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The Kent News.

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MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, on Wednesday, Mr. Earle, from the committee on finance, reported that the proposition to release the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from the one-fifth passenger tax on the Washington Branch cannot be entertained until the debts due the State by said company are settled. The report was signed by Messrs. Earle, Carroll, Claggett and Stephenson, 500 copies ordered to be printed, and was made the order of the day for Tuesday, the 20th instant. The bill to tax banking institutions and other corporate bodies was read a second time.—A bill to tax the capital stock of National Banks nineteen cents on the hundred dollars has been passed by the Senate. The House proposition for an investigation of the destruction of the ice-boat Maryland was rejected, and a joint resolution adopted authorizing the Governor to unite with the Baltimore city authorities in offering a reward of one thousand dollars for the incendiary. There are a large number of bills under consideration in both houses, and the amount of legislation this session promises to be unusually large.

DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP SPALDING.—Martin John Spalding, Archbishop of Baltimore, died on Wednesday afternoon at the archiepiscopal residence in Baltimore. During the past three years he had several serious attacks of illness, one of which occurred while he was attending Œcumenical Council in Rome. About two weeks before Christmas he was attacked with capillary bronchitis, which from the beginning was of the most violent character, and terminated in his death on Wednesday. As soon as his death was announced, the bells of all the Catholic Churches in the city were tolled for an hour in recognition of the sad event to the Church. His remains will lie in state until Monday at 11 o'clock, when the funeral will take place. Archbishop Spalding was born in Kentucky, on May 23rd, 1810, and was made Archbishop of Baltimore, May 12th, 1864, and took official precedence of all other prelates in this country.

MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA BOUNDARY.—Wm. J. Aydelott, Esq., a member of the Maryland joint committee to adjust the Eastern Shore boundary between Maryland and Virginia, has made a report to the Legislature, from which it appears that after great labor to effect a satisfactory adjustment, all work by the joint commission was suddenly closed for the season, from the absence of a full commission on one or the other side. Mr. Aydelott, and Mr. H. A. Wise, of the Virginia commission, met at Crisfield in October, and made personal explorations, and if a full commission on both sides could have been had, it is thought that a satisfactory adjustment could have been arrived at. Mr. Aydelott recommends that the committee be continued, and spring or early summer be availed of to resume the work. Thus all future "oyster wars" between citizens of the two States might be avoided.

THE SOUTHERN MAGAZINE.—The February number of this valuable monthly, published in Baltimore by Messrs. Murdoch, Browne & Hill, has been received. Its table of contents consists of: Wartburg Castle, by Col. F. Schaller; Christmas Moonlight Masking, by R. Manners; Mind, by P. F. Malone; Notes on Pollard's "Lost Cause," by Gen. G. T. Beauregard; Nature Metaphors, by Sidney Lanier; and nine other articles by distinguished authors, besides reviews and editorial criticisms. This magazine ranks among the first in the country for literary merit. Mr. Wm. I. Miller, the authorized agent, is now canvassing this county for subscribers and is meeting with encouraging success.

A PASSAGE AT ARMS IN THE SENATE.—The Washington *Patriot* of Tuesday says:

Mr. Vickers yesterday made a personal explanation in reply to the impertinent comments made on Thursday by Mr. Edmunds, because of his refusal to help make up a quorum to secure the adjournment over until to-day. For no other reason but to delay action on the amnesty bill, Mr. Edmunds sprung this motion when half the Senate was absent. Mr. Vickers' vote was necessary to make a quorum, and he very properly refused to give it, as he hoped by that means to compel a session on Friday. But, in the meantime, two or three other Senators came in and made up the quorum, and Mr. Edmunds, through the aid of his friend Pomeroy, who occupied the chair, and who disregarded the parliamentary rules governing in the case, accomplished his object. He then undertook to administer a rebuke to Mr. Vickers and threaten him with the wrath of his constituents. It is not likely that the constituents of Mr. Vickers will ever feel disposed to call him to account for any action which may meet with the disapprobation of Mr. Edmunds. Mr. Vickers in his remarks yesterday vindicated his own course, and resented the dictation of Mr. Edmunds. These Senatorial whippers-in have become so accustomed to holding the lash over the heads of their political associates that they are in danger of forgetting themselves. The lesson administered by Mr. Vickers to the Vermont Senator yesterday, should be a sufficient hint to that carping gentleman that the Democratic Senators propose to be the keepers of their own consciences.

IS NOT A CARPET-BAG STATE.—A resolution in the Illinois Legislature approving and commending Sheridan's military occupation of Chicago, which was pressed by federal office-holders as a direct menace to Governor Palmer, was postponed last Wednesday *sine die*. Some of its chief opponents were republicans. When congratulated by his friends on the result, Governor Palmer remarked that he desired the administration to understand that Illinois is no carpet-bag State; that Illinois has no carpet-bag Governor; and that Illinois has no carpet-bag Legislature.

Reverdy J. Bonsey, Esq., one of the most eminent members of the Baltimore bar, died in that city on Sunday morning last, in the 61st year of his age.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Feb. 6.—Benj. M. Hazell, adm'r of Benj. Hazell; W. H. H. Lusby, adm'r of Thos. Lusby, and Jas. H. Baker, adm'r of Harriett Gordon, returned lists of sales of the personal property of said deceased, which were received and ordered to be recorded. Lydia A. and A. L. Gooding, adm'rs of Wm. Gooding, returned their first administration account. L. C. Graves, adm'r of Wm. Graves, returned his third administration account. Elias Deputy, guardian to John L. and Nora Deputy, returned his guardian accounts for the year 1871.—The last will and testament of John W. Hadaway was admitted to probate; letters testamentary thereon were granted to Ann Hadaway, and the usual notice to creditors ordered. Letters testamentary on the last will and testament of John Lusby were granted unto Robert J. Lusby, and R. Nicholson and B. F. Beck were appointed to appraise the personal estate, and the usual notice to creditors ordered. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Catharine A. Crawford were granted unto H. V. B. Crawford, and the usual notice to creditors ordered.

THE SMALL POX.—We regret to announce that this disease is on the increase in this county. There are a number of cases in the lower part of Quaker Neck, one of which is reported as likely to prove fatal, and Dr. Maxwell reports several new cases in Still Pond. There has as yet been no case in this town, but as the disease is all around us, we cannot much longer expect exemption. The importance of vaccination cannot be too strongly urged—it is a duty which every one owes to himself, his family or the family in which he resides, and to society at large. The county has made provision for the vaccination of the poor, and those unable to pay have only to report themselves to a physician.

A PLEASANT COMPANY gathered at the Methodist Protestant parsonage on Monday night last. The clattering of nimble hoofs and jingling of bells along our usually quiet streets indicated the annual visit of St. James' congregation to their minister; and one of our town boys said as the merry party passed along, "Worton is out to-night." That mysterious "little bird" so famed as the bearer of pleasant tidings had been fluttering around, and the parsonage was in order to receive them. We are assured that the visit was appreciated by the inmates of the parsonage, and enjoyed as heartily by the guests. We have reason to believe that the town congregation is in no respect behind their brethren of St. James' in kind attentions to their pastor.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—Geo. Vickers, Esq., as trustee, sold at Edesville, on the 27th ult., the Hodges property, divided into ten small lots—eight to A. J. Rees and two to Samuel Bennett—total sales $1,038.

MR. SKIRVEN'S ADDRESS.—The very excellent address recently delivered by J. T. Skirven, Esq., before the Worton Agriculturrl Club, will be found on 3d page.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.—The Wilmington Conference of the M. E. Church, embracing the boundaries of this Peninsula, will commence its annual session at Laurel, Del., on the 21st inst. Bishop Ames will preside. We are authorized to state that ministers and delegates will be passed over the Kent County Railroad at half fare.

COMMUNICATED.

Messrs. Editors:—In the regular perusal of your ever welcome paper, I have for some time missed your correspondent "Particeps," of the Worton Agricultural Club. I had become so accustomed to an article from his pen, and so much interested in the progress and success of the Club, that to be unable to learn something of its doings from week to week has really been a disappointment.

On Thursday last, the day being propitious and the fine condition of the roads favoring, I attended the Club, and found in attendance a good number of the intelligent farmers of that vicinity; and from the character of the meeting, the manner in which business was dispatched, the clear, concise and logical views advanced by those who participated in the discussion of the day, I think, in point of intelligence upon the subject of agriculture, they would lose nothing by comparison with an equal number from any locality with which I am familiar.

The leading features of the occasion were an address or essay delivered by one of the members, and a discussion (one of a series) upon commercial fertilizers, their merits and demerits, the profits and losses attending their application, &c.; and the clear, concise, ready and familiar manner in which each speaker stated his views and gave the result of his experiments, suggested to me that the society is beneficial to its members in more ways than one. In its social influence all must be benefitted; by the frequent interchange of views and comparison of opinions they become more familiar and better acquainted with and learn to appreciate each other more; and the benefits derived in an intellectual point of view are still greater, and can only be realized by those who enjoy them. Neither is it without its influence in point of morality. Its tendencies are to refine and elevate, and engender self-respect and reliance in its members. But the benefits derived as agriculturists are by far greater than all others—immeasurably great.

The most perfect and profitable agricultural school is one made up of practical, intelligent farmers, in which each in turn is teacher and pupil. And the great wonder is that each district of the county and State, and every State of this country has not one—an agricultural club.

Feb. 5, 1872. Y.

[Since the above was received, "Particeps" has made his appearance, and will be found elsewhere in this issue.—EDS.]

"TOO GOOD FOR THIS WORLD."—This is what they say about good little boys and girls when they die; and we can see no reason why it may not be said of good little counties, like Bath, in this State. If it cannot die, it ought at least to be fenced in, that its virtue may be guarded against the peradventure of wicked intrusions.—It has not a convict in the penitentiary; not a prisoner in jail; not a criminal case on the court docket, and has not had a pauper for ten years, and its poorhouse is a source of revenue to the county. Bath is ready and waiting for the millenium. She had better pray for Gabriel to blow his trumpet before the evil day comes.—*Richmond (Va.) Enquirer.*

WORTON AGRICULTURAL CLUB.

WORTON, Feb. 6, 1872.

Messrs. Editors:—Although deprived for some time past of the pleasure of talking with you about our Agricultural Club, yet I have enjoyed that pleasure in imagination every week since my last communication to you; but to-night imagination does not satisfy me. Our Club has not followed the fashion of many other such organizations, by dying of inanition after a few spasmodic meetings, but has gone on steadily from conquest to victory until its foundations are firmly laid in the affections of a large majority of our Worton farmers. Some too fixed in the old routine of tilling the soil to help on the car of progress, have become faint and weary by the way, and we seldom see them at our meetings, but their places have been taken by men whose watchword is *onward*. At our last meeting, Feb. 1, we had over thirty present, and if you had been with us, and had called to mind the exercises when the Club met in the little room on the corner, the change would not only have gratified but astonished you. Members who at that time, if called on for their views, found themselves embarrassed in their attempts to "speak in public," now rise with grace and ease and address the Club in concise and often elegant language. The order of business has become familiar, and an acquaintance with some of the elementary parliamentary rules has been attained that has added greatly to the interest and usefulness of our meetings. Now even the confirmed croakers have ceased their "*cui bono?*" and the verdict is, the Club is a good thing. The long continued illness of our esteemed President has doubtless, by depriving the Club of his presence and counsel, lessened its progress, but we trust a kind Providence may restore his health and again permit the Club to be benefitted by his wisdom and large experience, but we realize that though absent in person he is with us in spirit.

Many things suggest themselves that I think would interest you, but your paper is so admirably filled, that I hesitate to ask too much space, although your kindness in the past would encourage me to write on. A list of those questions that have been discussed since we last talked together and the disposition of each would doubtless interest your readers, and may form the subject of a future communication. For some time past the value of different commercial fertilizers has been discussed, one by one, and a verdict given of worthless or good, as experience has justified; and I assure you the remarks have ranged all the way from grave to gay—from solemn to severe. The fertilizer for next Thursday is "bones," in all the forms in which they are used.

On last Thursday a majority of the committee appointed to arrange a programme for an Agricultural Exhibition in the fall, made their report, which report provides for a three days' exhibition—a large array of premiums, the erection of shedding and other accommodations for a large amount of stock, a band of music, a floral, horticultural and mechanical exhibition at the same time, and a graded track for the trials of speed (carefully, Messrs. Editors, not racing, you understand), with prizes for the winning horses; the exhibition to be free to all competitors in the State who pay the charges and comply with the conditions. The consideration of the report was postponed until Thursday, Feb. 15, when there will be a minority report on the same subject, recommending a neighborhood and social exhibition, free to all farmers and their wives and children, with no parade or ostentation, *no horse racing*, that element so baneful to agricultural exhibitions in the past, and of but trifling expense. We hope to have all the members present at the time mentioned, as this is one of the most important things the society has ever been called on to consider, and it is desired that a full vote may be had; and there are some members, perhaps a majority, who do not think trials of speed with purses for the winning horses, as legitimately connected with agriculture, any more than the race horse is suitable for the purposes of farming, and who conscientiously believe such trials of speed encourage and smooth the way for regular horse racing, with its attendant evils. PARTICEPS.

THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

COMMUNICATED.

Messrs. Editors:—Permit a brief reply to "A Friend of Temperance." The laws, I think, both human and divine, do recognize the legal and moral responsibility of the liquor drinker. It is no extenuation, but rather an aggravation of any criminal act, to plead that the offender was at the time of its perpetration under the influence of liquor. Nor do I know that any one has ever seriously sought to weaken the force of this principle by claiming for the drunkard an exemption from this responsibility. The State has done more to dis-establish it than any private citizen could do. Seneca claims that "drunkenness is temporary madness," but the State builds and endows an 'Inebriate Asylum' for the insane drinkers. I leave to better casuists than I am to reconcile the conflicting principle of the law with the theory upon which Inebriate Asylums are founded for the benefit of crazy drunkards. Of one thing I am fully assured, God holds the drunkard and the drunkard-maker equally accountable to Him. The same law that declares a woe to the drunkard denounces with equal emphasis a woe to him who puts the bottle to his neighbor to make him drunken withal. But is there no other than moral responsibility? Is there not a responsibility in which the drunkard cannot share? Mary Fallon was horribly scalded by her drunken mother, and the police officers found several smaller children on the verge of death from starvation and cold. (See Baltimore *Sun*, Feb. 2nd.) Who doubts that Fallon, the drunken father, and the whiskey-crazed mother, are morally responsible? But there are other results to be taken into the account. These children are to be provided for at much expense. Who is responsible for this expense? Who is to pay the doctor, the baker, the butcher, the merchant, shoemaker, teacher, and all who must furnish these wretched children? To talk of the responsibility of the drunken father and mother is sheer nonsense. Who then is responsible for the material results? Who ought to be if not he who received the profits of the infamous transaction? The people, we know, have the burden to bear, and rightly, so far as they sanction the traffic and participate in the profits; and the latter is just to the extent of the money received for licenses, which is overwhelmingly counterbalanced by the cost of the resulting pauperism and crime. The profit of the liquor dealer is not subject to a drawback of this kind, and therefore he should bear his proper share of the pecuniary results. And now the object of the Temperance men is to get a dissolution of the barbarous partnership, and retire from a participation in a business the results of which is only the repitition of the Fallon outrage a thousand thousand times over.

A word or two as to the real ground of the accountability of the liquor vendor. Does he know, or does he not know the results of his business? If he does, then there is the "guilty knowledge" which constitutes him a "particeps" and "an accomplice." If he does not, then he is too stupid to hold a license as a hogreeve, much less to become a partner with the State in a business of such vast magnitude and deplorable results. I do not ask if he knows in any specific case what the result may be; but does he know the usual tendency and ordinary, general results? If he does, he is surely responsible.

If "A friend of Temperance" will review his legal lore, I think he will find that if the blessed spouse of "N. and T." should prepare and furnish the garment *knowing* that her liege would use it to choke himself to death therewith, that the said Mrs. N. and T. would be deemed an accessary; and more especially so, if she knew that such was the usual tendency of such garments. So of every supposed or supposable case. Human law is generally, and should always be conformable to the divine, and in this the present case may be found at Exodus 21-29, et sequitur. A knowledge of the nature of the beast constituted the liability of the owner. "Now and Then" does not advocate a transfer of responsibility, but would have "every tub stand on its own bottom," and especially that of the liquor dealer. That the law shall not only shield the minor child, the ward and apprentice, as it does, but also secure ample indemnity to the wife and mother, to the sober citizen and the long-suffering tax-payer. The very idea of license is based upon the acknowledgment that the traffic is dangerous and pernicious.

The apothecary is not only licensed, but is required to lable his drugs, and in case of poison, is compelled to mark on every package "Poison," and lest any one should not be able to read it, the hideous head and bones must conspicuously appear. If "A friend of Temperance" is in reality one, he will need no argument to convince him of the poisonous nature of the alcoholic compounds sold at the grog shop and hotel bars, and if it be proper to hold the druggist responsible, why is it not equally proper in the case of the liquor vendor?

In conclusion, let not any "friend of Temperance" fall out because of the question of responsibility, but let all go earnestly to work to get a law that shall permit the people to decide the whole matter for themselves. We can "agree to disagree" on less essential points.

Yours, truly, NOW AND THEN.

[From the Baltimore Sun, 2d inst.]

Highly Important Arrests—Detection of Parties in Passing "Raised" Checks.

During the past year a number of the banks in different parts of the country have been swindled by what is called "raised checks;" that is, the fraudulent changing of a genuine check for a small amount to that of a much larger one. The modus operandi of parties engaged in this fraud is to open a correspondence with some well known business firm, who would think the transaction legitimate, for the effecting of some comparatively trifling business necessitating a small return payment, receive a check and then raise the amount and run the chances of the altered check being paid by the bank on which it is drawn. As an instance it may be mentioned that on the 13th of June, 1871, for some minor transaction, Messrs. Geo. Small & Co. gave their check for $32 50 on the First National Bank of Baltimore, which was a few days subsequently handed to the Shrewsbury Savings Institution in York county, Pa., altered to $3,250 and paid.

The detectives in various parts of the country have for months been engaged in ferreting out the matter, including Messrs. Smith, Pierson & West, independent detectives of Baltimore, who finally succeeded in satisfying themselves as to the alleged perpetrators of the fraud, and compassing their arrest. Some months ago these active police agents had cause to suspect a party who stood fair in the community. They kept their own counsel, and in order to aid them in their investigations rented an upper room in a building directly opposite to where the suspected party was doing an apparently legitimate business. Here one of the firm, or a trustworthy employee, was in constant attendance noting the outgoing and incoming of the suspected party, as well as those who might be doing business with him. They were not long in fixing upon two others, who they became satisfied were connected with the fraudulent transactions. In the meantime Messrs. Smith, Pierson & West had become possessed of a number of altered checks, upon which the money had been paid, all traceable to the same source.

Being pretty sure of their men, Messrs. Smith, Pierson & West induced certain of their bank officers of the banks of Louisville, Pittsburg and Shrewsbury to visit Baltimore, and as soon as the three suspected parties were quietly pointed out to them, they were at once identified as the parties who had presented the raised checks to the respective banks. The next step of the detectives was to have the bank officers return to their respective homes, and get the suspected parties indicted by the grand juries of their cities. This being done, and armed with requisitions from the Governors of Kentucky and Pennsylvania on Governor Whyte of Maryland, and the latter directing Sheriff Kane to make the arrests, the latter officer deputised the detectives who had so worked up the case to make the arrests. About 1 P. M. yesterday, the detectives, armed with the law at every point, proceeded to arrest Henry C Commegys, agent for the National Life Insurance Company, (Jay Cooke's,) doing business at No. 12 Postoffice avenue, Raine's Building, Dr. Jas H. Ludwig, a well-known dentist, whose office is at No. 94 North Eutaw street, and Dr. S. L. Swarmstedt, another dentist, who rooms at St. Nicholas Hotel.

These parties have all heretofore stood well in the community, but on being taken before Sheriff Kane he at once deputised Messrs. Smith, Pierson & West to convey Swarmstedt to Louisville, Ky., and Comegys and Ludwig to Pittsburg, Pa., for trial. The detectives left for the West by the night train of the Northern Central railway. The amount charged to have been obtained by fraud as far as known is $28,050, although it is believed to be much larger.

The plan for obtaining the check from Messrs. Geo. Small & Co., for $32 50, which was changed to $3,250, was as follows: The firm received a letter from a party, the name fictitious, of course, dated at a point on the Northern Central railway, stating that the writer would like to know the market price of rye, of which he had a lot for sale, and would ship to Messrs Geo. Small & Co. There was a lot of gold coupons in the letter, and a postscript stated that the coupons had just come into the writer's possession, and asking that they be disposed of and the amount remitted by check. The coupons were sold, the check for $32 50 sent as requested, but nothing was afterwards heard of the rye. Some three weeks after Mr. George Small, on calling at the First National Bank in Baltimore, of which he is a director, was, much to his surprise, informed that his bank account was overdrawn. An investigation soon brought the fact to light that the $32 50 check had come back from the Shrewsbury Savings Bank altered to $3,250, that institution having cashed it on presentation.

(Correspondence of the Kent News.)

The Old Fifth Still Ahead—Fine Singing—Socialities—Plenty of "Tin."

Messrs. Editors:—A large portion of the soil of the Fifth District of our county, as is well known, is a cold, stiff, stubborn clay, exceedingly retentive of moisture, and requiring a much greater expenditure of labor and money to obtain remunerative crops, than soils of a more friable quality. The "chip-monk," or ground squirrel, so common elsewhere, is never seen below St. Paul's Church, owing, doubtless, to the compact texture of the soil; and probably for the same reason, the locusts never appear below the same locality. The Fifth District has hitherto had no advantages from railway facilities, and is limited in postal arrangements to a tri-weekly mail, and yet with all these draw-backs to her prosperity she is in many respects still far in advance of her sister districts. It is true that this peculiar unyielding soil is the very best for wheat and grasses, but the cost of its proper preparation is so much heavier that it perhaps more than counterbalances its greater productiveness, so that the progress in the development of her material resources is evidently mainly due to the intellectual activity and energy of her citizens. But in respect to her political attitude the Fifth is the banner district, as was clearly shown at the late Fall election, when but for the unyielding fidelity of her veteran democracy, aided by the patriotic old Whigs, the whole county would have been in the hands of the Sumnerites, Crawfordites, et id omne genus; and yet only two or three of her sons are holding any office of trust or emolument. This is not said by way of complaint by any means, for the men of the Fifth are willing to grapple with their tenacious soil, and brave the storms, wringing from land and water a generous support, and biding their time, until again it may become necessary to interpose to rescue the liberties of their fellow citizens from the domination of scalawags, and the machinations of demagogues.

In social life no people stand higher, and none know better how to enjoy it.—A rare occasion for hilarity and good cheer was the celebration of the Tin wedding of our genial friends Mr. and Mrs. Thos. A. Hulme, which took place at "Eccleston," their residence, on the 26th ult. As soon as the guests had gathered, they were invited into a room properly fitted up for the exhibition of *Tableaux vivants*. These were: Washington, in three parts; Falsehood in three, Novice in three, Mendicant in four; The Listener, Graces, and Prayer for the Mariner, each a single scene. The execution of these pieces was admirable, and elicited warm commendation from the appreciative company. The little Miss who held the slate, in hopeless despair, by the side of the stern looking schoolma'am in the third scene, representing the Mendicant, was the very impersonation of utter inability, and expressed *cant* more impressively than words could have done. If a criticism upon a performance altogether so excellent as these Tableaux were, may be allowed, it might be suggested that in the closing scene of the Novice, the young lady who is about to take the veil should have assumed an attitude, not of supplication, but of quiet submission. The Graces, Aglaia, Euphrosyne, and Thalia, were very beautifully represented, but better if spectators could have distinguished them one from the other. These tableaux were succeeded by the burlesque wedding, the ceremony being performed amid "lots of tin" by the venerable Doctor E. A. Vannort, assisted in the department of vocal music by "our melancholy friend" C. H——. The marriage certificate, a glittering sheet of tin, was duly presented, and succeeded by the warm congratulations of delighted friends. The bridal *trosseau* of tin jewelry was unfortunately not on hand. Dr. V. must be congratulated on his entire success in the role ecclesiastical. The ritual of the occasion was remarkably appropriate, but too long for your columns. Messrs. Beck, Wilson and Strong enlivened the evening with exellent music. The guests then surrounded the tables bountifully spread, and did ample justice to the delicacies of the abundant larder of their whole souled host and hostess. Conversation, music and dancing consumed the time till the small hours came on when the pleasant party began to break up.

The singing in the Churches of the Fifth District is a feature of society worthy of note. There is not perhaps outside of our large cities a choir equal to that of the Wesley Chapel Church, led by Geo. H. Thompson, Esq. St. Paul's has a very effective choir, and though I do not know that there is a choir organized at Hynson's, yet I do know that they have remarkably fine singing there whenever H. B. and his daughters are there. At Salem an effort is now being made to organize a choir; and the gentleman who leads the movement, himself no mean proficient in music, assures me that he has rarely, if ever, found so many fine voices in a circuit of so small a number of miles. Success to the singers. "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord."

On Thursday evening, 1st instant, the rector of St. Paul's and his family were no doubt agreeably surprised at the unexpected arrival of a dozen or more vehicles in front of the rectory, containing a goodly number of his congregation, each on kindly thought intent. What amount of hams, poultry, butter, flour and other substantialities passed into Mrs. P's store room this deponent saith not, only this, that more would have gone in had the design been more generally known.

SIMON SHARP.

CRISFIELD (MD.) OYSTER TRADE.—The sailing of the English steamer Salsette for England with a cargo of oysters has been reported. The Salsette took aboard her cargo at Crisfield, Md., for the London market. The steamer is a ship of about 2,000 tons, sent out by the Fishmongers' Company, of London, to procure oysters for replenishing the exhausted oyster beds of England. Last year the company sent over Mr. Weatherby as its agent, who went to Crisfield and spent a week there. This gentleman returned to England, carrying with him several barrels of oysters in the shell. These were inspected favorably by the Fishmongers' Company, and were afterwards served up in 'every style' at a dinner given for the purpose of testing their quality. At this dinner Mr. Frank Buchland was present. He and the other guests were very much pleased with the American bivalves, and so expressed themselves. The company then resolved to send out a steamer and ascertain whether the oysters could be imported into England in large quantities, and the Salsette was dispatched to Crisfield for the purpose. The steamer took on board 13,000 bushels, and cleared from Crisfield direct to London. Should the venture prove a profitable one, it is likely that a large trade will be carried on, and the oyster trade at Crisfield largely increase.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL.—The religious revival which has been in progress at the M. E. Church in Denton for five weeks past still continues. Twenty-six persons have already united themselves with the Church and the altar is nightly crowded with anxious seekers for salvation.

LETTER FROM GALENA.

GALENA, Feb. 7th.

Messrs. Editors, Kent News:—I believe I promised you "once upon a time" to contribute an occasional article to your worthy paper. Permit my bashfulness to appear in print, to plead my excuse for this long delay. However, I think the time has arrived when I may with propriety give to the world some of the "doings" of our little town. Although we are to some extent shut out from the world by the ice and snow, we profess to have sufficient resources within ourselves to devise means for our rational amusement. Furthermore it is well known that our good folk of Galena are ever ready and glad to promote any enterprise that will entertain and instruct. We are unwilling to be *laggards* in this progressive age. "Laugh and grow fat" is equally our motto with "watch and pray"—and believing there is a time to dance and a time to pray, we have acted accordingly.

The revival at the M. E. Church, which was so long and successfully continued through the indefatigable labors of the accomplished minister, Rev. Mr. Aldred, has been brought to a close. On Sunday evening, at the academy hall, Bishop Lay preached a most excellent and impressive sermon to an attentive and appreciative congregation; and in this connection I cannot help remarking that it is a matter of great regret that the Episcopal congregation here has no minister.

Our pleasure loving people (and Messrs. Editors this includes nearly all) had been for some time on the "qui vive," anxiously awaiting the announcement of the Grand Social Hop, which it was known the Odd Fellows of Kent Lodge, No. 74, had had under discussion a long time.—Finally the announcement was made, and on Wednesday night, Jan. 30, the grand hop came off. It was held in the fine and spacious hall of the Academy; the building was so brilliantly illuminated that it gave the whole town quite a gala appearance. About 9 P. M. the room was well filled with a select company, lamps shone o'er "fair women and brave men," soon "music arose with its voluptuous swell," and "all went merry as the marriage bell." Lest it should be deemed invidious I will not mention any of the names of the fair ones who lent their grace and beauty to the festive occasion. Messrs. Editors, I always enjoyed listening to the call of the "figures" when at a dance, and with it I ever associate a stout pair of lungs in an aldermanic corporation; on this occasion my idea was realized. The piano was most beautifully and artistically performed upon by Mr. R. J. McCauley, who kindly gave his services for the occasion. This Hop was a success; everything passed off quietly and every body was pleased; nothing occurred to mar the pleasures of the evening. The managers and directors of it, from the manner in which they performed their part, might I think be called "old stagers" at the business; they deserve great credit. Another hop is to take place on Monday, 12th instant, and judging from the names of the directors, &c., it will be a very grand affair, and of which, perhaps, you will hear in due time from your REPORTER.

Baltimore Price Current

[Corrected from the Sun of Thursday.]

WHEAT—White	$1.66al.67
" Choice Red	1.63al.70
" Medium and good red	1.58al.60
CORN—White	66a69
" Yellow	67a69
OATS	52a55

DIED:

Departed this life, on the 1st inst., in Baltimore, ROBERT J. BAYNARD, son of Wm. H. and Evaline Baynard, in the 16th year of his age.

Near Fairlee, on the 28th ult., of Consumption, JAMES H. PARSONS, in the 33rd year of his age. He leaves behind him a sorrowing widow and three children. Jesus said, "he that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." J. K.

In Chestertown on Sunday, the 4th instant, of Dropsy, superinduced by a lingering illness of heart disease, JAMES GRAVES, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. The deceased filled the office of a Justice of the Peace in this town for a number of years, and up to the time of his death. He was a man of remarkable physical power and endurance in his better days, but for a number of years his health has been enfeebled by the disease above mentioned. He was highly esteemed by the community in which he lived for his honesty and integrity, and had for some years been a member of the M. P. Church. He leaves a widow and one child—a married daughter.

In Middlesex county, Virginia, recently, MARY A. A. KENNARD, wife of W. J Kennard, formerly of this county, in the 27th year of her age.

How sad to part with those we love
With those on earth held dear,
And yet how blessed 'twill be
To meet in that celestial sphere.
God in his mercy has taken her home
To dwell in his mansions above,
And O 'twill be joyful to meet her again
Where all is bliss and love. E.

The angels took little RICHIE, the oldest son of James S. and Margaret Harris, of Still Pond, to his home in Heaven, Jan. 31st.

The blessed Saviour has taken our precious jewel from us, and left only the casket to mingle with the earth. We, in our selfishness, would have kept the child longer, but He in His wise Providence, saw that it was best for him not to battle with the world. During the three years, eleven months and sixteen days that he was given to us, he diffused throughout the household light and love that will not soon be forgotten. He evinced an intellect far beyond his years, and an intensity of affection almost unbounded A great many times during the day, especially this winter, he would kiss his parents and ask if they loved him, and several times while talking with them of God, which was a favorite theme, he has said, with his eyes turned Heavenward, that he could almost see God. When those parents told him that God could not be seen with earthly eyes, they little thought he would so soon see Him with angelic eyes. K.

BISHOP LAY will officiate at St. Paul's Church on SUNDAY, the 11th, at 10½ A. M., and at I U. Church at 3½, P. M. 1t.

1200 WHITE OAK POSTS FOR SALE.
Apply to Dr. F. N. SHEPPARD,
feb10-2m* Crumpton, Md.

FOR RENT, A DWELLING HOUSE, in Still Pond—good stand for a Butcher.
Apply to R. J. LEARY.
Feb. 10, 1872—3t*

FOR RENT, THE DWELLING HOUSE lately occupied by myself, with Stable attached, on Main Street. Also, the STORE HOUSE AND DWELLING lately occupied by Edward Ryland, for the balance of this year. Will be rented low to good tenants.
Apply to WM. J. VANNORT,
feb10-tf. or WM. VANNORT.

FOR RENT, For the year 1872, THE HOUSE AND GARDEN, in Chestertown, on the South East corner of Cross and Cannon Streets, near the Meth. Prot. Church. Possession given immediately. For terms apply to C. T. WESTCOTT, Esq., my Attorney, Chestertown, Md.
feb3-tf M. C. HOWARD.

TEACHER WANTED IMMEDIATELY—a gentleman to take charge of School No. 7, First District, Kent county, Md.
Apply to E. B. WOODALL,
W. T. SPRY,
E. E. MILLER,
feb10-3t. Trustees

NOTICE
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

HAVING made arrangements to leave the county in a short time, I would respectfully notify those owing me, that their bills are ready for immediate settlement; all accounts notes &c., not settled, before I leave, must pass into other hands for collection. Having heavy demands upon me for money, I will close out my stock on hand at very low prices for Cash.
Feb. 10, 1872. L. S. FOWLER, Chestertown.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of Venditioni Exponas, issued out of the Circuit Court for Kent county, and to me directed, at the suit of Jacob Tome, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of John F. Newnam, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of the said John F. Newnam, of, in and to the following property:

ALL THAT FARM

on which said Newnam now resides, adjoining the lands of Wm. Miller and others, in the second election district of Kent county. Also,

7 Head of Horses.

4 MULES, 13 HEAD OF CATTLE,
30 Sheep, 12 Hogs, 2 Carriages,
3 Farm Wagons, 2 Ox-Carts, and one Yoke of Oxen.

And I hereby give notice, that on *MONDAY, the 4th day of March*, 1872, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on the premises where the said Newnam now resides, I will sell the said property, so seized and taken in execution to the highest bidder for cash, to pay and satisfy said writ, interest and costs due and to become due thereon.

A. B. WHEATLEY, Sh'ff.
Feb. 10, 1872-ts—[$6.50]

Constable's Sale.

BY virtue of one writ of fieri facias, issued by T. W. Russell, one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Kent county, at the suit of H. L. Crew, to me directed, against the lands and tenements, goods and chattels of Joseph C. Rasin, I have and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of the said J. C. Rasin, in and to the following property:

HOUSE AND LOT

in Still Pond, where said Jos. C. Rasin now resides,

1 BAY HORSE, 1 YORK CARRIAGE AND HARNESS.

And I hereby give notice, that on *SATURDAY, the 2nd of March*, 1872, at 11½ o'clock, A. M., at the Court House in Chestertown, I will sell the said property so seized and taken in execution to the highest bidder for cash, to pay and satisfy said writ, interest and cost due and to become due.

JOHN H. GREENWOOD,
Feb 10-ts (5.00) Constable.

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

CATHARINE A. CRAWFORD,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 3rd day of September, 1872, otherwise they may by law be excluded from the benefits of said estate.

Given under my hand this 6th day of February, 1872.

H. V. B. CRAWFORD,
Feb. 10 1872—4t. Adm'r.

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

JOHN W. HADAWAY,

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 the undersigned, on or before the 3rd day of September, 1872, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit in the said estate

Given under my hand this 6th day of February, 1872.

ANN HADAWAY,
Feb. 10. 1872—4t. Executrix.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, Letters Testamentary on the personal estate of

JOHN LUSBY,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 3rd day of September, 1872, otherwise they may by law be excluded from the benefits in said estate.

Given under my hand this 6th day of February, 1872.

ROBERT J. LUSBY, Exec'r.
Feb. 10, 1872—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

HARRIET GORDON,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 20th day of August, 1872, otherwise they may by law be excluded from the benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 30th day of January, 1872.

JAMES H. BAKER, Adm'r.
Feb. 3, 1872—4t.

CALL AT THE
Grocery, Provision and Variety Store
of the undersigned, opposite the M. E. Church, Chestertown, and you can always get a fair market price either in cash or goods, for
EGGS, POULTRY, DRIED FRUIT, FEATHERS, BEEF HIDES, TALLOW,
Otter, Mink, Fox, Coon, Rabbit and Muskrat HIDES.
A. M. RUSSELL,
Jan. 27—3m. Agt.

Maryland Agricultural College.
THE SPRING TERM of this prosperous institution will begin Feb. 1, 1872.
A limited number of "State Scholarships