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The Kent News.

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CONGRESS.

There was an important debate in the United States Senate on Monday, on the amnesty bill and Mr. Sumner's civil rights amendment to give colored people equality everywhere. Mr. Sumner made one of his characteristic speeches, claiming that "the spirit of slavery still lingered among us," and insisting upon the right of the negro to perfect equality with the whites in the public conveyances, schools, churches, hotels and cemeteries. Senator Vickers followed in an able speech, in which he maintained the standard Maryland States rights doctrine, which has always stood side by side with the wise conservatism of the best statesmen of the North. He enforced the truth that congressional reconstruction had been a failure, and expressed the belief that as the North never could have succeeded but for Northern Democratic support, that element should be allowed some voice in shaping legislation for reconstruction.—He believed that if Mr. Lincoln's plan had been followed we would stand to-day a united and happy people. An abstract of the remarks of Mr. Vickers will be found in another column.

On Monday a petition from Pennsylvania was presented in favor of a National Liquor-Prohibition law, and another asking that all liquor drinkers be prohibited from holding any federal office. A majority of the members seemed to think the latter a very ridiculous proposition—and no doubt it was. The idea of passing a law to prevent federal office-holders from getting drunk is absurd!—and it is out of the question to turn this class out of office, as it sometimes seems absolutely necessary that a man should be a drunkard in order to "exercise an influence" in politics!

The bill to repeal the duty on coal and salt was called up in the Senate and recommitted against the opposition of its friends, by a vote of 31 to 19, both the Maryland Senators voting to recommit.

An effort to make naturalized citizens eligible to the offices of President and Vice President of the United States by a proposed amendment to the Constitution, failed in the House, on Monday, by a vote of 81 yeas to 65 nays. Not the requisite two-thirds.

The Income tax question was before the House on Monday, and on an indirect motion to repeal the law, the vote stood yeas 71, nays 81.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

The State board of education have had an audience before the Legislative committee at Annapolis, with a view of urging the passage of laws to give discretionary power to county boards to levy a county tax not to exceed fifteen cents on the $100; the present maximum is ten cents. Also, to vest the appointment of teachers in the boards of County School Commissioners and to make more extensive provision for the education of the colored people of the State. The committee on education have expressed no opinion upon any of the propositions submitted.

In the Senate Mr. Earle obtained leave to report a bill to repeal the State tax on foreign corporations.

The resolutions for the appointment of a committee to divide the State into six Congressional Districts, and for a committee to secure the survey of a ship canal between the Chesapeake and Delaware bays, have passed both Houses.

In the Senate on Wednesday it was ordered that the committee on judicial proceedings inquire into the expediency of amending the code entitled testamentary law, so as to prevent limitation of time being a sufficient plea against claims against a decedent, when such claims are within time when presented, passed and recorded by a register of wills, according to section 114 of article 93, code of public general laws. Mr. Carroll obtained leave to present a bill to add a new section to article 51, relating to justices of the peace, and to render their judgments liens on real estate and household property.

In the House, among the leaves to report bills were the following: By Mr. Duvall, to protect society from persons charged with murder and acquitted on the ground of insanity, by providing for their confinement in asylums. Mr. Stone offered a joint resolution, which was referred to the committee on federal relations, requesting Senators and Representatives of Maryland in Congress to vote for refunding the cotton tax to planters of the Southern States. The House passed the bill authorizing Baltimore city to subscribe $750,000 to the Maryland Central railroad, and a loan to effect the same. A proposition for a visiting committee to the various charitable institutions, beneficiaries of the State, or roving committee, was voted down. The House of Delegates have adopted a resolution directing an inquiry into the advisability of employing convict labor on the roads and highways.

MR. PENDLETON'S POLITICAL VIEWS.—In reply to an invitation to attend a celebration of the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, at Wooster, Ohio, Hon. George H. Pendleton, of that State, wrote a letter expressing his views of democratic policy, in which he said that, "abandoning the consideration of all questions which have been decided or buried by the events which have passed; recognising the accomplished facts of the present, and appreciating the dangers of the future, the democratic party will invite, both by words and by deeds, both by resolutions and by nominations, the zealous, hearty co-operation of all men who believe that the constitution is a better system of government than martial law, and that reform in the civil service is a higher duty than rewarding prospective partisan effort by distributing spoils."

RESIGNED.—The President's father, Jesse R. Grant, has tendered his resignation as postmaster, at Covington, Ky.

UNITED STATES SENATOR.

As required by the law of Congress, on the second Tuesday after meeting, the two Houses of the Maryland Legislature on Tuesday last voted in their respective chambers for a United States Senator to succeed Mr. Vickers, whose term expires in March, 1873. The first vote was not expected to be decisive, but merely to comply with the requirements of law.—The following is the result of the first ballot in the two houses:

Hon. George Vickers	23	votes.
" Daniel M. Henry	16	"
" George R. Dennis	14	"
" James T. Earle	10	"
" R. B. Carmichael	8	"
" John R. Franklin	5	"
" Daniel Fields	3	"
" John M. Miller	3	"
" James B. Groome	2	"
" Alexander Evans	1	"
" Jacob Tome, rep.	11	"

Ten members were absent.

On Wednesday five ballots were taken with the following result:

Candidates.	Votes 1	2	3	4	5
Vickers	21	21	25	27	28
Earle	13	18	12	14	9
Henry	12	12	17	18	12
Groome	5	3	8	6	4
Fields	7	3	1	0	0
Thomas	2	2	1	1	9
Dennis	11	12	13	14	22
Franklin	7	5	5	5	6
Carmichael	7	6	6	4	2
Evans	1	1	0	0	0
Miller	3	0	0	0	0
Hambleton	0	5	0	0	1
Pennington	0	0	0	0	1
Cresswell	11	11	11	11	4
Tome	1	1	1	1	1
Total vote	101	100	100	101	98

The highest number of votes recorded was 101, while the full strength of a joint convention, with all the members present and voting, would be 107—that is 25 Senators and 82 Delegates. The voting will be continued daily until an election has been effected. A correspondent of the *Sun* says: "In consequence of the numerous votes cast by different delegations for the candidate from their respective counties, (which were only intended as complimentary,) the result yesterday is not considered indicative of the real views and ultimate action of members."

A NEW LIQUOR LAW IN ILLINOIS.—A bill has passed both branches of the Legislature which makes a radical change in regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors in that State. It enacts that no intoxicating liquors shall hereafter be sold in Illinois without a license, and that no license shall be issued unless the party applying therefor shall give a bond in the sum of $3,000, with two sureties, to pay all damages to any person incurred in person or property by the selling of liquor under said license, the penalty to be recovered by the State for the use of any person so injured.

IT HAS been estimated by Mr. Leo Knott, State's Attorney of Baltimore, that the Wharton trial will cost $25,000; another gentleman officially connected with the case thinks it will not reach over $18,000 or $20,000. This does not include the expenses of Mrs. Wharton's witnesses outside of the State, as the city will only defray their mileage within the State's limits. Anne Arundel county issues the certificates of indebtedness, receives the money from Baltimore city and disburses it to the proper creditors.

THE famous Fisk letters to Miss Mansfield have been published in the New York papers, but instead of their containing dark and complicated schemes relative to Erie, they are nothing more than a batch of love epistles, in which the writer professes the greatest solicitude for the happiness of Miss Mansfield. The letters were delivered by Miss Mansfield into the hands of Stokes, who used them with great effect in his suits against Fisk.

MRS. FAIR AS A FINANCIER—*The Biter Bitten.*—A dispatch from San Francisco says Laura D. Fair, convicted of the murder of Crittenden, having drawn her funds out of bank and transferred them, in order to defeat her attorneys, and prevent Dr. Trask, her medical counsel, from attaching them for his claim, is now unable to make her mother, Mrs. Lane, return $16,000 thus entrusted to her. The latter refuses to disgorge.

THE WHARTON TRIAL on Wendesday completed its thirty-seventh day. The District Attorney (Mr. Revell) concluded his argument for the prosecution and Mr. Hagner opened for the defence. It is just possible that the argument will be concluded this week.

THE situation in New Orleans is about as follows: Warmouthite Senate—no quorum. House—52 members present. The Carterite House has 41 present, and the Senate 20 in caucus, including several Warmouthites. Armed police still occupy Dryades st., blockading the approaches to the State-House.

A MODEL OFFICER.—St. Louis has a model city engineer. He declined a New Year's gift of a silver fruit-stand and berry-spoon, sent him by a city contractor, on the ground that he did not wish to put himself under obligation to any one with whom he might have to deal officially.—That engineer deserves promotion, for he is an honest servant.

THE murder of Dr. Merryman Cole, on Exeter street, Baltimore, still remains a profound mystery, the police, so far, having been unable to discover the slightest clue to the discovery of the perpetrators.

THERE is in circulation in Caroline Co., a petition to the General Assembly, praying the passage of an act to increase the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace to the sum of two hundred dollars. It meets with much opposition.

THERE were two hundred and sixteen deaths from small-pox in Philadelphia last week, which is twenty less than the number reported the week previous.

ORPHANS' COURT, January 16, 1872.—R. C. Johnson, exec'r of James Stanley, returned list of sales of personal estate of said deceased. On application of Mary Ann Graves, colored, her son, W. R. Graves, was indentured to Samuel J. Roseberry. W. H. H. Lusby, adm'r, returned an inventory of the personal estate of Thomas Lusby, dec'd, and a sale of the same ordered. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Harriett Gordon, colored, were granted to Jas. H. Baker, and Thos. Baker, and W. G. Trew appointed to appraise the estate. William Welch, guardian to Charles, William C., and Mary L. Moffett, returned his guardian account for 1871. Wm. G. Trew, guardian to Cornelus C., Thomas, Wm., Henry, Comegys, and Elizabeth S. Brown, returned his guardian account for the years 1870 and 1871.

THE GAME LAW.—Section 13 of article 98 of the Code of Public General Laws, provides that no person shall trap, shoot, or in any manner kill any partridges between the 15th day of January and the 1st day of October, nor any woodcock between the 1st day of February and the 10th day of June, nor any pheasants between the first day of February and the 12th day of August, under a penalty of five dollars for each offence. The succeeding section prohibits any tavern, restaurant or eating-house keeper, or market man from having in his possession, or offering for sale any of the birds named, between the dates stated, under a penalty of five dollars for each offence.

APPOINTED.—The County Commissioners, on Tuesday last, appointed Samuel L. Rawleigh, Constable for the Fourth (Chestertown) district. On the Tuesday previous John H. Greenwood was re-appointed. This completes the list for the county, the appointments for the other districts having been made some weeks since.

THE WORKINGMEN'S LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—At the semi-annual meeting of this association, held last week, the following officers were elected for the present year: President, J. K. Aldridge. Vice President, Prof. J. T. Carlile. Secretary, M. deK. Smith. Treasurer, Colin F. Stam. Directors: T. W. Eliason, Sr., Col. Edw Wilkins, C. T. Westcott. The following reports show the Library to be in a very flourishing condition:

Report of Treas'r from May 12 to Jan. 1.

ASSETS:

Membership shares	$120 00	
Part payment for do. in advance	24 00	
Stock shares	252 00	
Subscribers	146 80	
Fines, &c.	5 43	
		548 23

LIABILITIES.

For Books	$401 87	
Cases	45 00	
Salaries, Printing, &c.,	40 82	
		487 69
Balance in Treasurer's hands		60 54

Report of the President:

No. of books in the Library	620
No. of books read by subscribers from May to January	1353
Value of books on hand Jan. 1,	$1072 60
No. of shares of stock sold	134

A large number of new books have been purchased recently, among which are Ruskin's and Macauley's Essays, Bulwer's, Reade's, Kingsley's, Mrs. Whitney's, Charlotte Broute's, Winthrop's and H. B. Stowe's novels; Desocqueville's Democracy in America, Mill's Political Economy, and other works.

EXHIBITION.—The exhibition recently given by the Sabbath School of St. James' M. P. Church, gave such satisfaction that its repetition was requested, and in another column it is announced that another exhibition will be given on Wednesday evening next. The former programme will be improved by the addition of a number of new pieces.

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.—The Spring term of this institution will commence on the 1st of February, which would be a good time for students to enter. The College now has over one hundred and thirty students, is in a high state of prosperity, and fully commands the confidence of the people of the State under its present excellent management.

VENDUE.—Mr. J. Henry Jump, having determined to discontinue farming, will sell his stock, farming implements and household furniture, on Monday next, at his residence in Still Pond.

NEW EASTERN SHORE RAILROAD.—The Smyrna (Del.) Times says: "Mr. Ambrose Pierson, chief engineer of the Smyrna and Delaware Bay railroad, will commence the survey of a route from Clayton to Massey's this week or next. The object is to connect the Bombay Hook road with the Kent County road, which is expected to terminate at or near Deep Landing, on the Chesapeake, opposite Baltimore. Such a route would form the most direct route across the Peninsula, between the two bays, and would be shorter than the proposed road between Cambridge and Lewes."

THE Sussex Journal says: "It is said, by those who have examined the peach buds, that they were nearly all killed by the extreme cold snap in December." The Smyrna Times says: The buds have been examined by growers in this section, and they report them blackened at the germ, and therefore injured or killed outright. The peach buds in the vicinity of Bridgeville, it is said, are entirely destroyed.

LOCAL OPTION.—Petitions are in circulation in a number of the counties of the State asking of the present Legislature the passage of a law submitting the question of License for the sale of intoxicating liquors to a vote of the people of the election districts, wards and incorporated towns of the State.

THE Centreville *Observer* recommends a division of the election districts of that county, in consequence of the large accession to the number of voters by admitting the negroes to vote. In Centreville, Church Hill and Dixon's districts the number of voters range from 900 to 1300.

IMPROVING THE HARBOR OF BALTIMORE.—A Washington dispatch to the Baltimore *Sun*, dated January 16, says:

The Secretary of War to-day transmitted to the House all the facts in his possession relative to the commercial necessity for increasing the depth and width of the channels leading to the harbor of Baltimore. Major Craighill, of the engineer corps, states that the present depth at low water is 22 feet, and that it is desirable, on account of the increased commercial importance of Baltimore, to increase the mean depth to at least 24 feet. His proposition is as follows: The Craighill channel to be increased in width to 400 feet, the Brewerton channel to be increased to 250 feet, and the channel from the end of the Brewerton to Fort McHenry to be increased to 250 feet, the mean depth at low water to be 24 feet.

The estimated cost of the improvement will be $757,000. To give a channel of the same width of 23 feet depth will cost $542,000; the width of channel stated are the smallest a great city like Baltimore should have. Letters from Coll'r Thomas and the president of the board of trade accompany the report. Strong arguments are given in both letters, advocating a liberal appropriation for this purpose.

The collector gives a complete account of the present commercial business, and shows the inadequacy of the present channel to the wants of Baltimore. The chairman of the board of trade recommends the immediate appropriation of $500,000, the balance to be appropriated as the work progresses. He also recommends the adoption of twenty-five feet as the mean depth. The report was referred to the committee on commerce.

THE CATACAZY SQUABBLE—*A New Story from Berlin—A Growl from the Bear, &c.*—A Berlin letter states that the German government has received a circular from Gortschakoff relative to some incidents arising from the recall of Catacazy. This circular is said to have been necessary from the following circumstances: The American Minister Kramer, during a dinner at the house of the German minister at Copenhagen, proposed the reading of a letter from the American government explanatory of the Catacazy affair, but the Russian minister refused to listen, and the German minister said such letter must not be read in his house. Subsequently Kramer went to each minister in Copenhagen and read the letter to them individually, they of course reporting it to their governments. The Russian cabinet feels vexed over the affair, and rumors are afloat in Berlin that a coolness between Russia and the United States has arisen therefrom. The same letter states that advices from St. Petersburg represent that the Emperor and all society there consider Alexis slighted by President Grant not returning the visit, and the Emperor will not allow Alexis to return to Washington.

HOW A WAR WITH SPAIN WOULD HURT US.—The New York daily Bulletin is showing how the consequences of a war with Spain would be more serious and injurious to American interests than is generally supposed. If we want Cuba it has no doubt we can get it ultimately on peaceable terms; but, acquired by even the shortest and most successful war, the game would not be worth the powder. The war would be almost exclusively maritime; the navy of Spain is altogether superior to ours, and much more efficient. Our ironclads, for the most part, are confessed useless; and while we are building new ones, the Bulletin thinks, our ports could all be virtually sealed up, that of New York included, and our remaining foreign commerce swept from the ocean. Great commercial and industrial interests, it says, would be ruined. The important Spanish-American trade, amounting to $170,000,000 a year, would be wiped out. All this is independent of the increase of taxation and the depreciation of American credit by further necessary additions to the existing debt. No country can venture to go to war without adequate preparations and sufficient motives, and the United States least of all.

SINGULAR AND FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Friday morning a terrible accident occurred in the Long Island Brewery, by which Frank Gilram, an employee in the establishment, had his head blown to pieces by the explosion of a beer barrel. Gilram and Michael Quinn were engaged in cleaning barrels, which is done by filling the vessel with hot water and slacked lime, and then rolling it about in order to generate the gases. While they were thus engaged, a barrel which they were rolling exploded with a loud report, and hurling the fragments in every direction. One of the pieces struck the head of Gilram, severing it from the body, and dashing it against the beams of the room so violently that it was crushed into a mass of blood, flesh and bone. Quinn was hurled to the distance of about twenty feet, where he laid in an insensible condition, but was not seriously injured. Gilram leaves a wife and children.—*N. Y. Times.*

DEATH OF THE SMALLEST MAN EVER KNOWN IN THIS COUNTY.—Thos. Nichols, better known as little Tommy Nichols, died at the residence of Mr. Daniel Nichols, in the lower part of this county, on the 2d inst., aged 59 years. He was a tailor by trade, and it is said was a good workman. A good part of his time was spent in exhibitions in different parts of the United States. He was remarkably small in stature; his general health was very good, and he would at no time during life have averaged over 35 pounds. He was a native of this county, having been born and raised in the third election district.—*Denton (Md.) Union.*

BIG HAUL.—A gentleman informs us that a few weeks ago while at Lewes, Del., a fisherman living near that place, at Rehobeth Bay, caught at a single haul 10,000 pounds of rock fish, and 300 bushels of large white perch, and sold the haul at the railroad station for the snug little sum of $1400.00 cash. This was a large haul, and what made it of more importance to the successful fisherman was, that he was a very poor man, and this streak of good luck places him in easy circumstances.—*Denton Union.*

WHAT KILLED GENERAL KETCHUM.—A non-medical expert of this town knows exactly what killed General Ketchum.—He says he has read all the testimony carefully. He has examined the medical and chemical testimony, under a double magnifying glass, every day for four weeks, and he is entirely satisfied that Gen. Ketchum died from "worms."

CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The Cecil Whig says that the Board of School Commissioners of that county, at their meeting last week, determined, on account of the heavy debt, to close the schools during the Summer term.

ANOTHER AMERICAN MINISTER IN LUCK.—In San Francisco it is rumored that Minister DeLong has accepted a mission from Japan to the Great Powers, similar to the post occupied by Burlingame, from China, at $30,000 annually.

IN Washington it is expected that Rev. Dr. Eddy, at present at Charles St., Baltimore, will be assigned to the Metropolitan Church, in place of Dr. Newman.

A FEMALE FOLLOWS ALEXIS.—The Omaha *Bee* of the 12th instant, has the following curious story:

Among the passengers on the regular train from St. Louis this morning was a well dressed and well appearing lady, who made inquiries as to the whereabouts of the Grand Duke. On learning she expressed a good deal of regret at not having arrived sooner, and so conducted herself as to cause inquiry. It was learned that she belongs to a small town near St. Louis, and is a maiden lady of some twenty-six summers, who has conceived the singular infatuation that she is the destined wife of the Grand Duke Alexis. She attempted to take passage on the dacal train when it left St. Louis yesterday, but was prevented. She finally secured a ticket on the regular train, and arrived here only a few hours behind the one on which Alexis rode. She expressed a determination of going with him on his Buffalo hunt, but failed in securing a seat in the Pullman cars. She belongs to a good family, and has plenty of means to carry out her whim of following his Highness over the country, but so far her devotion has met with no reward, Alexis not deigning to bestow upon her a single glance. She is not discouraged, however, but seems to be confident in the ultimate result of her mission, and, as it is leap year, she does not have that modesty in the pursuit of her object that is usual with maidens of an uncertain age. She first met the Duke at his reception in St. Louis, and, to use a common phrase, she has been "struck" after him ever since. She says she will only desist when he shall make her the Grand Duchess.

OPPOSITION TO CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.—A Washington dispatch says:

The opposition to the civil service reform, as inaugurated by the administration, is growing stronger every day, as is shown by the outgivings of Senators and members. Senators Chandler and Carpenter will probably address the Senate this week in denunciation of the new civil service rules, and will probably be followed by others on the republican side. A discussion which arose in the House this afternoon indicated the opposition of several republican members, especially Dawes and Butler, to the so-called reform. The former declared that the civil service would be improved if the President made all appointments on his own responsibility, and not on the recommendations of members of Congress; while the latter took the opposite view, and maintained that he believed he was just as good a judge as to who was suitable among his constituents for public office, as any three or four "broken down school-masters." This reference to the civil service board provoked no little merriment. The sudden end to the dispensation of patronage has, no doubt, prompted this very general opposition, while some of the party managers fear that if persisted in the new reform will seriously damage political prospects instead of promoting them, as was expected, in the impending presidential campaign.

THE STATES AND VOLUNTEERS IN THE WAR.—The statement to be furnished the House committee on appropriations by the Secretary of the Treasury shows that there is still due the States the sum of $5,500,000, for expenses incurred in arming and equipping volunteers during the rebellion. Nearly $40,000,000 has already been disbursed on this account. Nothing has been paid to Maryland, however, who advanced large sums in equipping troops, and the Governor, in his message, announces that the vouchers showing the indebtedness to Maryland have unaccountably disappeared from the War Department—that is, if they were ever deposited there.

FISK'S WEALTH has been heretofore reported at $6,900,000. It is now said that after Fisk's debts are all settled his property will not amount to more than $100,000. His life was insured for $20,000 in the Equitable Insurance Company of New York. If this singular statement be true, the flourish of trumpets with which even in his dying moments he executed a will giving large sums of money to his sister, father, mother and friends will prove to be purely as sensational an act as any other of his life.

IT is worth something to a hotel to have Fisk killed in it. Aside from the advertisement given to the establishment by the murder, the proprietor now beings in a bill of $2,500 for the use of the room in which the deceased breathed his last. In view of this claim, it strikes us that the friends of Mr Fisk were lucky if they were able to get away with his clothing and personal effects. But we presume his clothes wouldn't fit the landlord.

THE STONEWALL JACKSON MEMORIAL.—The sum of $5,236 has been subscribed for the erection of a suitable memorial at the Virginia Military Institute, in honor of Lieutenant General T. J. Jackson, who for nearly fourteen years held the chair of natural and experimental philosophy and artillery tactics in the institution, and whose career and heroic death during the late war have made his name famous.

ONE of the Customs Inspectors of New York has brought suit against Mr. Murphy, the late Collector, and Mr. Cornell, Surveyor, to recover the amount which he had been taxed as a political assessment on his salary. This is certainly a new phase of Civil Service Reform, and the decision of the Court will be of considerable importance

THE rebellion in certain portions of Mexico does not appear to meet with that success hoped for by its leaders. General Cortina has invested Mier, and at last advices was inflicting heavy damage upon the insurgents, four or five hundred in number. The revolutionists, however, expected to be reinforced by friends from Monterey.

A WOMAN-HATER PUNISHED.—Cullison, the man who was caught in New York throwing kerosene oil on ladies' dresses, has pleaded guilty, saying that his only motive was that he didn't like women. Judge Dowling sent him to prison for one year.

THE Republican National Convention is to meet in Philadelphia, on the first Wednesday in June. After a little palaver, and a good deal of buncombe courting of the colored vote, Grant will of course be re-nominated. Colfax wants the Vice-Presidential chair for another term, and will get the nomination.

AT Cairo, Illinois, Monday night, a fire totally destroyed four tenement houses occupied by negroes. Cause, kerosene explosion. A woman named Smith was burned to death, and three missing children are supposed to have perished.

LAST week the *True Marylander* of Princess Anne contained advertisements of the property of two hundred and seventeen deliquent tax-payers—about one twelfth of the entire voting population of Somerset county.

AT Baltimore, on Friday morning, a young colored woman named Lizzie Anderson, was burned to death, by the explosion of a can of coal oil, while attempting to light a fire with it.

A TOUCHING STORY.—The New York *Times* tells a touching story of a lad eleven years of age, living at Binghamton, who being sent out on an errand, clambered into a freight car, attracted by some loose corn on the floor, which he proceeded to pick up for his chickens.—While so engaged the doors were closed, and the car—one of a train—started off to its destination. Cries and shrieks were of no avail, and for thirty miles the poor lad was thrown violently from side to side, having nothing to hold on to, until he was severely bruised and cut and his flesh filled with splinters. At the end of the journey the car was switched off and the boy discovered. Being brutally treated by the trackman who took him from the car, he was afraid to ask assistance, and actually walked all the way back to Binghamton, eating raw corn to stop the cravings of hunger, and sleeping in a haystack, where the mice ran over his face and where his feet were frozen. The distress of the parents at his loss and their joy at his recovery may be more easily imagined than described.

SMALL-POX IN NEW YORK.—A New York letter of the 16th says: "The indifference with which the presence of the small-pox among us has been viewed by the community at large, will probably be disturbed by the announcement to-day that the pestilence is steadily on the increase Since noon on Monday there have been eighteen new cases and three deaths. The physicians, acting under the instructions of the board of health, continue to vaccinate all applicants, gratis During the past week between 7,000 and 8,000 persons were thus attended to."

YOUNG RIPLEY, the New York bank clerk who committed suicide in a paroxysm of temporary insanity, had long suffered from neuralgia in the head, and on the *post mortem* it appeared that several sharp needlelike growths of bone had been forcing their way from the inside of the skull into the unfortunate young man's brain, and it is probable that they were the direct cause of the headaches to which he was a martry, and of the giving way at last to the suicidal impulse.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES.—The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's, have appointed the following constables for the present year: 1st district—Wm. J. Gillispie and John T. Atkinson. 2d district—Robert T. Armstrong, J. D. Elliott, Jr., and John McCollister. 3rd district—P. F. T. Blake, James H. Straughn and Geo. W. Legg. 4th district—Samuel A. Meginney. 5th district—Clement McConner.

THE Grand Duke Alexis left North Platte, Nebraska, on Saturday, for the camp on Red Willow Creek, in the neighborhood of which place he is to enter upon his great buffalo hunt. Extensive preparations of various kinds have been made, and Indians were already coming in rapidly. Buffaloes were reported to be within ten miles of the camp in great numbers.

STOKES will be arraigned for the murder of Fisk, Jr., in New York, on Thursday, but the case will probably not be tried until February.

A BILL has been introduced into the Ohio Legislature to give negroes the right to testify in the courts of that State.

Baltimore Price Current

[Corrected from the Sun of Thursday.]

WHEAT—White	$1.65a1 85
" Choice Red	1.65a1.68
" Medium and good red	1.61a1.63
CORN—White	62a63
" Yellow	64a69
OATS	52a55

MARRIED:

In Philadelphia on the evening of the 21st Dec., 1871, by the Rev. Thos. Malcom, JOHN B HURTT, Esq., of Baltimore, to Miss SUSE BARGER, grand-daughter of the late William Barger, of Philadelphia.

DIED:

At his residence in this county, on Friday, Jan. 12th, after a long illness, JOHN LUSBY, aged 83 years.

KENNEDYVILLE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

The members of the Quarterly Conference of Kennedyville Circuit M. P. Church, are requested to meet the undersigned in the Kennedyville Church on MONDAY MORNING NEXT, Jan. 22d, at 10½ o'clock, on important business.

1t. H. C. CUSHING.

STRAYED, from the premises of Mr. Thos. Fowler in June last, a Red, Buffalo HEIFER; no ear mark, white on the tip end of her tail, and some white hairs round the top of the hoof; two years old next April, and well grown for her age. A liberal reward will be paid for her recovery.

W H. TAYLOR, near Smithville.

Jan. 20—3t.

WOOD CHOPPERS WANTED!

75 CENTS A CORD will be paid for cutting Oak and Hickory.

Call on T. J WILLIS, Near Massey's Station, Kent Co. Railroad.

Jan. 20—3t*

EXHIBITION!

BY REQUEST, the St James' M. P. Sabbath School will repeat the exhibition recently given, on

Wednesday Evening next, Jan. 24.

The programme will include a number of new pieces. Admission 25 cents. Should the weather prove stormy the exhibition will take place the next fair evening. 1t.

Maryland Agricultural College.

THE SPRING TERM of this prosperous institution will begin Feb. 1, 1872.

A limited number of "State Scholarships" may be secured by an immediate application.

For Catalogues, &c., address REV. SAMUEL REGESTER, President, "Agricultural College" P. O., Prince George's Co

jan20-4t

Ratification Notice.

DENNIS McCAULEY,

versus

William McCauley, Albert Medders and Caroline V. Medders, his wife.

On the Equity side of the Circuit Court for Kent County, Jan. 15, 1872.

ORDERED, that the report of George Vickers, Trustee for the sale of certain Real Estate mentioned and described in the above entitled case, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the twenty-eighth day of March next;—Provided a copy of this order be inserted once in each of three successive weeks in some paper printed and published on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, before the first day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $8,250 00. JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.

True Copy,—Test: JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.

Jan. 20, 1872—4t.

FOR RENT, For the present year, A SMALL FARM, near Rock Hall. Apply to B. F. SAPPINGTON, Jan. 13—3t. Rock Hall.

STRAYED from the subscriber on the 1st January inst., a BLACK COLT, with one white hind foot, white spot in forehead and small white mark on nose; two years old next spring. Any information of its whereabouts will be thankfully received JAMES GORE, jan13-3t* Near Worton Station.

NOTICE.—Owing to the pressure of the times, the undersigned will be compelled to do a STRICTLY CASH BUSINESS on and after the first day of February, 1872. All persons indebted must make immediate settlement. G. W. SUTTON. Galena, Jan 13, 1872—4t.

PUBLIC SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an order of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, the undersigned, administrator of Thomas Lusby, deceased, will sell at public sale on

MONDAY,

The Twenty-ninth day of January, 1872, at his late residence in Quaker Neck, the Personal Property of said deceased, consisting in part as follows:

6 Head of HORSES,

THREE COLTS,

Three years old next Spring.

19 head of CATTLE,

among them two fresh Cows;

ONE YOKE OF OXEN,

31 HEAD OF SHEEP,

FIFTEEN SHOATS,

1 Carriage, 1 Buggy, 1 Horse Cart, 1 Dearborn and 1 Farm Wagon.

1 Woods' Reaper; half interest in Wheat Drill and Wheat Rake, 1 Fan and 1 Corn Sheller.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS,

Consisting of Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Hoes, Forks, Plow Gears, &c.

Household & Kitchen FURNITURE,

Beds, Bedsteads and Bedding, Chairs, Tables, Carpets, Stoves, &c.

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

TERMS:—All sums of and under $10 cash; all over that amount a credit of six months, on note with approved security.

W. H. H. LUSBY, Adm'r of Thomas Lusby, dec'd.

J. W. CARROLL, Auct'r. jan20-ts.

VENDUE.

THE subscriber, intending to quit farming, will sell at public sale, at his residence in Still Pond Neck, on

MONDAY, the 22d January, 1872,

HIS ENTIRE STOCK, WITHOUT RESERVE, CONSISTING IN PART OF

5 Head of HORSES,

Among which are TWO GOOD CARRIAGE HORSES, and ONE FINE BROOD MARE with Colt at her side.

5 Head of MILCH COWS,

Young and good Milkers, 1 Fine Bull, and other Young Cattle.

1 FINE CHESTER WHITE BOAR, 1 SOW one year old, and 5 SHOATS.

Farming Implements,

Consisting of 1 Farm Wagon & Harness, 1 Horse Cart, 1 Dearborn with tongue, 1 York Carriage and Harness, one Saddle and Bridle, 1 Small Sleigh, in good order,

1 Fan nearly new, Corn Sheller, Scythes and Cradles, Ploughs and Gears, Harrows, Cultivators, Hoes, Grindstone, &c.

Household & Kitchen FURNITURE.

Consisting of BEDSTEADS, MATTRASSES, CARPETS, TABLES, CHAIRS, 1 Small COOK STOVE for wood or coal, and one other Stove.

40 Bushels Potatoes different varieties, 1,000 Head of Cabbage, 3 bls Vinegar, lot of Timothy Hay and Corn Blades, with numerous other articles.

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

TERMS.—All purchases under Ten Dollars cash; all over that amount a credit of Eight months, with note and approved security, purchasers paying for stamps. The property not to be removed until terms are complied with.

J. HENRY JUMP. U. A. C. GARRETT, Auct'r. jan6-ts

A CARD.

THE subscriber, lately of the firm of Cox, Warden & Merritt, will continue the

Grain Commission Business

At the Corner Bowly's Wharf & Pratt Sts.

He hopes that his long experience in, and knowledge of the business will result in a due share of the patronage so liberally extended to the late firm.

LUTHER J COX, Corner of Bowly's Wharf and Pratt Sts. Baltimore, Jan. 1, 1872. 6-4t*

A CARD.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing between L. J. Cox, Jr., James Warden and Jas. A. Merritt, being dissolved by limitation on the 1st of January, JAS. WARDEN & JAS. A. MERRITT will continue the

GRAIN AND FLOUR AND

General Produce Commission Business,

AT THE OLD STAND, No. 8 Bowly's Wharf and No. 72 South Street, under the name and style of

Warden & Merritt.

We are prepared to make liberal advances on consignments.

Thanking our old customers for the patronage so liberally bestowed in the past, we would respectfully ask a continuance of the same, assuring them that at all times our best efforts will be used for the promotion of their interest.

JAMES WARDEN, JAMES A. MERRITT. Baltimore, Jan. 1, 1872 6-1m.

HARNESS SHOP.

THE undersigned having opened in the room above the Wheelwright Shop, the Harness business, he is prepared to make to order

ALL KINDS OF NEW HARNESS,

and will do REPAIRING with neatness and dispatch, at low prices for cash.

TILGHMAN SHAFER. Kennedyville, Jan. 13—3m.

TO TAX-PAYERS

OF THE FIRST DISTRICT.

PERSONS who have not paid their Taxes for 1871 are hereby notified that the demands upon me are pressing, and if they do not settle at an early day I shall be under the necessity of collecting by legal process.

jan6-3t. J. W. JARMAN, Coll.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF THE FIFTH TAX DISTRICT.

I HAVE placed my tax bills in the hands of Mr. W. K. AYRES for collection, and hope those indebted to me will pay without further trouble. Justice to myself and bond, as well as the county creditors, requires that my tax books should be closed at once.

Jan. 6—3t A. B. WHEATLEY

NOTICE.—Candidates for Certificates as Teachers of Public Schools in Kent county, and Teachers whose certificates are about to expire, are notified to present themselves for examination at the office of the School Board in Chestertown, on SATURDAY, January 27th, 1872.

R. W. RINGGOLD, Examiner. Jan 13, 1872—3t.

FOR SALE,

TWENTY-FIVE CHESTER SHOATS, Price 5 cts per pound.

W. L. BOWERS, Jan. 6—3t* Still Pond.

VALUABLE PROPERTY

IN KENNEDYVILLE,

At PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned will offer at Public Sale at Dowers' Hotel, in Kennedyville, Kent county, Maryland, on

SATURDAY,

The TENTH day of FEBRUARY, 1872

AT THREE O'CLOCK, P. M., the

HOUSE AND LOT

in Kennedyville, on Main Street, adjoining the lands of John Kennedy and Tilghman Shafer. The Lot is one hundred and sixty feet deep by sixty-five feet front, and improved by a

TWO-STORY

Frame Dwelling,

nearly new, with one room and a passage on the first floor, and two rooms above; and a two-story frame back building, with a good dry Cellar beneath.

There is a well of excellent water in the yard convenient to the house. The lot is inclosed by a new and substantial fence.

To any one, desiring a good, comfortable Dwelling House and Garden, in a central and thrifty village, through which the Kent Co. Railroad Company runs daily trains to and from Philadelphia and Baltimore, this one offers rare inducements.

THE TERMS OF SALE are as follows, but may be modified: $300 cash, or within thirty days from day of sale; the balance in six and twelve months, to be secured by bond of purchaser with approved security. A fee simple deed will be given to purchaser upon payment of the whole purchase money.

For