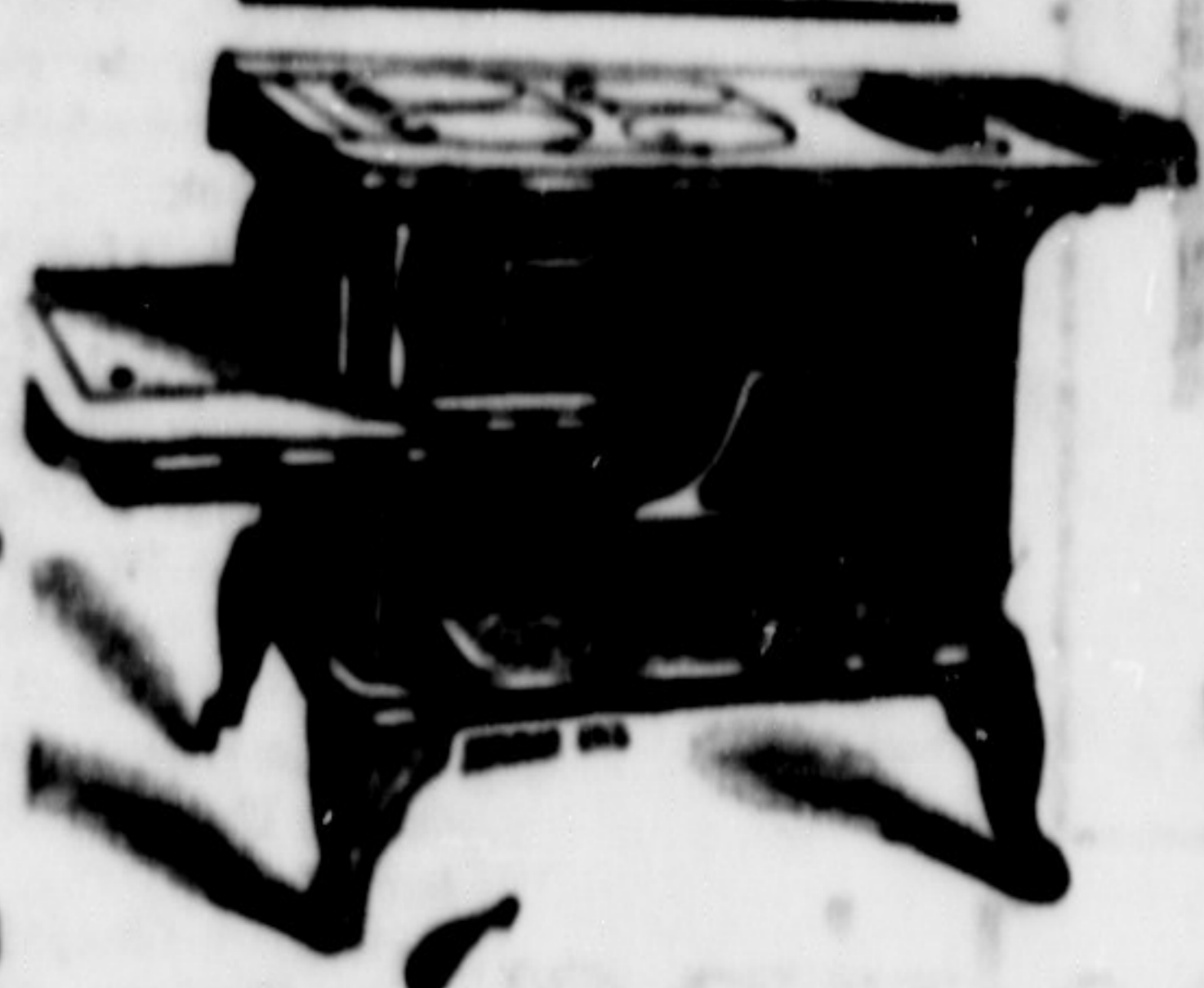


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LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Items of Interest Gleaned from All Over the County by Observer Reporters.

Church Hill.
Since our last writing we have had many changes, such as are usually brought about on New Year's day. In fact our town has been a continual stir with teaming in different directions for several days prior to New Year's.

Piney Neck.
Jan. 1st was the day for resolutions and no doubt many were made only to be broken at short notice.

It is rumored that our school principal of Winchester, will shortly unite in the holy bonds of matrimony. If this is true we wish him all joys and comforts of married life.

A great many wagons loaded with household goods passed through Winchester this week on their way to Kent Island and others moving from Kent Island to other parts of the county.

The cold spell caused quite a little boom in the blacksmith shops, horses coming by two and three to be shod for several days. Some of those who are fortunate enough to have ice-houses took advantage of the opportunity to fill them.

An exhibit of stereoscopic views was given in the Church at Perry's Corner. The exhibition was very interesting, consisting of views taken from noted places in England, Ireland and Scotland, and also from the land of the "Midnight Sun."

A crowd of colored men congregated at the store of Nathan Wilson, colored, on Christmas Day, when a dispute arose causing several pistol shots to be passed. No one was hurt but all were badly scared. The men who did the shooting are still at large in the city of Baltimore.

There seems to be much demand for "two in the hull" these days, in consequence of the continual rise in the price of flour. Hard times are working many changes that are not conducive to the comfort of those whom a Republican Representative designates "poor white trash." But the change from wheat flour to corn meal, all things considered, will not be found less expensive. While corn is but 23 cents a bushel, it is said, is about 60 cents.

Templeville.

The entertainment given by the teachers and pupils of the Templeville school during the Christmas holidays was pronounced a success by all that attended. The children performed the pieces assigned to them very nicely and all seemed to enjoy it well. The school cleared in two evenings about \$24.

The Rev. Howard Smith and family, have moved from Barclay to a farm near our town, vacated by Mr. Geo. Davis and family who moved to Ridgely.

Mr. John Daily who has lived in our village during the past year, has moved to his farm near Dover, Del.

Mr. Charles Temple, who thought of moving to Philadelphia and did prepare for the same, has changed his mind and has moved with his family in town. Mr. Wm. Clark has moved to the country from town and occupies the property made vacant by Mr. Temple.

Mr. Harry S. Daily and wife have returned home after a pleasant visit in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry Temple and wife are now visiting Mrs. Temple's parents in lower Caroline.

Miss Lizzie Followfield is visiting relatives and friends in Chestertown.

Miss Emma Hall has returned home to attend school after spending the holidays with her parents in Maryland.

Miss Topsy Followfield is visiting friends and relatives in Chestertown.

Mr. John Clark has returned to school in Baltimore after spending the holidays with his parents.

The young people enjoyed skating on the pond the first of last week.

There has been several changes in town this New Year's but not many moved out of town. Mr. Wm. Smith and family have moved to Henderson.

Mr. John Stafford and wife have returned from their wedding tour and will make their home in Maryland.

Miss Cora Piggan, Miss Zella Heaver, Mrs. James Green and son are home from Philadelphia.

Mr. Milton Green returned to school at Denton Monday morning.

There were several young ladies visiting the Delaware house during Christmas.

Mr. Will. Downes visited his parents near Denton last Sunday and Monday.

Miss Sarah Heather is visiting Mrs. Tom Green in Denton.

Mr. Phillip Downs who has been clerking for his brother will return home this week to attend school.

Mr. Joe Richardson from Denton has been visiting his friend Mr. William Downes.

Rev. C. F. Sheppard preached a very able sermon on Sunday evening, subject "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

There was a hearty meeting in Maryland Thursday night but was not very well attended.

Rev. C. F. Sheppard and family spent Tuesday with Miss Ida Carson near Templeville.

Queenstown.
Miss Edith, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. James Morgan, who is overseer on the "Blakeford" farm, had a very close call

from drowning. She was on the creek in front of her father's residence when the ice suddenly gave way, letting her down into about six feet of water. Assistance was quickly rendered and Miss Edith was saved from a watery grave.

Most of the merchants have plenty of Christmas candy.

The storehouse occupied by C. J. B. Mitchell, was again closed on Saturday last. The stock will be resold.

Young folks enjoyed skating several days last week, but the warm wave of Wednesday and Thursday put a stop to the same.

A great many husbands after eating "angel food" as prepared by the hands of their young wives, who have graduated from the cooking schools agree that they do not want to go to Heaven.

A hen in the third year of her age is at the height of her laying capacity. She will lay from 300 to 500 eggs, after that she is adapted for the boarding-house table.

Mr. Harry Willoughby, of Bryans town, while skating on Gary's mill pond, between Ruthsburg and Ridgely on Monday, fell and had several of his teeth knocked out.

A small tenant house on the Keating farm of Mr. Hiram Dudley, adjoining town, was destroyed by fire about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, caused by a defective flue. Loss about \$200, fully insured.

Miss Lizzie Dorrell on last Thursday while passing from the dining-room to the kitchen, stumbled against a cat and fell against the stove, knocking over a pot of boiling grease, which scalded her hand and arm so severely that the now has to use a sling to carry her arm. It is true saying, "look before you leap."

Notwithstanding the heavy ice, and low tides, the steamer Emma A. Ford has only failed to reach our wharf three times, and then there was no possible chance of getting in on account of a large schooner across the channel. Our people owe a vote of thanks that great captain of the steamer Emma A. Ford, for if any captain ever tried to enter to the waste of his patrons it is certainly Capt. Wm. Taylor.

The tug Eashy arrived in our creek about noon on Saturday of last week. She came to pull the schooner which is loaded with rails and coal into the wharf, but owing to low tide the tug was unable to move the schooner. Another schooner which was anchored off the mouth of the creek was towed in. A tug with a large in tow arrived early Friday morning to lighten the load of the schooner aground in the channel. The schooner was towed into the new wharf Friday evening, and men are unloading large and schooner.

Mr. John McFarland, who moved from the town to Wye Mills, had a very narrow escape from losing all of his household effects. The family started a fire in the fireplace and went to work unpacking the goods without paying any notice to the fire, and were not aware of the danger until some person notified them that the chimney was on fire. It was long before the roof caught, and the diligent work of the neighbors, the house with all its contents would have been consumed by fire. The fire was finally extinguished with little loss.

Misses Alice McCrough and Maggie Vansant, of Ridgely are visiting Mrs. Wm. B. Chance.

Mrs. A. M. Sherwood is quite sick with an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Howard Embert, of Baltimore spent several days during the holidays with friends and relatives near town.

Misses Sadie and Nellie Shortall and brother, near town, and Miss Rosalie Connolly of near Centreville, has returned home after spending a pleasant week with friends in Oxford.

Ashtand.

A visit was made to Ashtand M. E. Sunday School last Thursday night by Old Kris. The first part of the evening a program was rendered by the little folks, for which they deserve great credit. The exercises were in charge of Mrs. Cecil. One of the most enjoyable recitations was rendered by little Miss Bishop's daughter of Mr. Richon Bishop. Old Kris appeared at the conclusion of the entertainment. His costume was of furs and robes, completely covered with snow, and a large corn cob pipe in his mouth. He entertained the children very nicely with comic actions. Candies were distributed to the visitors. At a late hour the large crowd left the church, all feeling well pleased. Mr. Geo. E. Brown was Old Kris.

Removals.—As far as can be ascertained the following is a complete list of the removals to take place about town. Thomas Walls, removes to Ridgely; A. R. Weedon takes the house vacated by Thomas Walls; Wm. McKenney, Jr., takes the house vacated by A. R. Weedon; M. A. Keating goes in the house formerly occupied by S. C. Allen on Water Street; J. E. Walters, Jr., moves to the house vacated by M. A. Keating; R. E. Caball takes the house vacated by J. E. Walters, Jr.; Horace Vasey moved in the house vacated by R. E. Caball; John Hartman takes the house vacated by Horace Vasey; W. J. Taylor moves from the wharf to the house vacated by John Hartman; Wm. Clark moved in the Elliott property over Geo. T. Hobby's store; J. E. Bramble takes the house over C. M. West's store; Bascom Eaton takes the house vacated by Thomas A. Mallinieu; Joshua Chance goes to the house vacated by John Walls; Finley Roberts moves from the Cook farm to the property vacated by Wilmer Emory; Lemuel Dunbar goes on the Cook farm. Mr. H. Emory, Jr. goes to the house vacated by Mr. Wm. McKenney, Jr.; Mr. Thomas Mallinieu goes to the same house occupied by J. E. Walters, Jr.; W. T. Chamber's moves to the new house he has erected on Water Street extended.

How about the Centreville Postoffice.

President-elect McKinley has not been inaugurated, and yet the local Republicans are beginning to cipher out amongst themselves the division of the postoffice.

The present year is one of progress along the sugar plantations along this bayou, and the "Eden of Louisiana" will justify her name in the plentiful crop now almost ready to be cut with the cane-knife and the mill.

Progress has been active, despite the falling price of sugar. Perhaps the best of it, since salvation lay in the manufacturing processes. Six years ago the price was 10 cents per lb., and now it will gain the prize. No one knows though everybody believes he believes he knows. Naturally each applicant for the place considers his own chances the best.

And yet they all fail to inform the public upon what they base their confident expectations. We all know that politics will play an important part in the settlement of the appointment. If this be true then it is impossible to foretell what will happen for politics is a fickle and treacherous power.

Factional differences in Republican ranks will necessarily cut some figure in the selection of the postmaster. We say this because the alliance of the two factions run along counter lines. The Mallinieu or "Lily White" element of the party affiliates with the Barber, or anti-administration wing of State Republicanism. The Forrester or "Chocolate Drop" faction is a straight-out Wellingtonian. The question is, will the two factions harmonize on one man? Whether they can forget their past differences or not is questionable. The Lily Whites have been unstinting in their abuse of the Forrester element. They have denounced it as the "negro wing" of the party. In these denunciations they have ridiculed, belittled and generally aspersed both "Chocolate Drop" leaders and their numerous followers. The growing hostility between the two factions reached its climax at the Republican congressional convention which met in Easton. It was there where the "Chocolate Drop" element was ruthlessly rebuffed of its political rights. The delegation sent by the Forrester element was the one properly entitled to seats in the convention. This we know because we were present when the difficulty arose. And yet in the face of their legal rights the duly credentialled delegation from Queen Anne's was refused admission to the congressional convention and the Lily White crowd was seated. This was done to nominate Dr. Barber.

Now the "Chocolate Drop" element is in sympathy with Senator-elect Wellington and enjoys his support. The "Lily Whites" have and will have the assistance and influence of Congressman-elect Barber. Suppose the two local factions should fail to agree upon a man, what would be the result? Each faction would appeal to its respective patron. The "Chocolate Drop" element is the dominant faction in the county. The Lily Whites, while in the minority, have a powerful personal influence in the members of their faction. Should each faction endorse different men, would trouble and discord result therefrom? If the factions disagree, what course will Wellington and Barber pursue? Will they both consent in recommending one man, or will each support the man recommended by the faction of his sympathizers? If Wellington endorses one and Barber endorses another of Wellington, supplemented by the counter-endorsement of the local central committee, be more potent with Mr. McKinley than the name and assistance of Dr. Barber alone? These are all interesting questions which the postmaster controversy may excite. Be they settled by one man or the other, our community insists upon having an efficient man.

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ORDER NISI

EDWIN S. VALLIANT, MORTGAGEE AND PLAINTIFF, vs. GEORGE J. TARBUTTON, MORTGAGOR AND DEFENDANT. In the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 23rd day of December, 1896, by the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, in equity, that the sale of the house and lot of George J. Tarbutton, made and reported to this court by Edwin S. Valliant, having been made by virtue of a power of sale in a mortgage for purchase money from said George J. Tarbutton to said Edwin S. Valliant, dated November 9th, 1892, and recorded in Liber L. D., No. 1 folio 38, of the Land Record Book for Queen Anne's County, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 25th day of February, 1897, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Queen Anne's County once in each of two successive weeks before the 25th day of January, 1897. The report states the amount of sales to be \$2500.00.

True Copy—Test. WM. H. CECIL, Clerk.

Order of Ratification Nisi of Sale of Personal Property in Insolvency.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS OF THOMAS F. DUKES. In the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County.

ORDERED, this 23rd day of December, 1896, by the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, in equity, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by John Bryan, permanent trustee for the benefit of the estate of Thomas F. Dukes, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 25th day of January, 1897, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Queen Anne's County once in each of two successive weeks, and the first insertion thereof to be made on the 25th day of December, 1896. The report states the amount of sales to be \$825.75.

True Copy—Test. WM. H. CECIL, Clerk.

ORDER NISI

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY OF WILLIAM B. EARLE. In the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, in Equity No. 4, Insolvents.

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, this 23rd day of December, 1896, that the sale of the real estate, to-wit: The farm known as the John Brown Harper farm, made by Wm. W. Busted, Permanent Trustee in the matter of the insolvency of William B. Earle and of Wm. H. Earle, surviving partner of Fiddeman & Earle, and reported in the third report of sales filed in this cause by said trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 25th day of March next, provided a copy of this order be published once in each of three successive weeks before the 25th day of February next, in some newspaper published in Queen Anne's County, Md. The report states the amount of sale to be \$3,826.41.

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EDWIN KNOX'S Barber Shop,

Next Door Centreville Bank, CENTREVILLE, MARYLAND. My prices are—Hair Cutting, 5c. Shampoo 10c. Shaving 15c.

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