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The Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Saturday, Dec. 19, 1868

CONGRESS.

In the Senate Mr. Sherman, from the finance committee, reported a resolution declaring it inexpedient to redeem the five-twenty bonds until the United States pays its notes in coin. A resolution was adopted instructing the judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of reporting such legislation as will prevent the discharge of persons convicted of crime under the decisions of the United States district judge for Virginia. A bill reported by Mr. Vickers, of Maryland, was passed, appropriating $30,000 for the relief of the poor of the District of Columbia.—After the transaction of other business the bill to provide for the resumption of specie payments was taken up, and Mr. Morton, of Indiana, addressed the Senate at considerable length in favor of its passage, after which the bill was referred to the finance committee. The resolution in opposition to the President's financial views was then taken up and discussed until the hour of adjournment.

Congress will take a recess from Monday next until the 5th of January.

The Legal-Tender Decision.

A report from Washington is to the effect that the legal-tender act is likely to be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. This has naturally excited considerable interest in financial circles at the East, and especially with respect to its bearing upon the banks and the prices of securities. It is assumed, however, that in the event of a majority of the judges regarding the act as invalid, the decision would be postponed until Congress had an opportunity for bringing about specie payments by a less violent method. Private dispatches in New York from Washington, report that the judges stand five for the validity of the act and three against; but it is hardly possible to vouch for the reliableness of the report. If the decision of the court, however, shall be of the character here intimated, it will no doubt be a large stride towards an early resumption of specie payments. There is some uneasiness as to consequences of such a decision, but perhaps no real cause for alarm, even though "greenbacks" are not, and never have been, in law, (if Congress had no right to pass the act,) a legal-tender for the payment of debts, public or private. For it is said, and believed, that "all contracts made since legal-tenders became the money of account by the customs of trade, will be held by the courts bound by that custom. Contracts made since the publication of the legal-tender act as law, and in view of that act, will be held to refer to that act and to include it, so that the legal-tender clause will include them, not as law, but as part of the contract." If this be a true rendering of the operation of a decision of the character reported, business will not stop, accounts will not be disturbed, nor debtors be ruined, as has been feared. A financial writer says:

It will not unsettle old specie contracts which may have been adjusted by the use of legal-tenders; but old debts contracted before the legal-tender act will henceforth be payable only in gold. Contracts from the time of a decision declaring the law unconstitutional will be payable in coin or currency as may be stipulated. The restrictions now imposed on gold, that make it only a commodity will be removed, and it will soon become a currency, and the universal measure of value. Paper will thenceforth be at a discount, and not gold at a premium. It will be a first important step towards a resumption of specie payments by the government and by the people. Congress would be compelled to redeem or fund the greenbacks as fast as a legal medium of greater value could be supplied. The difficulties of trade, it is believed, would be less than is generally anticipated. The banks would be most exercised. Such as could open specie accounts, and issue notes upon a specie basis would probably do so at once, and this would gradually drive the others to adjust their business and circulation to the same standard; but in all this the difficulty would not be serious. With each one handling money doing his part towards adjusting prices to values, the whole labor so divided will be scarcely felt, and all will be, in a short time, surprised that a remedy so efficacious in results should have been so long feared and delayed. Whatever the judgment of the court as to the legal-tender law may be, the evil will not be of the onerous character feared.

HORACE GREELEY AT ELKTON.—In consequence of inclement weather but few persons attended the lecture of Mr. Greeley at Elkton. Among the few present was the editor of the *Democrat*, who thus characterises the performance:

"The closest attention could not distinguish all the words of his discourse, and at times whole sentences were lost in hurried and erratic confusedness. In short, we believe Horace Greeley, notwithstanding his large experience as a lecturer, to be the very worst speaker—the most indistinct in his enunciation—the most unfortunate in his intonations, the most educated in his inflections, and the most tedious and tiresome in his monotones that ever addressed a public assemblage."

DEAD.—We learn that Nat Freeman, the negro man who was a witness for the State against Martha Starkey, charged with the murder of Mr. Guillemart, died one day last week. It will be remembered that Martha, in her confession to Mrs. Primrose, charged Nat with the perpetration of the deed.

CHRISTMAS.

We need not inform our readers that Christmas—merry, happy Christmas to all our patrons we trust—is near at hand.—The array of toys and presents in the shop windows along our streets, and the inviting display of viands at the grocery and confectionery stores, all tell of the near approach of this festive occasion. Next Thursday night the "little folks" confidently expect that old "Santa Claus" will be around with his pack filled with good things, and entering their comfortable homes during the night, will leave them all sorts of presents for their gratification and enjoyment in the morning. And Friday morning! how many little heads will pop out from under the covers at early dawn, their little hearts filled with joyous excitement, and eyes with wonder at the miraculous entrance of "old Chris" as proven by the portly dimensions of their little stockings!

In contemplating these happy Christmas mornings, how our thoughts wander back to the homes of our childhood—to the cheerful, happy faces there gathered on Christmas Eve—homes long since broken up, and the dear ones scattered; some in distant homes, while others sleep their last long sleep beneath the sod! And as kindred thoughts come crowding thick and fast, and the memory, usually so dull and sluggish, is quickened and refreshed in thus contemplating the associations of the past, we find the tear of affection stealing down the cheek, and feel an emotion of sorrow creep into the heart and chill the frame. The past! how gladly some of us would recall it, that we might remedy its mistakes, and smooth over the harsh word or ungrateful act toward those whom we loved, yet never appreciated until they had gone—gone to the home circle which is never disturbed by the departure of any, but whose joys are being constantly heightened by the addition to their number of those left lingering on the shores of time.

But the past is gone; the present is that with which we have to do, and when on the coming Christmas day, we gather at the festive board or otherwise enjoy the bounties which a kind Providence has bestowed upon us, let us not forget the poor—those who are unable to afford their little ones these Christmas tokens of love—but give freely of our abundance, and thus appropriately celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Him whose whole life was spent in "going about doing good."

☞ Attention is called to the sales advertised in our columns this morning to take place next week and the week after.

THE SLAUGHTER STEAMERS.—The case of Julius Gerson versus Henry B. Slaughter was decided in the United States Circuit court at Baltimore on Tuesday, Judge Giles presiding. The bill in this case was filled on the equity side of the court by Julius Gerson, praying for a decree for the sale of the steamboats George Law (formerly the Minna) and Chester, for the non-compliance of contract by the defendant Slaughter, in the non-payment of a balance of $25,000, due as purchase money on the steamer Minna (now George Law.) Answer put in and cross bill filed by Slaughter, alleging fraud and misrepresentation in the sale as to the draft of the steamer, which is denied by Gerson. Judge Giles filed an opinion in the case stating that he will sign a decree for the payment over to the complainant of the net proceeds of sale of the steamer George Law, and also for the sale of the steamer Chester, for the payment of the balance due on the bond of Henry B. Slaughter, after crediting the net proceeds of the George Law, and also a decree dismissing the cross bill.

This will not interfere with the business of the steamboat company.—*Crumptonian.*

THE "FIRST TOWN."—A correspondent of the *Centreville Observer*, in speaking of the controversy going on in several of the Eastern Shore papers for the honor of the "first town" on the Peninsula, says he has had the pleasure of sojourning for a while in each of the towns on the shore, and thinks that Chestertown ought to be brought into the ring as a competitor for the "prize." He thereupon gives us the benefit of the following notice:

Chestertown is pleasantly located on Chester river, a beautiful stream, and navigable for the largest boats. It would be impossible to find on any part of the Peninsula a town which gives to the eye of a traveller so vivid an impression of established affluence than Chestertown. Its people enjoy a quiet and refined enjoyment of life. It gained its wealth and property through the avenue of commerce. Its harbor teems with the spirit of restless enterprise. The mechanic, manufacturer, laborer, all, all seem to do well. Every one seems industrious, yet as if industry were an interest and a pleasure. During the intense heat of summer persons from a distance visit the town in quest for health and enjoy the invigorating breeze of the water, and to taste the healing that there is in the wings of the wave born wind. The "Voshell House," situate in the centre of the town, is unequalled by any on the Peninsula. Its tables are ample, with luxuries "rich and rare," and is presided over by a proprietor who by his attention and urbanity makes his House a pleasant home for its many guests.—There is erected in the most convenient portion of the town a stately Court House of brick and mortar. This building also is unsurpassed by any on the Peninsula, and there are other buildings consisting of stores and private residences which unmistakably bespeak for Chestertown as being the first among the number now contesting for the name of an "enterprising town."

A young mother in Ohio recently bit off her child's nose in a dream.

A Boston barber has a razor that has been in daily use for a hundred years.

OPERATIONS OF A CONFIDENCE MAN—*He Passes for a Maryland Judge.*—On the 10th inst. a rather genteel-looking middle-aged man, with an agonizing mustache, reported his name at the Spotswood as Judge Jos. A. Wickes, of the seventh Maryland circuit. It was rather a suspicious circumstance, as it always is, to see him write himself down a "Judge." He introduced himself to an eminent gentleman from Moryland as the judge whose name he was making so free with, and as it had been some fifteen years since that gentleman had met the judge, the imposition, strangely enough, succeeded. He made himself perfectly at home at the Spotswood Hotel, lived high and consumed much first-class champagne, which he ordered very freely. The proprietor had his doubts about him himself, and called upon the gentleman above referred to, who said that he too had his suspicious that he was not the person he represented himself to be. Mr. Millward then confronted him with another gentleman—who is well acquainted with the Maryland judge—and who, the moment he saw him, declared he was a "beat." He tried to escape from the hotel by the ladies' entrance, but failed, for Captain Millward arrested him, and he was brought before the mayor, when it was discovered that his real name is Price, and that he hails from Kent Co., Maryland.—*Richmond (Va.) Journal.*

Colonel Merrill has furnished the Richmond Journal with additional particulars of the arrest of the alleged confidence man in that city, calling himself "Judge Wickes," of Maryland. The Journal says:

Mr. Merrill had heard of him before, having received information from Baltimore and elsewhere of his confidence operations. On his person were found two letters from young ladies in Maryland, one of whom availed herself of the "Leap Year" privilege of popping the question, while another, who seems to be a very innocent and very intelligent, but too confiding, school mistress in Dorchester, Maryland, writes in a manner to plainly indicate that he has trifled with her affections. These letters he attempted to destroy, as they furnished proof of his identity; but Merrill was too sharp for him, and secured them. His success in passing himself off as Judge Wickes was due to his gentlemanly address, and that he comes from the judge's neighborhood and knows all about him; besides, the judge was expected here to assist in the prosecution of Grant in the Pollard case. As soon as Merrill had completely entrapped him, he acknowledged his true status and requested to be taken to jail as quietly as possible, "for, said he, "there is no use in my trying to play off on you." He was again before the mayor on Tuesday, and after a hearing was committed for trial before the Hustings Court.

DELAWARE AND MARYLAND RAILROAD.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Maryland and Delaware railroad took place at Easton last week. The various opinions entertained by those intimate with the workings of the company produced considerable excitement and quite a spirited contest among the friends of the different interests. The meeting assembled at 2 o'clock, and on motion the election of officers for the ensuing year was the first business transacted. Captain Hardcastle, the present president of the company, and General Tench Tilghman, who formerly occupied the position, were put in nomination for the presidency, and the voting commenced, and after all had voted the result was announced as follows: General Tench Tilghman, 8,333, Captain E. L. F. Hardcastle, 6,013; Tilghman's majority 2,328. Dr. G. W. Goldsborough, the present secretary and treasurer of the road, was re-elected to that position by about the same majority that was given for General Tilghman, the State directors voting for Captain Hardcastle and Mr. R. B. Dixon. The following gentlemen were then elected directors: William Slaughter, of Delaware; Dr. A. Hardcastle and I. P. Manlove, of Caroline county, Md.; C. W. Huntington, of Boston; N. Murray, of New York; J. A. W. Powell and D. Knotts, of Talbot county, Md.—*Easton Star.*

THE MISSION OF MR. CUSHING.—We don't know the object of Caleb Cushing's mission to Europe; but we cannot get ready to believe he has gone to Madrid to negotiate for the purchase of Cuba. It is not improbable, considering the present straits of the Spanish government, considering their terrible want of money, and considering the rebellion against Spain that rages in Cuba itself, that the provisional authorities would be willing to listen to propositions for parting with the island for a consideration of a hundred millions in gold more or less. But the American people and the American Congress would neither sanction nor tolerate the consumation of any such scheme. We need all the gold we have ourselves to pay our honest debts.—*New York Times.*

THE OX TO BE IMMOLATED.—The celebrated sanitary fair ox, weighing upwards of *four thousand pounds*, raised by Carlos Pierce, and now on exhibition in Boston, was lately tendered to Gen. Grant by Major W. W. Leland, and is to be served at the inauguration dinner in Washington city in March, under the supervision of the republican central committee, who are to act as high priests of the sacrifice.

GOVERNOR BOWIE.—The Hon. Oden Bowie, Governor elect, visited Annapolis last week for the purpose of procuring a local habitation until the new Government House (which is now under roof,) is completed. We learn he procured the use of Judge Mason's house, and will move his family soon after Christmas. We are informed that the Governor is still determined not to convene the Legislature.—*Maryland Republican.*

EX-PRESIDENT PIERCE AGAIN ILL.—Ex-President Pierce was much overcome by the sad news of the death of Mr. and Mrs. George Hutchins, (by the Ohio disaster) and he is again prostrated by sickness. The personal relations between the deceased and the General were of a most pleasant and gratifying nature. Mr. Hutchins invited the General to accompany himself and wife to New Orleans, and for several weeks Mr. Pierce thought seriously of accepting the invitation.

In Worcester, Mass., the republicans have nominated two women for school directors.

MARYLAND.

The subject of "reconstructing" Maryland, it seems, is still being agitated at Washington, and the idea of interfering with our State government by the Radicals has not been abandoned as yet. A Washington correspondent writing to the *Sun* under date of Tuesday last says:

The sentiment of many of the radical members of Congress is against any further agitation of this question, but the matter is already before the judiciary committee of the House, and they do not seem disposed to "give it up so." They are fearful that congressional legislation extending the suffrage so as to make it universal will be too slow, and they want to force an issue. They have, therefore, determined to take further testimony, and to that end have appointed Messrs. Lawrence, of Ohio; Churchill, of New York, and Eldridge, of Wisconsin, a sub-committee.

The members from Maryland were today notified of this purpose of the committee, and were further informed that the testimony would be taken during the ensuing recess and printed, so that it may be reported early after the reassembling of Congress in January. The object of the notification was to give the delegation an opportunity to bring their witnesses forward. There is much apathy upon the subject outside of the judiciary committee, and some very prominent republicans are opposed to the further agitation of the question, doubting whether any real good will result.

RUMORS FROM WASHINGTON.—Plans are on foot in Washington to extend the freedmen's bureau—to prolong and enlarge the Indian war—to keep the army at its present standard—to increase the salaries of the President and heads of departments—to make a job out of the Union Pacific, if not both it and the Central Pacific railroad—to create an investigating committee in regard to the $7,200,000 appropriation in gold for the Alaska purchase. We shall therefore have one more investigating committee. Last year these committees cost enormous sums for mileage, witnesses, &c., and a repetition of the same expense is promised the present year. Where there is so much smoke there ought to be some fire. Charges against men and organizations are made for money, wars continue for money, negroes are governed for money, false philanthropy and humanity thrive on money, and the almighty dollar was never more potent, more selfish or more successful than at the present. And yet some good people are shocked when we make the declaration that this is not the age of saints, but rather the age of brazen falsehood and open theft.

EXPERIMENTAL LEGISLATION.—Tennessee takes the lead in what may be called experimental legislation. A recent resolution of the Legislature awarded a small State bounty as a premium to all married women bearing triplets, a step which would have thrown Malthus into convulsions, and will startle and perhaps set to thinking John Stuart Mill, who declares married continence to be the hope of England. An exchange informs us that in the same State a bill has just passed to its third reading prohibiting any lawyer from receiving any fee unless he gains his case. The intention of the bill is certainly novel, and the means proposed original. As far, however, as it undertakes to regulate the price of a lawyer's labor, it is a sumptuary law, and will share the fate of all such legislation.—*Philadelphia Press.*

GOD FORBID!—A Washington correspondent intimates that Simon Cameron is likely to be made Secretary of the Treasury under Grant. God save the mark! What an appointment that would be!—The man who laid the foundation of his fortune by palming off Middletown bank notes upon the Winnebago Indians—the man whom Lincoln had to turn out of the War department to stop the wholesale plunder of the public treasury—the man whom Thaddeus Stevens described in his grimly humorous way by declaring he *"would not steal a red hot stove"*—such a man for Secretary of the Treasury. "Angels and ministers of grace defend us."

THE CASE OF MENARD, THE NEGRO CONGRESSMAN.—Menard, the colored man who is in Washington claiming a seat in the House of Representatives from Louisiana, says the library association of Washington did not, as heretofore stated, address him a note requesting him not to present his claim, but, on the contrary, urged him to do so. He says he was born free in Illinois, attended Liberia College in Ohio, and voted for Lincoln in 1860, and also sat on a jury in that State. He is still without a certificate from the Governor of Louisiana.

THE NEW NICKEL COINAGE.—Specimens of the proposed new nickel coins, to be composed of one-fourth nickel and three-fourths copper—one, three and five cent pieces—have been received at the Treasury Department. The one cent coin weighing 1½ grains, is about the size of the old silver five-cent coin; the three and five-cent pieces about the size of the present coins, are to weigh three and five grains respectively. The new coin is to be a legal tender for one dollar, except for duties on imports, and is intended to take the place of the copper bronze and nickel coinage now authorized.

THE Lawrence (Kansas) *Tribune* has the following from a wife, which is a strictly legal document: "To whom it may concern: I hereby give notice that the sale of spirituous liquors to Homer Hays is contrary to my wishes, and that I shall prosecute, according to law, any person who disregards this notice. Catharine Hays." By the law of Kansas a woman can prosecute any liquor seller who sells to her lord and master.

ONE of Josh Billings' maxims: "Rise early, work hard an' late, live on what you kan't sell; give nothing away; and if you don't die rich, and go to the devil, you may sue me for damages."

GENERAL McCLELLAN holds positions at present which give him from fifteen to eighteen thousand dollars a year income

Baltimore Price Current

[Corrected from the Sun of Thursday.]

WHEAT—White	$2.35a2.40
" Choice Red	2.30a2.40
" Medium and good red	2.10
CORN—Good to prime White	95a96
" " " Yellow	97a98
Oats	67a70

DIED:

At her residence in St. Mary's county, on the 4th inst., MARY F. LUSBY, wife of James H. Lusby, youngest daughter of Rev. Vincent and Elizabeth Olley, in the 43rd year of her age.

Near Church Hill, on the 7th instant, Mrs. JULIA REED, consort of the late Jesse Reed, of Queen Anne's county.

REMOVAL.

TO MY FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC.

I have taken the store owned by Mr. Jno. H. Burchinal, formerly occupied by R. P. Stewart and lately by Clark & Usilton, where I am now opening a new and cheap lot of Goods.

My friends and the public generally are invited to give me a call. My motto is still not to be undersold. WM. W. PARKS.

Dec. 19, 1868—3t.

FOR RENT,

A FARM OF 280 ACRES,

near Colgan's X Roads, about six miles from Centreville and Church Hill. Good HOUSE and necessary Out-Buildings; all under good fencing. The Railroad passes within a half mile of it. For particulars apply to Col. H. S. McCOMB, Wilmington, Del., or to

THOS. Q. PRIMROSE,

d19-3t. Queen Anne's Co.

[Cent. Observer copy.]

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FOR CHRISTMAS!

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

JOHN H. REDUE,

(adjoining the Bank,)

has just opened a fine assortment of GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS, embracing

TOYS of every description,
CANDIES, French and Common,
RAISINS, ORANGES, FIGS,
CITRON, CURRENTS, NUTS,
APPLES, &c., &c., &c

Everything calculated to please the little folks may here be found, together with articles suitable for presents, &c. A call is solicited.

d19. JOHN H. REDUE.

TAKE NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the undersigned by account, note or otherwise, are requested to call and settle their respective accounts on or before the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY. All accounts remaining unpaid after that day will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection. This step will be very unpleasant to me but will be resorted to in all cases where the accounts are not paid.

A. L. VANNORT.

N. B.—On and after January 1st, 1869, I will conduct my business on a strictly cash system.

A. L. VANNORT,

d19-3t. Hanesville.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned will sell at public sale at his residence in Kennedyville, on

Wednesday next, Dec. 23rd,

the following property:

Three Horses,

one of them a fine BROOD MARE;

2 MILCH COWS, 1 HEIFER,

1 CART AND HARNESS,
1 WAGON AND HARNESS,
1 CARRIAGE AND HARNESS,
1 DEARBORN, tongue and shafts,
Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Shovels, Hoes, &c.
Small lot of Corn Blades,
Also, a GOOD COOK STOVE, nearly new.

☞ Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

TERMS.—All sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount eight months credit, with note and approved security.

d19-4t. WILLARD MELVIN.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned will sell at public sale at his residence in the lower part of Quaker Neck, Kent county, on

Monday, December 28, 1868,

the following property, to wit:

2 HEAD OF HORSES,

4 Good Milch Cows,

1 Pair of YOUNG STEERS

three years old next Spring;

2 Calves, 17 Shoats,

1 CARRIAGE, 1 DEARBORN, 1 Horse Cart,
1 SLEIGH, 1 WHEAT FAN, and other

Farming Implements.

A lot of GOOD CORN BLADES.

Household & Kitchen FURNITURE.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

TERMS.—All sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount 8 months credit on note with approved security.

d19-4t. JAS. POLK DeCORSE.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned will sell at public sale at his residence on the farm of Capt. Whittington, near Massey's X Roads, on

Tuesday, Dec. 29th, 1868,

his Stock and Farming Utensils, consisting of

Five Horses,

among them some good Drivers;
1 three-year old COLT, and 1 Yearling COLT.

1 PAIR OF MULES,

3 Milch Cows,

2 *Young Cattle*, 1 *Bull*,

12 HEAD OF SHOATS,

1 WAGON AND HARNESS,
1 CARRIAGE AND HARNESS,
1 RUSSELL REAPER, nearly new;
1 Steel-tooth RAKE, 1 DRILL, 1 ROLLER,
1 CORN SHELLER;

Farming Implements,

Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Plow Gears, Shovels, Hoes, Forks, &c.

About 2,000 bdls. Corn Blades,

AND HAY BY THE TON,

☞ Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

TERMS.—All sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount nine months credit on note with approved security. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with.

d19-2t. ROBERT McMULLEN.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the undersigned are hereby requested to call and settle on or before the FIRST OF JANUARY NEXT. At that time I shall place all unsettled accounts in the hands of an officer for collection

d12-3t JOHN M. HUDSON.

FOR RENT. The ROOM used as a Store by Miss Annie Earle.

Apply to WM. H. METEER.

Dec. 12, 1868—3t

TO OUR PATRONS.

All persons indebted to the "KENT NEWS" OFFICE for Subscription, Advertising or Job Printing, are requested to make payment by the FIRST OF JANUARY. We desire to settle accounts at least once a year with all persons with whom we do business.

d12-3t. PLUMMER & USILTON.

VENDUE.

THE subscriber, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at public sale at his residence at the head of Still Pond Creek, on

THURSDAY, December 31st, 1868,

the following personal property, viz:

5 Head of Horses

TWO OF THEM FINE DRIVERS;

6 Head of Cattle

among them some good Milch Cows.

23 FATTENING HOGS & SHOATS,

1 CARRIAGE & HARNESS, 1 DEARBORN AND HARNESS, PLOWS, HARROWS, CULTIVATORS, SHOVELS, HOES, FORKS, &c.

One-half interest in a GRAIN DRILL in perfect order; 1 FAN, 1 CORN SHELLER, &c.

Household and Kitchen Furniture.

1 NEW COOK STOVE, &c.

☞ Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

TERMS.—All sums under $10 cash; on sums over that amount a credit of nine months with approved security. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with. Purchaser to pay for stamps.

JAMES A. GALE.

J. W. CARROLL, Auct'r. d19-2t.

VENDUE.

THE subscriber will sell at public sale at his residence on "Huntingfield," on

Wednesday, Dec. 30th, 1868,

the following property, namely:

6 Head of Horses,

17 HEAD OF CATTLE,

1 YOKE STEERS,

56 Head of SHEEP,

ALSO, A LARGE LOT OF

Farming Implements.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

TERMS.—All purchases of $20 and under cash; all over that amount a credit of 9 months with note and approved security. No property to be removed till the terms are complied with. Purchaser to pay for stamps.

d19-4t. R. LL. NICHOLS.

VENDUE.

THE subscriber, finding it impossible to give his farming operations the necessary attention without neglecting his professional duties, has determined to rent, and will therefore dispose of his surplus

STOCK

AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS,

CONSISTING OF

8 HEAD OF HORSES,

Among them TWO of THREE NAPOLEONS, All are fine road or farm Horses—some particularly adapted to family use. Several FAST TROTTERS among them.

☞ Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., on

Thursday, Dec. 24th,

if fair, if not the first fair day thereafter, at his residence Ratcliffe Mill, near Chestertown.

TERMS.—A credit of seven months will be given on all sums of $10 and over; less than ten dollars cash.

d19-4t. T. H. WHALAND.

In the District Court

OF THE UNITED STATES,

FOR THE

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND.

In the matter of Wm Rodgers, Bankrupt.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

THIS is to give notice, that a petition has been presented to the Court, this fourth day of December, 1868, by William Rodgers, of the County of Kent, State of Maryland, and District aforesaid, a Bankrupt, praying that he may be decreed to have a full discharge from all his debts, provable under the Bankrupt Act, and upon reading said Petition:

IT IS ORDERED by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the

12th day of January, 1869,

before the Court, in the City of Baltimore, in said District, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and that notice thereof be published in the Kent News and the Baltimore Gazette, newspapers printed in said District, once a week for three weeks before that day; and that all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may appear at said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

JAMES W. CHEW,

Clerk of District Court for said District.

Dec. 19, 1868—4t.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County, letters of administration on the personal estate of Wm. Parker, Jr., late of said County, deceased.

All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of July, 1869, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit in the said estate

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of December, 1868.

HENRY URIE,

Adm'r of William Parker, Jr., dec'd.

Dec. 19, 1868—4t.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, letters of administration on the personal estate of William Legg, late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to then undersigned, on or before the 15th day of July, 1869, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of December, 1868.

HENRY URIE, Adm'r.

Dec. 19, 1868—4t.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate of DAVID SHRIVER, late of said County, deceased.

All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of July, 1869, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of December, 1868.

SAMUEL CLARK, Adm'r C. T. A.

Dec. 19, 1868—4t.

CALL

AND EXAMINE

The Splendid Assortment

OF

Watches, Jewelry,

CHAINS,

SILVER AND SILVER PLATED WARE,

at

d12. **WILLIS'.**

1868.

CHRISTMAS!

NEW GOODS!

STAPLE and FANCY DRY GOODS,

Plain and Light GROCERIES,

HARDWARE, &c., &c.

A large purchase of WINTER GOODS just made in view of the

HOLIDAYS

AND COLD WINTER WEATHER,

making our present stock unusually complete and full, and offered upon terms that cannot be unsatisfactory, our business facilities enabling us to purchase Goods at the lowest ruling rates known to the Market.

THOMAS S. WICKES.

Chestertown, December 19, 1868.

A LARGE and choice supply of FOREIGN WINES AND LIQUORS,

DOMESTIC LIQUORS some of them extra, WINES and BRANDIES for cooking purposes, CHAMPAGNE, SCUPPERNONG, and fine old PEACH BRANDY, on hand and for sale by

THOMAS S. WICKES.

Chestertown, Dec. 19, 1868

A. H. ROCKWELL'S EATING HOUSE,

CHESTERTOWN.

THE undersigned having opened an Eating House on the corner opposite the Hill, is prepared to accommodate the public with

OYSTERS, Beef Steak, Tea and Coffee, &c.,

gotten up in the very best style. I will spare no effort to give entire satisfaction to all who may favor me with their patronage.

OYSTERS by the quart or gallon supplied to families. A. H. ROCKWELL.

Dec. 12, 1868.

CARPETS!

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B. B. PERKINS & SON,

ARE SELLING

COTTAGE CARPETS at 26¼ cts.

PLAIN HEMP 45, Twilled Hemp 55 cts.

Rag Carpets,

50, 62½, 65, 70, 75 and 80 cts. per yard.

Ingrain Carpets,

62½, 75, 1.00, 1.12½, 1.25, 1.50 cts per yard.

Three Ply and Brussels

supplied to order at $2.00 per yard.

Venitian Carpets

31¼, 37½, 50, 62½, add 75 cents per yard,

6-4 Wool Drugget

at $1.75.

Floor Oil Cloths,

Widths ½ yd, 5-8, 3-4, 4-4, 5-4, 6-4 and 8-4.

Table Oil Cloths

by the yard or cover. Foot Mats, Stair Rods, Carpet Binding.

WINDOW SHADES by the yard or pair, and BUFFALO ROBES very cheap.

All the above Goods at City Prices!

B. B. PERKINS & SON.

Dec. 12, 1868—3t.

Ratification Notice.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, as a Court of Equity.

DECEMBER 5th, 1868.

ORDERED that the sales made and reported by GEORGE VICKERS and RICHARD HYNSON, Trustees for the sale of the Real Estate of Hugh M. Wallis, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the seventh day of March next; Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed at Chestertown once in each of three successive weeks before the first day of January next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $22,687.20.

JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.

True copy, Test:

JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.

Dec. 12, 1868—4t.

SELLING OFF!

MISS A. E. MIDDLETON,

Intending to discontinue business for the present, offers her stock of WINTER MILLINERY at reduced prices. The Ladies are requested to call and get Bargains.

Persons indebted to me are earnestly requested to call and settle their accounts before the first of January next.

d12-3t. A. E. MIDDLETON.

C C C

Not the "Elephant" but the MAMMOTH CHRISTMAS CAKE, and try some of Hudgins' COUGH CANDY.

It is good for the young, its good for the old,
And its good for all that takes a fresh cold.
It is good for singers, it is good for the babys,
And its good for the young man that goes to see ladies. So give it a trial.

d5 W. HUDGINS.

WANTED, for the ensuing year, a MAN with a small family, to occupy a Tenant House on the farm of the subscriber, to whom good wages will be given. For further particulars apply to JOHN L. BOWERS,

d12-3t. Still Pond, Kent co.

A Farm for Rent.

Apply to Kent News Office.

Dec. 12, 1868—3t.

THE STEAMER GEORGE LAW will discontinue her trips on and after December 15th, 1868, on account of putting in a new Boiler. B. S. FORD.

Dec. 10, 1868—1t.

A CARD. JOHN O. SLAY will attend to professional business, during the temporary absence of G. VICKERS, at their office in Chestertown. VICKERS & SLAY.

Dec. 12, 1868—3t.

NOTICE.—An election for Directors of KENT NATIONAL BANK will be held at the Banking House, in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, to elect Seven Directors for said Bank, to serve the ensuing year.

Dec. 5, 1868-3t. S. W. SPENCER, Cash'r.

A GENERAL and well selected line of WINTER DRY GOODS, just purchased at very close figures, will be opened during the early days of the coming week, by THOMAS S. WICKES.

BLANKETS, Whitney and other makes.

BALLALIEU'S BLANKETS,

COLORED BLANKETS for ordinary use,

CRIB BLANKETS of beautiful pattern.

These goods were all bought at very close figures, and will be sold at short advances.

Nov. 21st. TH. S. WICKES.

THOMAS S. WICKES calls the attention of Farmers and Laboring men to a superior lot of HEAVY WINTER BOOTS which he will sell cheap. These Boots are equal in quality of leather and workmanship to any Boot manufactured in this town.

GUM BOOTS FOR SALE.