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The Kent News:

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Job Printing, of every description, executed with neatness and despatch.

DR. W. T. URIE,
Graduate of the Homeopathic Medical College of Penn.,

OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Chestertown and vicinity.
He may at all times be found at his Office under the Voshell House when not professionally engaged. mh9-tf.

G. W. BRYANT,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,

WILL give prompt attention to all business entrusted to him. Office adjoining A. W. Sparks' Store. feb2-tf.

Furniture! Furniture!

CHARLES STANLEY & SON, would respectfully call attention to their
New Stock of Furniture,
just received, which they are selling at the lowest CITY PRICES for cash. mh2tf.

AT PRIVATE SALE,

IN small lots to suit purchasers, 150 HEAD OF GOOD COTSWOLD EWES, as good as any in the State, most of them got by Imported Bucks. Terms 12 months credit, with approved security. JOHN GALE,
feb23-tf. Worton Manor.

Plows! Plows!

THE undersigned is now manufacturing and prepared to sell PLOWS cheaper than they can be purchased on the Eastern Shore.
LOOK AT THE PRICES:
Nos. 10, 11 Concave $9, No. 2 Pratt & Davis $9,
" 9 " 8, " 1 " " 8,
No. 4 Wiley, " 6, " 0 " " 7,
" 3 " " 5, and all other Plows in general use in the same proportion.
CASTINGS at $5 per hundred.
CHARLES ESTES,
mh9-2m. Chestertown Iron Foundry.

NEW
BOOT & SHOE STORE.

THE undersigned having just opened a BOOT AND SHOE STORE in Chestertown, opposite the Bank, takes this method of informing his numerous acquaintances of the fact and soliciting their patronage, assuring them that he will keep a full assortment of
BOOTS AND SHOES
For Gentlemen, Ladies and Children,
OF A QUALITY THAT CAN BE RELIED UPON,
and he believes, will give satisfaction. He would call special attention to the fact that he will keep
Fine Stitched Boots and Shoes,
articles not kept in this market.
J. W. COLLINS.
March 16, 1867.

PHOTOGRAPHING!

THE subscribers respectfully inform the citizens of Chestertown and the adjacent country that they have in operation a
Photograph Gallery,
on Queen Street, in Chestertown, and are prepared to take PHOTOGRAPHS, both large and small. Also, Ambrotypes, Carte de Visites, Gem Pictures, Vignettes, &c., &c.
The public are respectfully invited to call and examine specimens of our work. Satisfaction guaranteed in every case.
VANDERFORD & JEFFERSON.
March 16, 1867—3m*

Clothing! Clothing!

COME ONE! COME ALL!!
And examine my stock of Ready-Made Clothing just opened this week, and bought at the lowest prices for cash, which I will sell very low for cash. Be sure to call and we will convince you all that we can beat the county in the above named articles, as well as *Base Ball*.
C. W. WARREN,
Kennedyville, Kent county, Md.

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.
NEW U. S. BOUNTIES,
INCREASED PENSIONS,
BACK PAY, &c., &c
State and Local Bounty.
White and Colored Soldiers, or their Widows or heirs, can have their claims promptly and faithfully attended to, (without charge until collected,) by
WM. B. HILL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
70 *W. Fayette St., (near St. Paul St.,)* BALTIMORE, MD.
Information given *Gratis.—Enclose a postage Stamp for reply.* jan12.

THOMPSON'S
Red Front Boot & Shoe Store,
84 CAMDEN ST.,
BALTIMORE.
Boots and Shoes of every description. Highest cash prices paid for Hides, Calf and Sheep Skins. mh30-6m.

Just Received

FROM the City another large lot of
ORANGES,
LEMONS,
RAISINS,
PRUNES,
CURRENTS, FIGS, ALMONDS, APPLES, and CRACKERS, together with a fine assortment of FRENCH CONFECTIONERY.
Also on hand a large lot of CANDY of my own manufacture, which I am selling at City Prices. Give us a call and be convinced.
HUDGINS' BAKERY,
Feb. 23. next door to Post Office.

At Private Sale,

A SUPERIOR DRIVING AND SADDLE HORSE. Also a good CARRIAGE and three-spring DEARBORN. Also one set of Harness. Apply to R. P. STEWART,
April 6, 1867—3t. Chestertown.

SEEDS.

PEAS, BEANS, and small seeds, warranted Fresh, lately received and for sale by THOMAS S. WICKES.
April 6, 1867.

HECKENDORN PLOW CASTINGS—2's and X's, on hand and for sale by
April 6th. THOMAS S. WICKES.

THOMAS S. WICKES calls the attention of Mothers to some very handsome light fabric CASSIMERES for small Boy's Spring wear, goods purchased from the agents direct, and for sale at moderate advances.
Chestertown, April 6th, 1867.

JELLIES AND TAFFY—a fresh supply just received by LEVI FIDDIS, Jr.

Crumpton Nurseries.

WE once more invite the special attention of those desiring to plant a good lot of FRUIT TREES this Spring, to the finest and largest assortment of
Apple Trees, Standard Pears,
CHERRY, PEACH,
and many other small Fruits. As we now purpose on closing out our entire stock at very reduced rates and lower than they can be bought elsewhere. Now, as we think, many of you had rather get your Trees nearer home, when you can get them just as reliable, we hope you will not let this chance pass, as we know you will not regret your Bargains. Persons from a distance wishing Trees will please send in their orders, and they will be promptly filled and sent as directed. All orders received by
P. McN. THOMAS, Chestertown, or
JONA. SLAUGHTER, Crumpton.
March 30, 1867—1m.

TO THE LADIES!
And ALL OTHERS in want of
Rich Jewelry! Silver Ware!
WATCHES! CLOCKS!
CUTLERY and NOTIONS!

A NEW STOCK just opened at
E. T. WILLIS',
Nearly opposite the Court House, adjoining the store of T. W. Eliason & Son.
These goods have just been purchased from city wholesale dealers at the lowest prices for cash, and *can* and *will* be sold at very low figures. They are of the latest styles, and most beautiful and fashionable designs. We name in part:
Jewelry.—Genuine gold Breast Pins, Ear Rings, Sleeve Buttons, Studs, Scarf Pins, heavy 18k. Rings, beautiful 16k. Rings, Pens and Pencils, Bogwood Jewelry, &c. We have also a variety of Common Jewelry, the character of which is always made known to purchasers. Also, Silver Rings and Thimbles.
Gold and Silver Watches,
among them a very fine Ladies' enameled gold Watch and Chain, and a number of heavy-cased American Watches, warranted good time keepers. CLOCKS of the best makes.
SILVER PLATED WARE.—Dinner & Tea Castors, Butter Dishes, Knives, Spoons, Forks, &c., &c. NOTIONS.—A fine assortment of CUTLERY, Table Knives, Pen Knives, Pocket Books, Ladies' Satchels, Purses, Cabas, &c.
An examination is invited.
Repairing done in the best manner at short notice, by E. T. WILLIS,
Adjoining T. W. Eliason & Son's.
Chestertown, March 23, 1867.

Carriage Making!

GEO. E. LAMBERT & CO.,

RESPECTFULLY inform the citizens of Kent and adjoining counties that they have taken the Shops formerly occupied by Mr. R. W. Calder, on Cross street, in Chestertown, and have commenced the MANUFACTURE of
CARRIAGES
Of Every Description.
They have supplied themselves with the best material, and having in their employ practical workmen, are prepared to all work embraced in this line of business in the most approved style, and upon such terms as cannot fail to give satisfaction to all who may favor them with their custom.
REPAIRING, of every description, TRIMMING, PAINTING, &c., done at short notice, upon reasonable terms.
They hope by strict attention to business, to merit and receive a liberal share of patronage.
GEORGE E. LAMBERT,
JAMES W. CHAPMAN,
JAMES W. LAMBERT.
Chestertown, Mar. 9, 1867—y.

GALENA
Tin and Stove Store.

IN presenting themselves for public favor, the subscribers express thanks for liberal patronage heretofore extended, and assure their friends and the public that they will continue their aim to merit a generous patronage.
Their stock is the largest and best selected in this part of Kent county, consisting of
STOVES of every Variety,
TIN-WARE,
and the manufactures in that line of business generally. Particular and prompt attention given to
Spouting, Roofing, &c.
We are prepared to furnish at short notice COOK, PARLOR, OFFICE & other STOVES, Wood, Coal, Air-Tight and Gass-Burners.
Copper, Tin and Sheet Iron Ware neatly repaired.
W. S. Sparks & Co.
GALENA, March 9, 1867—3m.

BUTCHERING.

HAVING purchased the good will and fixtures of S. S. Usilton in the Butchering business, the undersigned respectfully informs the public that he may be found in market, after this date, every morning (except Sunday,) until 9 o'clock, and after that hour at his stand formerly kept by Geo. W. Simpson.
It is his intention to Butcher MEATS OF THE BEST QUALITY ONLY, and the public may rest assured that they can supply themselves at his stall with the choicest cuts at moderate prices. R. S. USILTON.
Chestertown, April 6, 1867—tf.

Cheap Cash Store,
IN BROAD NECK.

THE undersigned has opened a GROCERY and PROVISION STORE in Broad Neck, Kent county, and has for sale BACON, LARD, FLOUR, MEAL, SUGAR, COFFEE, Tobacco, &c. A fine lot of FRESH GARDEN SEED, and some very early six weeks Corn for sale.
Call and see me. A. T. THOMAS.
N. B.—A good HORSE for sale cheap.
April 6, 1867—3t.

NOTICE.

THE COMMISSIONS for Justices of the Peace, Coroners and the Commissioner of Slave Statistics have been received, and the parties are notified to appear at the Clerk's Office and qualify within thirty days, or the offices will be declared vacant.
JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.
April 6, 1867—3t.

THE *FIRST RUN OF SHAD*—That is to say, we have on hand, at the lowest city prices, GILLING TWINE, Drum Lines, Cotton Rope for gearing Gill Nets, only $1.00 per lb., price before the war. Also, Ropes, Traces and Plow Lines, at H. W. VICKERS',
mh9. Cheap Corner,

PURE CIDER VINEGAR—*Never Crossed the Water*—for sale by
March 16. W. F. BAKER.

NEW MILLINERY

Mrs. L. J. Davis,

RETURNS her thanks for the very liberal patronage bestowed in the past, and respectfully call the attention of the Ladies to a NEW STOCK of SPRING MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS just purchased in the city. The latest and most beautiful styles of Bonnets, Hats, Ribbons and Flowers, now open.
She has taken great pains in selecting her stock, and is satisfied that she can please her customers. Call and see. ap13-3t.

NEW MILLINERY

Mrs. Susan A. Usilton,

HAS just opened a new stock of SPRING MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS, embracing all the styles in season. BONNETS, HATS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, &c. The Ladies are invited to call before purchasing elsewhere. STAMPING done at short notice.
Store adjoining T. W. Eliason & Son's.
April 13, 1867—3t.

A CARD.

Mrs. Martha Biscoe,

HAVING just returned from the city, would invite the Ladies to call on her and examine her very large and well-selected stock of
Millinery Goods,
embracing all the Styles in season, and which cannot fail to please; and she will guarantee her work to be put up in the very best manner.
She has also a very large and well selected stock of FANCY GOODS, such as Hosiery, Dress Trimmings, Bugle Laces, Handkerchiefs, (plain linen and lace,) Embroideries, Black Grape Sets, Fancy Linen Sets, Paper Collars, Dress Buttons, Best English Crape, and all kinds of Veils, Corsets, Hoop Skirts, Kid and Tread Gloves, and many other things too numerous mention, which she will sell very low for cash. Her store is on Cross street, one door from High street, nearly opposite Mastbaum's Clothing Store. [ap13-3t.]

SPRING and SUMMER
MILLINERY.

I TAKE pleasure in inviting your attention to my Choice Stock of MILLINERY and STRAW GOODS, comprising the latest Parisienne Novelties; also a superior stock of MOURNING GOODS, HOOP SKIRTS, Corsets, &c. I beg leave to return thanks to the Ladies of Kent and adjacent Counties for their liberal patronage and shall continue my efforts to merit their favor. Very respectfully,
MRS. C. R. FIDDIS,
High St., Chestertown, Md.
P. S.—I respectfully invite the ladies to my opening of Pattern Bonnets and Hats, on *Tuesday, April 16th*, at 10, A. M. ap13-3t.

AN APPEAL.

THE undersigned having lost all his Tools and Material, together with his Books, by fire on the night of March 28th, is placed in circumstances which makes it absolutely necessary that all persons indebted to him should call and see him. He is in need of money to enable him to resume business, and makes this appeal to his old friends and customers, hoping that all who know themselves to be indebted to him will immediately come forward and settle, either by cash or note.
apr6 3t. EDWARD LAMBERT.

"THE OLD SHOP,"
Where you can get Work done without Waiting.

CHAPMAN & LAMBERT hereby notify their friends and patrons that they have made temporary arrangements on the old stand for prosecuting their business, and are fully prepared to do all work in their line.
BLACKSMITHING in all its branches.
CARRIAGE SMITHING particularly attended to. MACHINERY of all kinds repaired. Cultivators and Cultivator Teeth of superior quality and pattern. Hoes of all descriptions. All kinds of Hinges and Harrows. Particular attention paid to Zinking Boxes and balancing Cylinders.
Having just been *burnt out*, as our friends all know, loosing our entire stock and tools, and being at a large expense to replace them, we need money, and a considerable amount of it, and earnestly appeal to all indebted to come forward and settle, if not all, a part will be thankfully received.
Chestertown, April 6, 1867—tf.

Something New
IN CHESTERTOWN!

J. K. ALDRIDGE
HAS ENLARGED HIS STORE ROOM and connected with the Tin and Stove business
HARDWARE of all kinds,
WOODEN-WARE,
Stone and Earthen Ware,
and invites his friends and the public to call and examine his goods and prices.
April 13. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

CUMBERLAND NAILS by the lb. or Keg at the Tin, Stove and Hardware Store of
April 13. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

CARPENTER'S TOOLS,
PLOW TRACES and LINES,
TUBS and WASH BOARDS,
Bake Spiders, Skillets, Biscuit Ovens, Bake Ovens and Pots, Coffee Roasters, &c., for sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.
April 13, 1867.

BERGER & BUTZ'S
EXCELSIOR
SUPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME,
ALSO, THEIR
Ammoniated
SUPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME.
(*See advertisement in another column of R. J. RUTH & CO.*, 16 *Bowly's Wharf, Balt.*)
SOLD BY
HINES & WOODALL,
CHESTERTOWN,
And by Agents at Buck Neck and Crumpton.
Also, PERUVIAN GUANO and ALL FERTILIZERS in the Baltimore market.
We will have the above fertilizers shipped to any landing in Kent county that the purchaser may desire. HINES & WOODALL,
ap-13tf. General Agents.

Sweet Potatoes.

A FINE lot of SWEET POTATOES for sale by E. CROUCH, JR.,
apr6-2t. Millington, Kent county.

COAL OIL—a Superior article, 48 cts. per gallon, at
April 6. T. W. ELIASON & SON'S.

SPECTACLES—Gold, Silver & Steel frames—for sale very low, at WILLIS', adjoining the store of T. W. Eliason & Son.

The Time for Prayer.

When is the time for prayer?
With the first beams that light the morning sky,
Ere for the toils of day thou dost prepare,
Lift up thy thoughts on high;
Commend thy loved ones to his watchful care;
Morn is the time for prayer.

And in the noon-tide hour,
If worn by toil or if sad cares oppress;
Then unto God thy spirit's sorrow pour,
And he will give thee rest;
Thy voice shall reach him through the fields of air;
Noon is the time for prayer!

When the bright sun has set—
While eve's bright colors deck the skies;
When with the loved at home, again thou'st met,
Then let thy prayers arise,
For those who in thy joys and sorrows share;
Eve is the time for prayer.

And when the stars come forth—
When to the trusting heart sweet hopes are given,
And the deep stillness of the hour gives birth
To pure, bright dreams of heaven—
Kneel to thy God—ask strength life's ills to bear;
Night is the time for prayer.

When is the time for prayer?
In every hour while life is spared to thee—
In crowds or solitude—in joy or care—
Thy thoughts should heavenward flee,
At home—at morn and eve—with loved ones there,
Bend thou the knee in prayer.

The Doctor.

Almost everybody knows the doctor; and a very important person he is to us all. What could we do without him?—He brings us into this world, and tries to keep us as long in it as he can, and as long as our bodies can hold together; and he is with us at that strange and last hour which will come to us all, when we must leave this world and go into the next.

When we are well we perhaps think little about the doctor, or we have our small joke at him and his drugs; but let anything go wrong with our bodies, that wonderful tabernacle in which our soul dwells—let any of its wheels go wrong—then off we fly to him. If the mother thinks her husband or child dying, how she runs to him and urges him with her tears!—how she watches his face, and follows his searching eye as he examines the dear sufferer; how she wonders what he thinks!—what would she give to know what he knows? how she wearies for his visit!—how a cheerful word from him makes her heart leap with joy, and gives her spirit and strength to watch over the bed of distress! Her whole soul goes out to him in unspeakable gratitude when he brings back to her from the power of the grave her husband or darling child. The doctor knows many of our secrets, of our sorrows, which no one else knows; some of our sins, perhaps, which the great God alone else knows. How many lives and hearts he carries in his heart and in his hands! So you see he is a very important person, the doctor, and we should do our best to make the most of him, and to do our duty to him and to ourselves.

SILENT INFLUENCE.—The Rev. Albert Barnes says: "It is the bubbling stream that flows gently; the little rivulet which runs along day and night by the farm-house, that is useful, rather than the swollen flood or warring cataract. Niagara excites our wonder, and we stand amazed at the power and greatness of God there, as he pours in from the hollow of his hand. But one Niagara is enough for the continent of the world, while the same world requires thousands and tens of thousands of silver fountains and gently flowing rivulets that water every farm and meadow, and every garden, and shall flow on every day and night with their gentle, quiet beauty. So with the acts of our lives. It is not by great deeds, like those of martyrs, good is to be done, but by the daily and quiet virtues of life, the Christian temper, the good qualities of relatives and friends."

THE NEWSPAPER.—A man eats a pound of sugar and it is gone, and the pleasure he has enjoyed is ended, but the information he gets from a newspaper is treasured up to be enjoyed anew, and to be used whenever occasion or inclination calls for it. A newspaper is not the wisdom of one man or two men; it is the wisdom of the age, and of past ages, too. A family without a newspaper is always a year behind the time in general information; besides they can never think much nor find much to think about. And then there are the little ones growing up without any taste for reading. Who, then, would be without a newspaper—and who would read one regularly without paying for it?

SHOE PEGGING.—At the recent exhibition of the Polytechnic branch of the American Institute, in New York, a hand shoe-pegging machine was exhibited, which is said to have operated to the satisfaction of the members. The exhibitor claimed that by his machine he could peg one pair of boots per minute, the work consisting of cutting the pegs from long strips of birch wood, punching the holes and driving a double row of pegs.

A VALUABLE RECIPE.—A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* writes that six years' experience has convinced him that a coat of gum copal varnish applied to the soles of boots and shoes, and repeated as it dries, until the pores are filled, and the surface shines like polished mahogany, will make the soles waterproof, and also cause them to last three times as long as ordinary soles.

AN Irish auctioneer, while expatiating on the merits of a telescope, sagely observed—

"How often has the widow's heart lept for joy when she had beheld her husband at a distance brought near to her by such an instrument as this."

Laws of Maryland.

PUBLIC GENERAL.

[OFFICIAL.]

AN ACT supplementary to an act entitled an act to provide for the general valuation and reassessment of property in this State, passed at the extra session of the General Assembly in the year 1866, chapter 157.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the several assessors now appointed who have failed to complete the assessment of property within their respective assessment districts as required by law, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to proceed forthwith to complete the same within the time hereinafter limited for the completion thereof, and according to the direction of the act to which this is a supplement, except in so far as the said act may be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the following named property be and the same is hereby exempted from assessment and taxation for any and all purposes whatever, within this State; that is to say: all property of whatever kind or description belonging to and held and owned by the United States, the State of Maryland, and any county, city or incorporated town therein, or any incorporated literary or charitable institution incorporated by the laws of this State; all bonds or other securities issued in the name and by the authority of the United States; all churches and houses used for public worship, including parsonages with the grounds appurtenant thereto and necessary for the use thereof; and all graveyards, cemeteries and burying grounds; all provisions laid up, or in any manner provided and on hand for the use and consumption of families; wearing apparel of every kind and description; plantation and farming utensils; the annual crops, or produce of all lands and farms, whether growing or harvested and remaining unsold; the working tools of mechanics and manufacturers moved or worked exclusively by hand; personal property belonging to any individual or person not exceeding in value the sum of one hundred dollars; all mortgages for purchase money in the hands of the original mortgagee, or his executors, administrators and legal representatives in the case of the death of the mortgagee, together with all equitable liens for the purchase money of lands and real estate which may remain due and unpaid; all judgments, notes and other securities belonging to any bank or other incorporated institution, the capital stock shares whereof are subject to assessment and taxation; and all cash on hand or on deposit in any bank or savings institution and not bearing interest, and the Bible House and the Tract House, in the city of Baltimore.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That to facilitate the correction and completion of the assessment in the several assessment districts, in which the assessors have made returns to the County Commissioners, and the Boards of Control and Review in the city of Baltimore, as required by the act to which this is a supplement, the said County Commissioners and the said Boards of Control and Review are hereby authorized and required to revise and correct the said returns by striking therefrom all property declared to be exempted from assessment and taxation, in and by the second section of this act; and further to cause all property of every description required by law to be assessed and which may have been omitted by the said assessors, or any of them, to be added to the said returns, and to this end it shall and may be lawful for the said County Commissioners and the said Boards of Control and Review, and they are hereby authorized to demand from the owner or owners of such property, or from any banking institution, either State or National, or other corporation, the shares of whose capital stock or any part thereof may have been so omitted as aforesaid, free and complete lists of said property, as is provided by the said act to which this is a supplement, and under the penalty therein prescribed for a refusal or neglect to furnish the same; provided that investments made in stocks or other securities in the city of Baltimore by the inhabitants of the counties of this State shall not be assessed by the assessors for said city, but shall be assessed in the counties in which the holders of such stock or securities may reside, and to the end that the said assessors, who are hereby authorized to complete the assessment of property within their respective assessment districts, and the said County Commissioners and Board of Control and Review may be enabled to assess private securities and bonds of this and other States held by parties in this State at their cash value, so much of section 9 of the act to which this is a supplement as fixes the market value of as quoted at the Baltimore Stock Board on the fifteenth day of July next after the passage of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the assessors authorized by the first section of this act to complete the assessment of property within their respective districts shall complete the same and make return thereof as required and directed in and by the said act to which this is a supplement, on or before the first day of July next, after the passage of this act, and it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of the several counties and the Boards of Control and Review of the several assessment districts of the city of Baltimore, after correcting the said returns as provided in the preceding section of this act and the said act to which this a supplement, and after complying in all respects with the requirements of the act to which this is a supplement, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, except in regard to the time therein limited for the doing thereof, on or before the first day of October next, to cause to be made out as well from the statements, returns and certificates already made and returned, and by this act required to be corrected, as from such as are hereinbefore authorized to be hereafter made, a summary account or list or columns, in which shall be clearly and distinctly expressed the estates and property of every description whatsoever, and the value thereof respectively thereto affixed, and the whole value in each election district or ward extended, and the amount of each column, and to sign and enclose the same, endorsed "on public service," to the Comptroller of the Treasury of this State.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That in all cases in which the County Commissioners of the several counties and the Boards of Control and Review of the several assessment districts of the city of Baltimore have returned to the Comptroller of the Treasury the summary accounts required to be so returned by the twenty-sixth section of the act to which this is a supplement, the said Comptroller shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the passage of this act, cause the same to be transmitted to the said County Commissioners and Boards of Control and Review, as the case may be, and to enable the County Commissioners of the several counties of this State and the Boards of Control and Review of the several assessment districts of the city of Baltimore, to comply with the requirements of the last preceding section of this act; the said Comptroller shall also furnish them respectively with such additional numbers of the forms of a return required to be transmitted to them by the twentieth section of the act to which this act is a supplement, as may in his judgment be necessary for the purpose, and return the receipt of the aggregate accounts directed to be prepared and transmitted to the said Comptroller, by the fourth section of this act, he shall as soon as practicable thereafter, proceed to prepare the condensed statement provided for in and by the twenty-ninth section of the said act to which this is a supplement.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That to secure the completion of the assessment of property in the Third Assessment District of the city of Baltimore, within the time prescribed in this act, it shall be competent for the Board of Control and Review for said Third district, to employ assessors of other assessment districts of said city who may have completed their assessments, to assist in the assessment of property in the said Third district, and the assessment so made shall be as valid and binding in law as if they had resided in said assessment district one year previously as is provided for in section three of the act to which this is a supplement.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That the Board of Control and Review for the Third district of the city of Baltimore be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint an additional Clerk, who shall be allowed the same compensation per day as clerks now appointed are allowed; and the extra Clerk heretofore employed by said Board of Control and Review shall receive the same compensation from the date of their service.

Section 8. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We certify that the aforegoing is a true copy of an act which passed the General Assembly of Maryland, January session, 1867. W R COLE,
Chief Clerk House of Delegates
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
ap20–1t. Secretary of the Senate.

A BILL

Entitled An Act to provide by law for taking and perpetuating the evidence of the number of persons held to labor and service in the State of Maryland and emancipated by the Constitution, adopted in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and by whom such persons were so held,

Whereas, By a joint resolution approved April 10th, 1862, Congress resolved that the United States ought to co-operate with any State which may adopt gradual abolishment of slavery, giving to such State pecuniary aid, to be used by such State in its discretion, to compensate for the inconvenience, public and private, produced by such change of system.

And whereas, by the 24th section of the Act of Congress, approved on the 24th of February, 1864, provision was made for enrolling all the able-bodied male colored persons residing in the United States as part of the national forces, and for awarding to each loyal person to whom a colored volunteer might owe service, a just compensation not exceeding three hundred dollars for each colored volunteer, and under said provisions and previous thereto, under the military authority of the United States, a large number of slaves owing service to loyal citizens of Maryland, were induced to leave their owners and enlist in the military service of the United States, or were received on board of steamers under the command of the said military, and carried away from the service of said owners by said military, so that their service was totally lost to their said owners, and very few of the said loyal owners have ever received any compensation for slave volunteers so enlisted or for service so lost.

And whereas, by the 24th Article of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of this State, which went into full operation on the first day of November, in the year 1864, "all persons held to service or labor as slaves in this State were thereby declared to be free."

And whereas, no compensation for the inconvenience, public and private, produced by such changes of system "has been made, by giving to this State pecuniary aid according to the faith of the Federal Government solemnly pledged by the joint resolution aforesaid."

And whereas, the General Assembly of Maryland, by joint resolutions passed at this present session, has resolved "that the State of Maryland has a good, valid and just claim upon the Government of the United States for reasonable and adequate compensation for the said property, and that it ought not to be doubted that the Federal Government when the passions excited by the late unhappy civil war shall have subsided, will recognize the justice of the said claims and faithfully perform her manifest duty in regard to it." And further, "that the General Assembly ought to provide by law for taking and perpetuating the evidence of the number and value of the persons held to labor and service as aforesaid, by the loyal citizens of Maryland, and so aforesaid, discharged from such service and labor." Therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and previous to the adjournment of the present session, shall appoint one person of suitable character and ability, resident in each county of the State, and one in Baltimore city, who shall be styled a "Commissioner of Slave Statistics," and who before entering upon the discharge of his duties, hereinafter described, shall give bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, to be approved by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in each county, and of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, respectively, for the faithful performance of his duties as such Commissioner, and subscribe to the following oath before the said Comptroller, viz: I —— do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of Commissioner of Slave Statistics to the best of my judgment and ability, according to the laws of Maryland, so help me God.

And any vacancy occurring by the death, resignation or other cause of any of the Commissioners so appointed after the adjournment of the Legislature, shall be filled by the Governor of the State.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the Commissioners so appointed shall procure suitable printed blank forms or tabular statements, which, when properly filled up or made according to the provisions of this act, shall exhibit the names of the former owners of slaves in their respective counties or districts at the time of the adoption of the Constitution in the year 1864; the names, number, age, sex and physical condition of such slaves; whether they were slaves for life or for a term of years; whether they have been enlisted or drafted into the military service of the United States, so far as is known to said owners or others, and into what regiments they were placed, and what compensation, if any, has been received from the State or General Government by such owner or owners for such slaves so enlisted or drafted into the military service of the United States.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners shall visit each election district in their respective counties, of which full notice shall be given both in the public newspapers and by printed handbills, and in Baltimore city shall open an office and give notice of the same as aforesaid, and after giving such notice for at least ten days shall proceed to take the evidence of the former ownership of slaves in this State according to the intent and provisions of this act, and the testimony in all cases shall be the sworn statement of the former owner or owners, or his, her or their legal representative, confirmed by the testimony on oath of at least two disinterested witnesses.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the original blank form or tabular statements, when so filed and attested, shall be by the said Commissioners copied, in alphabetical order and indexed, into suitable books of record to be procured and furnished by the said Commissioners at their own cost and expense, which books of record, together with all the original papers therein copied, shall be deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court in each of the counties and with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, and shall be by them preserved among the public records of the counties and city, respectively, aforesaid; and said books of record and papers, when so preserved, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, legal evidence upon all questions affecting the ownership of slaves in this State at the time of the adoption of the Constitution by which said slaves were emancipated.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That the said Commissioners, for the performance of the duties prescribed in this act, shall be entitled to charge and receive the sum of twenty-five cents per capita for each and every slave by him recorded as so formerly owned, to be paid in all cases by the former owner or owners, and no compensation or charge of any kind whatever under the provisions of this act shall be paid out of the State Treasury.

Sec. 6 And be it enacted, That the aforesaid Commissioners shall perform the duties of their respective offices within twelve months from the date of appointment and qualification, and that this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

We certify that the aforegoing is a true copy of an act which passed the General Assembly of Maryland, January Session, 1867. W. R. COLE,
Chief Clerk House of Delegates.
AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
ap20–1t. Secretary of the Senate.

How often is the life of man, even in its fairest and loveliest, its most splendid, most admired, and most flattering appearances, suddenly and prematurely cut down like the expanding flower of the morning, in all its vigorous freshness, and all its glittering pride and beauty, falling before the scythe.

A MAN proves himself fit to be higher, who shows that he is faithful where he is. A man that will not do well in his present place because he longs to be higher, is fit to be neither where he is nor yet above it.

"A NEW way to pay old debts." Stop drinking and go to work.—*Staunton Virginian.*

THE man who seens no virtue in another has none himself.

THERE are three things to which man is born—labor, and sorrow, and joy.