LOCAL MATTERS:

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School Tax Distribution.

The State comprroller has made the quarterly distribution of the public school tax to white and colored schools, the several amounts being payable in the usual way on and after the 10th inst. Of the amount distributed Charles county receives for white schools $2,282 40; and for colored schools, $1,184.49.

Destructive Fire.

A pen house on the farm of Dr. Wm. R. Wilmer, near Pope's Creek, took fire on last Saturday night from some unknown cause and the shed with its contents were entirely destoyed. The farm was rented by Mr. C. F. Hayden who had as manager for him a colored man named Jim Murray. The pen house, at the time of the fire, contained a pair of valuable mules, a farm wagon, six growing shoats and one valuable Newfoundland dog, belonging to Mr. Hayden, and about 3500 bundles of blade folder and lot of other provender belonging to Murray. These were all totally destroyed. Mr. Hayden estimates his loss at about $400. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin, as there had been no fire about the place during the day and the unreasonable hour at which it caught, about midnight on New Year's day, tends largely to arouse suspicion that this was the case. No clue to the supposed incendiary has been obtained.

Married.

Mr. Julian Ingle, a well known young resident of our county, living in Piccawaxen, and Miss Melville B. McGuire, of Fauquier county, Virginia, were married on Thursday morning of last week at the Emmanuel P. E. Church, Fauquier county, by the Rev. Arthur S. Johns, the rector. A dispatch to the Baltimore *Sun* says that the ceremony was the occasion of a large gathering of the friends of the bride and that after the ceremony the wedded pair and their friends were entertained at the residence of Mr. J. Fitzgerald Jones, brother-in law of the bride. The bridal couple made a short tour but have now returned to their future home in Piccawaxen. The bride is not unknown here, she having taught in the family of Mr. Wm. Cox, near this town, for a couple of years, and while living here made many warm friends among our people, all of whom will be glad to welcome her back as a permanent resilent in our midst. We tender congratulations to the happy couple and wish that the sun on their happiness may never set.

Delegates Selected

Pursuant to the notice of the vice-president of the State Farmers Association calling a meeting for Tuesday to select delegates to the State Convention of the Association, which meets in Baltimore on Wednesday, January 12th, next, a large number of the farmers of the county assembled in Port Tobacco on that day. The meeting was called to order, in the office of Senator Edelen, by Mr. John G. Chapman, the vice-president, and Mr. John I. Jenkins was chosen secretary. On motion of Dr. P. W. Hawkins, the following delegates were unanimously chosen to represent Charles county at the convention: John G Chapman, Hugh Mitchell, John I. Jenkins, D. I. Sanders, John H. Mitchell, B. L. Higdon, H. A. Turner and W. McK Barroughs. There being no further business the meeting adjourned. The Farmers Association is composed of representatives from the various agricultural societies and local organizations of farmers in the State, and of delegates sent by county associations, where such exist, or elected by public meetings called by the vice-president for each county; and its object is to promote the agricultural interests of the State, to encourage improvements in the practice and methods of farming, to more closely associate those engaged in the common pursuit of agriculture, and to advance its general prosperity. All persons interested in agriculture are invited to attend the sessions.

Call to a Minister.

The vestry of St. Paul's P. E. Church in this village met on Tuesday of last week to consider the question of calling a minister to the church, which has been without a rector since the resignation and removal to Baltimore of Rev. Lewis DeLew. The vestry by a unanimous vote decided to extend a call to Rev. Thomas O. Tongue, of Durham Parish, Charles county, Md. Mr. Tongue is a native of this county, where he has many warm friends, and it is said that his acceptance of the call just extended him would be peculiarly gratifying to both the vestry and congregation at St. Paul. —*Calvert Gazette.*

Up to this writing we have had no definite information as to what action Rev. Mr. Tongue will take in reference to this call. The love of home and of childhood associations is, however, a strong human attribute, and it would not be surprising if such feelings should weigh with the Rev. gentleman in making his decision. It would be a source of regret and sorrow, not only to Mr. Tongue's present parishioners, but to many warm friends he has in our county, should he conclude to leave us for spiritual work on his own native heath. His influence in the parish over which he now presides is great and beneficial, and since his pastorate in Nanjemoy began he has done much toward enhancing both the spiritual and temporal welfare of those over whom he has charge, and the love, respect and esteem which is felt for him by all speaks well of his power for good in the community. Our wishes to Durham parish are that he may decline the call and continue his good work in his present charge.

A Matter For Thought—Roads.

Good roads not only save horseflesh, but vehicles. Take what are ordinarily called "good roads" and "bad roads," and a vehicle used on the first only will last twice as long, at least, as one used on the latter only. No one can doubt that country roads would be fifty per cent better than they now are, if the labor and money put upon them were properly applied How to have that work and money properly applied is the matter to be discussed now, that the best methods may be ready for adoption when the season for road making comes. Whether or not the road-bed should be only surface-drained, or underdrained with tile, or by putting in a corduroy foundation; whether or not gravel or plank should be used; how best to use gravel or tile—these are points to be decided before spring The farmers' club should also discuss specifically the repair of each highway in the neighborhood. This will lead, among other things, to an understanding whether or not it will be proper to shorten a highway by straightening it; whether a road that now goes around a hill should be carried over it by grading down the hill, or whether making a road longer by carrying it around a hill will be compensated for by the less grade; how to keep weeds from growing in the highways, to seed the adjacent land, and many other points which, thus being settled, would greatly add to the improvement of the roads.—*American Agriculturist for January.*

Proposed Telegraph Line.

Mr. C. R Eberle, of Washington, represented himself as the general manager of the Potomac Telegraph Company, made a visit through our section last week in the interest of the Company. Mr. Eberle states that the company proposes to run a telegraph line from Washington city to Point Lookout, in St. Mary's county, and the route will take in the principal towns and villages of Southern Maryland at each of which an office will be established and an operator put in charge. Mr Eberle succeeded in interesting those of our citizens with whom he talked in the enterprise and much favorable comment is heard on all sides of the proposed project. The Potomac Telegraph Company is chartered under the laws of West Virginia, but leading business men of Washington are at the head of the concern as the names of the following well known business men of that city were given as officers: C. C. Duncanson, president; J. W. Boteler, vice-president; B. F. Guy, treasurer, F. Z. Maguire, secretary and C R Eberle, general manager. Many of those names are familiar to our people, and one of them, Mr. B F. Guy, was a former citizen of Charles, and their names in connection with the enterprise savors very much of energy and determination in the matter and the successful establishment of the proposed line. Mr. Eberle states that the capital stock of the company is to be $100 000, divided into shares of $50 each and further states that the stock has been almost entirely subscribed for by business men and citizens of Washington. The object of his visit through this section was to get the sense of the people in regard to the enterprise and to find out how largely it would be encouraged if established. The general manager stated that he would also be glad if our people would take stock in the new company, but did not ask or expect them to invest largely in the scheme Ours is one of the few sections of country that is entirely cut off from telegraphic communication with the outside world, the nearest line being at Marlboro', and even at that place telegraphic communication is attended with much difficulty and delay. The establishment of the line would prove a great convenience to our business interests and we think we can safely assure its projectors of much encouragement if it is put in operation. Mr. Eberle extended his visit to St. Mary's in the interest of the company.

Examiner Appointed.

The board of county school commissioners met at their office here on Tuesday for the purpose of appointing a secretary and examiner to serve for the ensuing two years There were three prominent applicants before the board for the position: A. W. Neale, the present efficient incumbent, Mr. John W. Holley, the well known teacher, and Mr. Francis J. Maddox, a well known and popular gentleman of the lower section of the county We have heard that each of these gentlemen had his supporter in the board which made it somewhat difficult to make the selection. The board convened at 11 o'clock in the morning and remained in consultation, with closed doors, almost the entire day before a selection could be made, and finally adjourned about 5 o'clock with the announcement that Mr. F. J. Maddox was the fortunate man to secure the position. In the selection of Mr. Maddox we feel sure that the board has secured the services of a competent, efficient and capable officer, and one who will be conscientious and accurate in the discharge of his duties, and a worthy successor to the incumbent who has so faithfully performed the duties of the position for the past eight years. Mr Maddox was educated at Charlotte Hall and possesses a good sound education, and while never having held any connection with public school matters, still as we feel certain that he will bring to the discharge of the duties of his new position the same painstaking care which has marked his private life, we have no doubt that he will soon master the details of his office and render faithful service to the county in the supervision of its public schools.

Prompt Returns.

Sometime in the early winter we took occasion to speak of the promptness of our democratic collectors in paying over to the State Comptroller the full amount of taxes due the State for Charles county, and that the comptroller had complimented our county, being in this respect ahead of the rest of the State. This, however, is not all that our collectors have done. During the recent term of court when it was found that the treasurer would be cramped for funds to meet the unexpected and unprovided expenses of the term, a call was made on the collectors, at short notice, for more money. In response to this call Messrs. Gough and Halley were prompt in payments, and from these two collectors the necessary funds were raised to meet court expenses. Now again, when the board of commissioners have called for the sum of $600 to be paid by each collector next Tuesday, Mr. Thos. B. Gough, collector of the 2nd district, has again been prompt to respond to the demands for money, and on last Tuesday he paid over to the treasurer the full amount of $600 that had been called for. We always contended that purity and promptness of government in county affairs was only to be found in the democratic party and these facts indicate the correctness of our position. The wisdom of the board has been fully verified in the selection of Mr. Gough as collector, for in him they secured a prompt, efficient, accurate and honest officer, who collects the money and turns it over on demand. The same may also be said of the other collectors for that they will respond promptly next Tuesday we have no doubt.

The Marlboro' Fire.

The fire which broke out in Upper Marlboro', Md., on Thursday of last week, mention of which we made in our last issue, was the most disastrous known in the history of the town. The fire was first discovered in Flint's hotel, about half past one o'clock in the morning and in a few moments the flames had spread to the adjoining frame buildings. Buckets of water were passed along, and in this manner the fight against the flames was begun. When the fire leaped across the street the gravity of the situation was heightened by the sudden exhaustion of all the water in the town. On one side of the street a whole block was blazing furiously. On the other side there was an unbroken line of buildings extending from the court house yard to the end of the town, and along this line the fire was steadily making its way. Only a frame building intervened between the postoffice and the flames, and adjoining the postoffice was the Prince George's House, which, like most of the buildings, was frame. At this moment some one suggested that a break be made in the line of houses by destroying some to save the rest. A building was released from its foundation, levers put under it and it was slowly moved away, making space between the Brandt building and the postoffice. At the same time the wind changed and the flames were turned in another direction and soon exhausted themselves. The property destroyed comprised the stores and office of Mrs. Trebaud's building, Roberts & Stanley, Farr's restaurant, Bunnell, Neal & Co., Edw. Pumphrey, Mr. Calleck, and Flint's hotel, and the residences of James Owings, William Smith and S. B. Hance. Twelve houses were completely destroyed, and the losses will probably aggregate $25,000

Mr. W. W. Corcoran, of Washington, has sent his check for $500 to relieve the immediate wants of those burnt out at the recent fire. This, with what has already been contributed, will prevent much suffering at this time. Mr. James Owings, who lost heavily by the fire, was greatly relieved to hear from his son, Theodore Owings, a member of the Baltimore police force, that his policy of insurance for $1.150, which he feared had expired, had been paid up and he could recover that amount. The greatest sufferers by the fire are Mr. Owings, Mrs. John E. Gardner, Dr. R. N. Sears, W. H. Smith, John Neal, John Farr. It is proposed to purchase a fire apparatus in the spring.

Local Brevities.

To-morrow, January 8th, is Epiphany or old Christmas day.

Farmers and others have been busy gathering ice hereabouts this week.

Poor, pretty, little, blue-eyed baby!—How he coughs! Why don't his mother give him a dose of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup?

The twenty rifles recently given to our military by the Adjutant General have arrived and are ready to be placed in the hands of the men.

The snow storm of Wednesday evening has made sleighing in the county excellent and it has been much enjoyed during the past few days.

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1887 entered on its career with decidedly lionish propensities We hope it is not a precurser of what we will have to endure during the year.

Members of the Howard Rifles will bear in mind that they are called to assemble here to-morrow at 2 o'clock in full uniform for inspection and drill.

Hon. Barnes Compton recently stated in an interview in Washington that he did not want to be considered in any sense as a candidate for the next Governor of Maryland.

The recent freeze has caused a stoppage of the river boats. The Wakefield on her up trip last Sunday had considerably difficulty getting to Washington through the ice.

Mr. P. W. Robey, having recently engaged in the undertaking business at Cox's Station, respectfully asks a share of public patronage. Work promptly attended to and prices moderate.

We have received the communication of "Reader," and while agreeing with him fully on the subject of which he treats, still, as the matter is now settled, we deem it unnecessary to insert his letter.

The county commissions will meet next Tuesday to offer for sale a reissue of outstanding county bonds Collectors are requested to heed that part of the notice which relates to them and to be prepared to pay over the amounts called for.

Capt. Haislip, of the oyster police boat Katie Hines, captured the schooner Eastern Light, Capt. Cottingham, for illegal dredging last week and turned her over to the authorities of St. Mary's county.—The captain and crew of the captured vessel made their escape.

It is rumored here that Messrs. John T. Davis and Townley Robey, from this county will receive appointments under Collector Roberts of the internal revenue office. We hope the rumor may be well founded and that these gentlemen may receive places, as both are deserving Democrats.

Mr. Frank Bibby, the courteous and obliging conductor of our evening train, has resigned his position with the railroad and will for the future conduct farming operations in Piccawaxen, where he recently rented a large farm. Capt. Bibby will engage extensively in stock raising.

Mr. Richard Magruder, brother-in-law of S. Cox, Jr., and a native of Montgomery county, died at the residence of Mr. Cox at an early hour on Tuesday morning of consumption. Mr. Magruder had been failing for some time past and his death was not unexpected. His funeral took place yesterday and was largely attended

Capt. Thos. H. Ching, second officer of the oyster police sloop Katie Hines resigned his position on the 1st of January The reason assigned by Captain Ching is that his duties kept him too much from home. It is generally thought that Mr. Charles A. Neale of Cobb Neck will be appointed to the vacancy by Capt Haislip.

The mail route from Pomonkey to White Plains has been extended from January 1 to March 15, 1887, so as to embrace and begin at Glymont, increasing the distance four miles. This change was made necessary by the uncertainty of steamboat travel in winter and the consequent delay in getting mail at Glymont. An effort is also being made to have the route from Port Tobacco to Nanjemoy extended to a daily route instead of tri-weekly as at present.

An Opportunity not to be lost sight of. Before the end of the year take a trip to Acme Hall, The Glass of Fashion, 209 W. or 17 E. Baltimore street, near Charles, and inspect the first class stock they are offering for the balance of this year at the prices cheap stock are sold for everywhere. No more suitable or useful presents could be made than one of our Suits, Overcoats or Trousers for men, boys and children, nor could you find a more appropriate Christmas gift at this season.

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Speeding toward your city home,
And, perhaps gently dreaming
Whilst the rippling waters foam;

Speed on safely, gentle dreamer,
O'er the "*red waters*" brighter than the *garnet* new,
Pure and beautiful as the falling snow,
Sweeter than *Sweety* who sails the waters with you.

To the woodland "*wilds*" you have bid adieu
Again the birds their sweet notes forth will send,
And the squirrel will return to its native bough,
Without being startled by the *hunter's* fair friend.

In fields and woodland near and far,
The echo of soft footsteps will come no more,
Nor sweet strains of music to the lonely ear
In storm or sunshine along the Potomac shore.

The autumn leaves will not be gathered now;
Their golden beauty, and the hectic flush
Will cease to be admired, now you are gone
When none are seen amid the city's rush.

The days will seem ever lonely to us,
Now the "*belle* or *Prima donna*" has gone,
No more music at the Oaks or "among the pines"
Will be heard at twilight or early morn.

Friday, Dec. 3rd, 1886] H...

Winter Tours over the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Pursuant to the annual custom of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company placed on sale at its offices, November 1st, a stock of winter excursion tickets to all the prominent winter resorts of New Jersey, Virginia, Florida, other prominent points in the Southern States, and to Havana. These tickets are sold at reduced rates, in consideration of which they are required to be used on the south bound trip within fifteen days from the date of purchase as stamped on the back, and for the return trip prior to May 31st, 1887. Stop off is permitted at any point named on the ticket, and if the tourist desires to break the journey at any other point, he should apply to the conductor of the train or purser of the boat, who will grant the permission by issuing stop-over check or notation on the ticket.

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