertown, is building a bugeye-yacht which will be something new in our waters and is expected to excel all others. The vessel will be fifty feet over all and fifteen feet deep and is being built at St. Michael's. Fourteen logs will be required to make this boat and Mr. Crane has great hopes for her.

Mr. Fagan's White Crow.—Mr. R. J. Fagan, 706 West Baltimore street, has a crow which, with the exception of its bill and legs, which are black, is as white as snow. It is a full-grown, well-behaved bird, and seems to be contented in captivity. The crow was sent to Mr. Fagan by Mr. James Robinson, of Still Pond, Kent county.

Overcome By Gas.—Master Joseph Wheatley, son of Postmaster Wheatley, was overcome by coal gas Saturday and required the attention of a physician before he recovered. Little Joseph had just been washed and dressed by his mother in a second story room in which there was a register and through which the gas escaped. Joseph complained first of feeling a pain in his head and in a few minutes fell to the floor. He was placed upon a lounge and the doctor summoned, who soon discerned the cause of the trouble.

Assessment Progress.

The Board of Control and Review started on the sixth district yesterday, having completed the fifth.

The last assessment was completed on Feb. 10, 1877, and amounted to the following:

First District	$1,703,245
Second "	1,828,908
Third "	1,162,191
Fourth "	1,624,557
Fifth "	1,516,498
Total	$7,835,399

The railroad property is assessed at $71,680 and includes the Kent Road, 25 miles, 244 acres, $42,500; Kent and Queen Anne's R. R. 4 miles, 32 acres, $10,240; Delaware R. R., 4 miles, 32 acres, $11,440; Delaware Bay R. R., 3½ miles, 28 acres, $7,500.

The assessment of 1896 — that is the changes in the old assessment as above, left the county basis for taxation as follows:

First District	$1,684,583
Second "	1,787,376
Third "	1,160,598
Fourth "	1,737,082
Fifth "	1,439,184
Total	$7,809,823

Thus, it will be seen, the action of the levy court and collectors' assessments during the 19 years from '77 to '96 only changed the basis $26,576, reducing it to that extent. These changes however could only be made in personal property. Under the present new law the board of county commissioners can change the valuations of realty every two years and the personal property schedules are required to be renewed entirely.

Assessment of 1897.

The new assessment figures as far as acted upon by the Board of Control and Review are as follows:

First District	Taxable	$1,585,732
	Exempt	18,165
Second District	Taxable	$1,604,008
	Exempt	13,538
Third District	Taxable	$ 924,055
	Exempt	14,249

Heavy Storm. — Last Tuesday was one of the worst days of the season. The wind blew a perfect hurricane and the rain was plentiful. We have heard but little damage, however. The ground being frozen and the trees without foliage saved the orchards. The telegraph service was interrupted and many of the poles leveled. The paper mill wagons had a rough time of it; they attempted to haul straw from Mr. Klinefelter's, in Queen Anne's; three of the wagons were overturned in the main road with their loads of straw and one of them in the stack-yard. It was out of the question for the loaded wagons to attempt the bridge passage, so they were left until next day.

Horse Notes.—There are two most promising colts at "Beverly," the farm of Messrs. Samuel A. and Crittenden Harper, near St. Michael's. Red Wilkes, Crittenden Harper's three-years old colt, made a record of 2.36 at the last Talbot County Fair Association's races at Easton, and at the same Samuel A. Harper's youngster of the same age and strain did it in 2.37. At a more recent trial Red Wilkes' time was reduced to 2.30.

AN EXCITING ADVENTURE.

Messrs. George and Percy Hatcherson, Wilbur Miller and a colored man started to drive a bull to Chestertown early last Tuesday to the DeCorse farm, when they met with an exciting experience. The animal made a break for the boys, who escaped him by dodging here and there. The bull ran into a large field where the colored man was given a race for his life. Wilbur shot at the mad beast but missed him, Percy struck him over the head and turned him from his course and when he made for George the latter stuck the pitchfork in him. These boys continued to fight the bull until 1 o'clock when Wilbur shot him three times with a gun and twice with a revolver and he was caught. Some very narrow escapes were made, Wilbur being within a yard of the bull's horns at one time.

ICE PERILS!

A Fearful Sleighing Adventure in Kent, in Which Mr. Walter Fletcher and Family Make a Narrow Escape.

Terrible Affair at Delaware City—Miss Eva Gardner Perished While Skating—Her Companion's Narrow Escape!

Mr. Walter Fletcher, who tenants the Cruikshank farm in Quaker Neck, met with a fearful accident last Saturday which came near proving even more serious. In the morning of that day he took his wife and two children in his sleigh and crossed the head of Langford's Bay on the ice, to Broad Neck, to visit his wife's parents — Capt. John Vickers. The same afternoon Mr. Fletcher with one child undertook to recross the bay on the ice at the same point—the water here is very deep and the stream about a quarter of a mile wide. The wife wisely refused to trust the sleigh on the return and with the other child started to walk across. After going about 20 yards the ice gave way under the horse; the animal broke in and had a terrific struggle for his life. Mr. Arthur Emerson, on the Camp farm, and John Stoops, went to the rescue, and with axes cut the ice to the shore, and after herculean efforts got the horse and sleigh out—the occupants having safely walked to the shore. The horse fell dead immediately after reaching shore—the exposure and effort to get on shore being too much for him. It was certainly a narrow escape for Mr. Fletcher and his little girl.

A drowning accident, in which one young woman lost her life, and another had a narrow escape, occured last Monday afternoon at Delaware City. Miss Eva Gardner, one of the prettiest girls in the town, was the victim, and her companion, Miss Alice Wingate, daughter of Lock-keeper Wingate at Delaware City, had a very narrow escape from being drowned.

For several days there had been fine skating on the Delaware and Chesapeake canal, and every day the ice had been crowded. Miss Gardner and Miss Wingate were out skating nearly every day. They were both experts and frequently took long spins down the canal. Monday afternoon the two young women started out together, and after skating a short distance down from the locks decided to try some fancy figures.

They saw a nice stretch of clear ice to one side and started to practice. The ice looked strong, but almost as soon as the two young women got upon it it gave way, and the next instant they were struggling in the icy water. When the ice broke the girls had hold of hands. Miss Gardner became frightened and hysterical, but Miss Wingate kept her presence of mind, and taking a tighter hold on her companion clung to the edge of the ice.

Some young men who were skating saw the girls and immediately started to their rescue. They secured some bushes and told the young women to catch hold, which they did, while some other men ran for a boat, so they could shove it out on the ice and take the girls from the water. Miss Wingate got hold of the bushes and Miss Gardner grasped her. Before the men returned with the boat Miss Gardner became unconscious, and releasing her hold sank. The men with the boat arrived about this time, and as they launched it Miss Wingate became exhausted and let go her hold. Just as she was sinking the men succeeded in pulling her into the boat. She was unconscious and was immediately carried to the bank, where a physician was waiting, who, after considerable trouble, succeeded in resuscitating her.

The men in the boat did not lose an instant. They saw Miss Gardner's body at the bottom of the canal, and with a boat-hook brought it to the surface. It was immediately taken to the shore, where a doctor began to work on the young woman. Although Miss Gardner had been in the water only a short time life was extinct when the body was recovered. Deputy Coroner Chandler was notified and issued a certificate of death in accordance with the facts in the case.

A Brilliant Wedding.

The wedding of Mr. EDWARD LAMBERT, of Chestertown, and Miss NELLIE PIERCE BURKE, of St. Michaels, occured at St. Michael's Wednesday morning at 11.30 o'clock. The occasion was one of the most brilliant in the church's history. The earth arrayed itself in a mantle of immaculate whiteness, while the bare limbs of the stripped trees were draped by the snow queen and buildings were festooned in winding wreaths of delicate tracery. Heaven lent its brilliant sun to shine upon the scene giving to the whole perfect beauty and grandeur. The church, large and stately, was decorated at the altar with double arches of evergreen and holly, in the centre of which hung the monogram "L. B.," while in the pulpit were banks of evergreen. The church was darkened, but from among the evergreen decorations there shown the soft and mellow light made by the pretty parlor lamps. Every available seat in the church was filled while outside there was a hundred or more persons to see the couple.

At the very minute, 11.30 A. M., the bridal party entered the church and approached the altar; the ushers, Mr. Walter Johnson, of Cambridge, Mr. M. W. Thomas, Chestertown, William and Carroll Price, St. Michaels, came first followed by the Maid of Honor, Miss Mary Burke, and the bride leaning on the arm of her brother, Rev. Edw. Burke. At the altar the groom and his best man, Mr. F. G. Usilton, of Chestertown, met the bridal party, and Miss Burke was gracefully given over to Mr. Lambert, and were united in marriage by Rev. G. W. Burke, father of the bride, assisted by Rev. Edw. Burke, of Malvern, Pa., brother of the bride, and Rev. Dr. Morris, an ex-pastor. During the impressive ceremony an orchestra of fifteen pieces, under the skillful leadership of Prof. Harper Benson, rendered "Oh Promise Me" and also played Mendelssohn's wedding march as the party approached the altar. This music was inspiring and awoke an echo in each heart present; it gave a high tone to the occasion which made it as above stated, one of special brilliancy.

The bride was richly attired in white organdie and white satin with bridal veil and orange blossoms, while in her hand she carried a bunch of large Bride's roses. She was as handsome a bride as was pictured by the noted artist and her stately figure showed to striking advantage in the costume she wore. The groom wore a tailor-made suit of broadcloth, with cutaway coat, and walked the church aisle with manly tread. Miss Mary Burke, the maid of honor, looked fair and pretty in a costume of white organdie over blue silk, and carried a cluster of pink carnations. The bride is the popular daughter of Rev. G. W. Burke; the groom is the son of Justice Wm. H. Lambert and postal agent on the Balt. & Del. B. R. R. After the ceremony the bridal party were driven to Easton and there boarded the train for a trip North. A crowd of a hundred or more persons cheered the couple as they left the paternal home. After a trip for a week or less Mr. and Mrs. Lambert will return to Chestertown and take up their residence in the York house on Queen street. The presents will number about two hundred, evidencing the popularity of the couple.

A reception was given at the parsonage Tuesday evening to the expectant bride and groom, the ushers, orchestra and visiting ladies, Misses Anna and Sue Lambert, of Chestertown, and Miss Maimie Sayres, of Norfolk.

A Romantic Affair.

Dr. J. L. Mills, of St. James M. P. Church, preached at Lynch's M. P. Church last Sunday, and after the service was called upon to marry Mr. Aker, of Baltimore, and Miss Edwards, of Lynch's. A short time ago the NEWS published an account of the arrival of Miss Edwards in Baltimore, looking for her fellow who failed to be found. It seems that the young man was then on a visit to the young lady, having just missed her, and when she returned for home her lover had just started in search of her, but missed her the second time. The sequel came Sunday. Two young men reached Betterton on Saturday afternoon, having come from Havre de Grace as far as Grove Point on an ice yacht, but, the wind dying out, they left their craft and footed it to Betterton. No one meeting them there, they walked six miles to Lynch's, and, it is stated, wanted the prospective bride to cross the bay with them on the ice that night, but she refused, so the marriage took place on Sunday afternoon, and Mr. and Mrs. Aker returned by train on Monday morning.

Young Aker was employed in a cannery at Lynch's last summer, and it was then that the romance began.

☞Those who fail to receive their papers hereafter may understand the reason, if they are in arrears.

Midwinter Excursion.—The steamer Emma Giles will make a special excursion Saturday, Feb. 13th, fare 50 cents round trip. The boat will leave Tolchester at 9 A. M. and 4.30 P. M. These trips have heretofore been enjoyed by all who avail themselves of the opportunity. Three hours in Baltimore.

Announcement.—The wedding of Mr. Wm. L. Fowler, son of Mr. Lewin S. Fowler, and Miss Mary Sutton, daughter of the late W. T. Sutton, is announced to take place next Wednesday evening at the bride's home on Cannon street. The wedding will be very quiet, only the immediate families being invited. They will reside in the house on High street recently vacated by Mr. Rouse.

The report published this week that Miss Lida Crouch was to be married Thursday evening to Mr. Ziezel was untrue and had no foundation. Miss Crouch has resigned her position in Mr. Leary's store and is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Duyer in Worton.

Personal Items.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Clark, formerly the wife of M. F. Clark, of Still Pond, is visiting Mrs. T. S. Dodd in Chestertown. A decree divorcing her from her former husband was filed in the circuit court on Thursday.

J. A. Pearce, H. W. Vickers and H. H. Barroll, Esqs., were in Philadelphia the first of this week taking testimony in the Benedict-Potts Tolchester case.

H. W. Catlin, Esq., spent several days in Washington this week on business.

Mrs. Wm. J. Price, of Centreville, died last Monday night, aged about 58 years. Her husband and seven children survive her. She will be greatly missed by the poor.

Col. John M. Miller, an old member of the Cecil county bar, died in Wilmington last Tuesday in his 77th year.

Miss Anna E. Mahn, of Fair Hills, Cecil county, has just been admitted to the Pasteur Institute for treatment. She was bitten on the arm by a pet mastiff January 20, and her father, believing that the dog was mad, took her to New York city.

Mrs. Wm. Garrett has returned home from the Maryland University, Baltimore; she is very much improved, but is still under the treatment of Dr. Latimer.

Miss Mary Burchinal has charge of the public school at Westover, Somerset county, with one assistant.

Mr. Wm. R. Pippin and wife are visiting friends in Baltimore.

Accidents. — Mr. Samuel Smith, of Church Hill, is confined to his bed, the result of an accident while returning from Chestertown in company with Mr. Story. The latter's horse ran away, coming down Brown's hill, and colided with another team at the bridge over Brown's branch. Both carriages were demolished and all of the occupants were thrown out. Smith says, while Mr. Story went on in search of his horse the two colored men, who were driving the other team, jumped on him and beat him severely, and then dragged him into the lock of the fence, covered him up in a blanket and left him. Mr. Smith recovered enough to get to town about five o'clock in the morning. He is very badly bruised and has not been able to leave his room for nearly two weeks. The colored men came back to town and hired a carrigae from W. T. Roe and drove on home. They are said to be from Kent county.—*Observer.*

The Death Penalty Abolished. — President Cleveland has signed an act of Congress abolishing the penalty of death in all federal convictions, except those of treason and under the articles of war of the army and navy, and for the crime of murder and rape it allows the jury to qualify their verdict of guilty by adding "without capital punishment" when the convicted is to be sentenced for life imprisonment. The law does not apply to any pending proceeding or any indictment now found or to any offense committed before the passage of the act, but juries are empowered to return qualified verdicts in such cases, and the sentences must be imposed accordingly. This very remarkable change in the United States law was brought about through the efforts of Gen. N. M. Curtis, a member of Congress, who had labored for many years for the abolition of the death penalty.

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