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The Kent News.

SATURDAY, - - - APRIL 19, 1873.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Many of the leading citizens of Baltimore, of both political parties, have united in a request to Hon. Joshua Vansant, the present Mayor of the city, to announce himself as a candidate for re-election.—Mr. V. replies in effect that he will be a candidate only in the event of receiving the regular nemination of the Democratic and Conservative party.

Geo. P. Kane, Esq., Sheriff of Baltimore city, has written a letter to Governor Whyte, tendering his resignation of the office, to take effect on the 20th of June next. No cause is assigned by him for so doing, but some of the city papers intimate that it is in reference to certain difficulties said to be experienced by him in the discharge of his official duties, for which he was unwilling to be held in any degree responsible, and to complaints which he was compelled to listen to which he felt powerless to redress. The Governor has returned the resignation, with a request that it be withdrawn.

Dr. Jacob D. Thomas, recently convicted at Frederick, Md., of manslaughter, in killing John Lloyd Belt, Jr., has been sentenced to the penitentiary for 2 years.

Since the murder of Gen. Canby there has been some severe fighting between our troops and the Modoc Indians in the Oregon lava beds, but for some days past the army has been mystified. After Captain Jack was beaten out of his cave it was announced that he had fled to the hills. Traces of his flight were seen, and there ensued a reign of terror among the settlers. General Schofield has since telegraphed that he has reason to believe the Modocs are still in the lava beds—which are full of hiding places—and he hopes to catch them all yet. So mote it be.

Davis, who was convicted of the murder of Abraham Lynn, in Carroll county, loses his last chance of life by the decision of the Court of Appeals rendered on Friday of last week, unless Governor Whyte should save him from the gallows. The Court sustained all the rulings of the Court below, a minority, consisting of Judges Bowie and Stewart only, dissenting from the decision. The Hagerstown *Daily* says: "Davis received the news without any apparent emotion, and, in fact, expressed himself as prepared for and expecting this result. His coolness, under the circumstances, was indeed remarkable. He rose from his bed to hear the news, and conversed as calmly as if it had been tidings of his release, instead of his death knell. After the door of his cell was closed upon him he was heard whistling a lively air, after which he retired for the night."

The Supreme Court of Illinois has just rendered a decision which is of importance to the public, as confirming the principle that railroad corporations may not make contracts between themselves that are detrimental to the public interests, and that contracts which impair their duties as common carriers are void to the public, even though they may be enforced as between the two contracting parties.

The small-pox has almost entirely disappeared from Baltimore city, there being but one death from it last week.

The forgeries on the Bank of England have turned out to be a bad speculation on the part of the criminals. The two Bidwells and MacDonnell, the principals, have been caught, and on Monday their plunder, amounting to over $220,000, was found in New York and captured by the authorities.

Mr. John B. Brown, as attorney for bondholders of the Queen Anne's & Kent Railroad, has been instructed, says the *Centreville Observer*, to file a bill for the sale of the road. The amount claimed is $12,000, overdue interest. The bill, we understand, will be filed at the May term of our circuit court.

Captain Williams gets as punishment for his share of the criminality attaching to the wreck of the Atlantic, a suspension for two years of his right to command a ship. The moral disgrace is greater than the intrinsic value of the sentence, but his own feelings must cause him greater pain than any human sentence could inflict.

THE NEW TRUNK LINE WEST.—The New York Tribune says that the New Jersey and Southern Railroad Company is officially announced as on the point of complete organization, and when all consolidations are perfected will embrace the following roads: The Long Branch and Seashore, the New Egypt and Farmingdale, the Tom's River and Watertown, the Pemberton and New York, the Vineland, the Smyrna and Delaware Bay, the Kent County, the Maryland and Delaware, with power to consolidate and amalgamate with other railroads in the States of New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware, as may be requisite to make a continuous line to Baltimore, Md., and Norfolk, Va.

Two vessels, now in course of construction, are intended for the Chesapeake Bay. The passenger vessels of the company are intended to rival those of the Fall river line in luxury and expense.

The officers of the road say that it will be completed about July 1st, (the contracts specifying that date as the limit,) and that it will be a trunk line, extending from New York to St. Louis, by means of a connection which will be made with the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near Baltimore. The new line, they claim, will be seventy-five miles shorter than the Erie railway, and will run through the most fruitful regions of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. The capital stock of the road will be $7,000,000, and the bonded debt $6,000,000.

THE WEST MURDER TRIAL.—Ex-Senator Willard Saulsbury has been engaged as counsel to defend Dr. West, of Dover, Delaware, charged with the murder of Occoh Turner. The trial will take place at the next session of court for Kent county, Delaware, which will commence on Monday of next week.

THE *Cecil Democrat* is an excellent editorial recommends the election of S. Teakle Wallis, Esq., of Baltimore, so distinguished for his legal attainments and brilliant oratory, to the U. S. Senate next winter.

COURT.—The April term of the Circuit Court for Kent county commenced last Monday. Present: Hon. J. A. Wickes, Judge; A. B. Wheatley, Sheriff; Jesse K. Hines, Clerk; J. A. Pearce, State's Attorney. The Grand Jury was empanneled with Wm. Cacy as foreman, and appropriately charged by the Court. The following cases have been disposed of:

P. T. Simmonds vs. Solomon Williams. Appeal from Justice Stanley. Judgment reversed, and judgment for appellant with costs above and below. Pearce for appellant, Blackiston for appellee.

State vs. Roland Bennett, presentment for an assault and battery on Joseph B. Hadaway. Verdict, not guilty. Pearce for State, H. W. Vickers for defendant.

State vs. Michael Webb, presentment for an assault and battery on David E. Elburn. Not guilty. Pearce for State, Slay for defendant.

State vs. David E. Elburn, presentment for an assault and battery on Mich. Webb. Guilty, and fined $1 and costs. Pearce for State, Hynson for defendant.

State vs. John T. Carroll and Jas. A. Bacchus, presentment for riotous conduct and resisting officers in discharge of duty. Guilty, and the former fined $10 and half costs, and the latter $5 and half costs.—[These parties had been previously tried before a Justice of the Peace and fined for riotous conduct, and the punishment in this instance was for resisting officers.]

Levi Fiddis, Jr., vs. Dr. T. H. Whaland. Action to recover for lime alleged to have been delivered. Verdict for pltiff for $216. Pearce for plaintiff, Hynson for defendant.

Wm. Hepbron vs. Wm. J. Vannort. Appeal from Justice Stanley. Judgment affirmed, with costs above and below.—Blackiston for appellant, Hynson for appellee.

Wm. McKee vs. A. J. Wallis; appeal from Justice Stanley. Submitted to the Court upon an agreed statement of facts. Judgment reversed, with costs above and below.

John S. Walters, who cut Green at Millington, appeared in Court on Tuesday and was recognized in $1,000 by himself and $1,000 by Wm. T. Hepbron and G. W. Chrisfield.

The Grand Jury, having concluded its labors, was discharged on Thursday.

Judge Wickes has presided alone on the bench, Judge Robinson being engaged in the Court of Appeals and Judge Stump at the Caroline court. There is little but chancery business remaining to be transacted, and the court will probably adjourn on Monday or Tuesday.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, April 22d.—The release of Charlotte A. Muith to Mary E. Kendall (now Mary E. Urie,) adm'x of Thos. H. Kendall, was received and ordered to be recorded. John C. Hynson, adm'r of Wm. J. Maslin, returned a list of debts due said deceased. Letters of administration on the personal estate of George Cooper were granted unto Margaret A. Cooper, and Wm. T. Ruth and John Duyer were appointed to appraise said estate, and the usual notice to creditors ordered. Ordered, that the Register issue a citation directed to R. Aug. Brice, adm'r of O. F. Sutton, and acting guardian to David and James W. Sutton, to return his guardian accounts. The indentures of Richard Sena, col., to Morgan Brown were cancelled. Charles Clark, adm'r of John Clark, returned his third and final administration account and dividend. David C. Blackiston, guardian to Philip T. and Albert Woodland, returned separate guardian accounts for 1872. Wm. D. Burchinal, guardian to Catharine L. Lively, col., returned his ninth guardian account.

Thursday, April 24.—B. Trew, exec'r of Joseph Shriver, returned a list of sales of the personal estate of said deceased.—Letters of administration on the estate of Jeremiah Stull, late of Salem county, New Jersey, were granted to H. W. Vickers, and notice to creditors ordered.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Mr. Geo. C. Adkinson, of this town, met with a serious accident on Thursday afternoon. While trimming the row of trees in front of the market house, a limb which he had sawed off struck the long ladder upon which he was standing, knocking it from its prop, and he fell upon the pavement, a distance of some eight or ten feet. He was taken to his home in an unconscious condition, where medical aid was rendered by Drs. Whaland and Holton, and consciousness soon revived. He was found to be most seriously injured about the right shoulder and arm, and blood was oozing from his right ear. He was better yesterday morning, though still suffering much pain.—His injuries are not supposed to be dangerous, but they will incapacitate him for labor for some time.

FIRE.—The dwelling house of Mr. John Coleman, in Rich Neck, near Rock Hall, was consumed by fire on Sunday night last. It originated from a defective stove pipe setting fire to a wooden partition.—The family were all asleep at the time, and were aroused just in time to effect their escape, without being able to save any of the contents of the house. No insurance and amount of loss not ascertained.

COUNTY APPOINTMENTS.—The following appointments were made by the County Commissioners on Tuesday last:

Tax Collectors:—First district, G. W. Chrisfield; second, C. W. Warren; third, Wm. Hepbron; fourth, Chas. H. Davis; fifth, John A. Rollison.

Standard Keeper—B. B. Wroth.

LAND SALE.—John B. Brown, Esq., as trustee, sold at Millington, on Saturday last, the farm of John T. Smyth, situated near that place and containing 366 acres, more or less, to Wm. McKenney, of Centreville, for $19.90 per acre.

REGISTER OF VOTERS.—Governor Whyte has appointed James T. Mason register of voters for the first election district of this county, in place of Dr. S. P. Benny, dec'd.

"BRADLEY'S PATENT ENAMEL PAINT"—a great discovery—is for sale by C. P. Knight, Baltimore, and C. F. Stam & Bro., Chestertown. Do not fail to read the advertisement in another column.

WE have received a communication contradicting the statement of "Verity," concerning the letter-box at Millington postoffice, but the matter is not of sufficient general interest to be made the subject of newspaper controversy.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

The delegates selected at the district meetings on Saturday last met in convention at the Court House, in Chestertown, on Monday afternoon, "to determine the proper mode of nominating candidates for the offices to be filled at the next general election." Hon. George Vickers was selected as chairman and William Janvier, Esq., secretary. The following gentlemen appeared as delegates:

First district—R. S. Griffith, A. Chrisfield, A. S. Hurlock, R. H. Corbally, Samuel Cacy.

Second district—Wm. Janvier, H. C. Pennington, John F. Beeks, T. Shafer, S. H. Blackiston.

Third district—Dr. Sam'l Beck, Hanson Crew, James A. Roseberry, Wm. V. Lucas, Robert L. Usilton.

Fourth district—Hon. George Vickers, Col. Geo. A. Hanson, Wm. H. Stewart, E. F. Perkins, J. M. J. Byron.

Fifth district—David Jones, Dr. S. G. Fisher, Owen Conally, George E. Leary, Vachel Burgess.

Mr. R. S. Griffith offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the convention recommend to the people of the county that all the candidates to be nominated at the ensuing election be voted for throughout the county, and that the candidate having the highest number of votes shall be the nominee."

After considerable discussion the resolution was rejected by a vote of 14 nays to 11 ayes—the delegations from the first and second, and Mr. Stewart, from the fourth district, voting in the affirmative.

Col. Hanson then offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That each election district elect five committeemen to meet in county convention to nominate candidates for Clerk, Register of Wills, Sheriff, House of Delegates and County Commissioners, and that the voters in the respective districts vote by ballot for the candidates they prefer; and the committee from each district shall faithfully represent and carry out the wishes of their respective districts, so expressed, in the county convention, as far as may be practicable, in the selection of candidates."

E. F. Perkins, Esq., submitted the following as a substitute for Col. Hanson's resolution:

"The candidates for the several legislative and county offices shall be nominated by a county convention composed of seven delegates from each of the five districts, to be selected as follows: The voters of the several districts to meet in district meetings at the usual places for holding elections, and vote by ballot for candidates for Clerk of the Circuit Court, for the Register of Wills, for Sheriff, and for one delegate to the county convention, and the persons receiving the greatest number of ballots for Clerk, Register and Sheriff respectively to be entitled to the vote of the district in the county convention, unless it shall appear after a ballot that such persons cannot receive the majority of the votes of the county convention. Each person receiving the greatest number of votes for Clerk, Register and Sheriff respectively in the district meetings to nominate one delegate from the district to the county convention. Each person receiving the second highest number of votes for Clerk, Register and Sheriff respectively in the district meetings to nominate one delegate from the district to the county convention."

This was briefly discussed and rejected, only two delegates—Messrs. Perkins and Stewart—voting in the affiamative.

The question recurring upon Col. Hanson's resolution, it was adopted by a vote of 16 to 9.

Col. Hanson offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the chairman of the meeting to appoint a committee of ten in each election district to act in conjunction with the State Central Committee.

A resolution, offered by Mr. Griffith, was also adopted, requesting the State Central Committee of the county to issue a call making the nominations not later than the first week in June. Should the committee accede to the request of the convention, which it is believed they will do, the candidates for nomination, or rather those which shall prove unsuccessful, will have but a short time in which to work. It seems to be the general opinion, however, that the nominations should be made early, so that, in the pertinent language of a member of the convention, we can "stop fighting among ourselves and go to work fighting the enemy."

THE CONDITION OF GREEN.—A correspondent sends us the following:

The latest accounts from Mr. Green, dated Baltimore, 19th instant, stated that the medical authorities of the Baltimore University Hospital were still continuing the same plan of treatment which had been pursued in Millington, by which he had been saved from bleeding to death while the wounds were fresh and open, namely: compression of the main trunk of the carotid artery. They desire thus to avoid the serious and dangerous operation of cutting down and ligaturing the same artery in that place. The wounds are perfectly healed. The disease from which he is now suffering is called aneurism.

THE Directors of the Elkton & Massey's Railroad met at Elkton last week and had an interview with Mr. Wingate, the engineer, and instructed him to make survey of a route as near direct as possible, and also one to approach as near the village of Cecilton as possible. The directors will determine after these surveys are made whether to select one or the other of these routes and which, or whether a third route shall be surveyed.

SHOOTING AFFRAY IN CECILTON.—A difficulty has been brewing for some time past between Thomas Jones and John Piser, which, on Wednesday evening last, culminated in the shooting of Piser by Jones. As usual, a woman was at the bottom of the mischief. It seems that Jones was paying considerable attention to a step daughter of Piser, to which Piser objected, and recently wrote a letter to the young woman, denouncing Jones, and his intentions as dishonorable. This letter it is supposed was seen and read by Jones, and on Wednesday evening he met Piser in Cecilton, and without a word, fired at him four times with a revolver. Two of the shots took effect, one in the arm and the other in the hip of Piser.

"LADY KATE," claimed to be the fastest trotter on the Eastern Shore, and owned by Wm. P. Howard, of Elkton, has been sold for $3,000 to a man living in Milwaukie, Wisconsin.

HON. THOMAS SWANN has declined his share of the Congressional "extra" pay.

THE TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.

MORNING SESSION.

According to published notice, a Convention of the friends of Temperance assembled in the M. E. Church, at Chestertown, on Tuesday, 22d instant. The meeting was called to order by Howard Meeks, on whose motion A. W. Sparks was called to the chair, and E. P. Janvier elected Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Meeks a committee was appointed to nominate permanent officers of the convention. Rev. W. M. Strayer, E. P. Janvier, and C. H. Baker were appointed.

On motion, a committee of four members was appointed by the chair to prepare business for the action of the Convention. The chair appointed the following: Howard Meeks, W. M. Strayer, Samuel Burgess, J. W. Collins and Chas. Strong.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to reassemble at 4½ o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at the appointed hour. The chairman being absent, Jas. H. Edes, Esq., was called to the chair.

The committee on permanent organization reported as follows: For President, Hon. Geo. Vickers; for Vice-Presidents, R. S. Griffith, first district; A. W. Melvin, second district; John T. Skirven, third district; A. W. Sparks, fourth district; Jas. H. Edes, fifth district. Recording Secretary, E. P. Janvier; corresponding secretary, Howard Meeks; treasurer, C. H. Baker.

The report was accepted, and on motion unanimously adopted.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The committee on business made their report as follows:

WHEREAS, The enactment by the Legislatures of several States of laws giving to their citizens the right to decide for or against the licensed traffic in intoxicating liquors, or to parties injured by such traffic legal redress, and the general approval of such laws by the people, have demonstrated the wisdom, justice and humanity of such legislation. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will unite with our fellow-citizens throughout the State in vigorous efforts to secure similar legislation for the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That we will present no party issue, neither supporting nor opposing any party on purely temperance grounds at present; but while leaving all men to follow their party preferences, we recommend to temperance men to use all their influence to secure the nomination of honest and reliable men, who will faithfully represent them in regard to temperance as well as in other matters.

Resolved, That we strongly recommend to the voters of both parties to place upon their ballots the words, "For Local Option," to indicate their sentiments; and also to instruct the delegates elected to the General Assembly as to the course they are expected to pursue, and we hereby request the judges of election to count such votes in their return.

Resolved, That as prevention is better than cure, we suggest that sabbath school officers and teachers and also the teachers of our secular schools have it in their power to do a vast amount of good, by organizing juvenile societies and bands of hope.

Resolved, That in the Christian ministry we find a noble band of temperance workers, and impressed with the potency of their influence, we commend anew to them the temperance cause, and respectfully suggest that they shall present the subject to their respective congregations on the Sabbath next preceding the fourth of July.

Resolved, That we invoke the continued aid of the press, hitherto so cheerfully given to the interests of temperance.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention a proper regard for our civil institutions and our social welfare demands that active efforts should be made to promote temperance among the people of color.

Resolved, That our hope is in the Lord Jehovah, and therefore our faith in final and speedy success is strong, and in this faith we appeal to every Christian and patriot to pray and labor until our work shall be accomplished.

After full consideration and discussion and slight amendments, the above resolutions were unanimously adopted by sections, and finally, as amended, adopted as a whole.

A form of constitution was read, and on motion referred to a committee of five, one from each election district, viz: C. H. Baker, chairman; Wm. Comegys, 1st district; John F. Melvin, 2nd district; E. P. Janvier, 3d district; Jas. H. Edes, 5th district.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to nominate and elect delegates to the State convention, to be held at Baltimore, on the 7th prox. The following were elected: R. S. Griffith, Wm. Kenneday, alternate; C. H. Baker, Capt. James H. Thompson, alternate; Samuel Vannort, Samuel Burgess, alternate.

Resolved, That when the Convention shall adjourn it shall be to meet again in the M. E. Church, at Chestertown, on Monday, May 5th, at 10½ o'cl'k, A. M.

On motion, the county papers were requested to publish these proceedings.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet at half-past seven this evening, in mass meeting.

THE MASS MEETING

at the Court House, at night, was slimly attended, in consequence of the misapprehension as to the place of meeting. The meeting was organized by the election of Capt. C. H. Wickes as chairman, and was addressed by Howard Meeks, Esq., in an earnest, convincing argument in favor of a Local Option law. It was decided to hold a mass meeting in the Court House on Tuesday evening next, and a committee appointed to make arrangements therefor.

VIEWS OF A REPUBLICAN ON SOUTHERN AFFAIRS.—*A Very Gloomy Prospect.*—A prominent republican Senator, who has lately had the opportunity of seeing the South for himself, has remarked since his return that if the present condition of affairs continues, such States as South Carolina and Florida, for instance, must inevitably be Africanized. The result, of course, must be the exodus of the whites, the utter decay of material prosperity, and ultimately the relapsing of those States into a wilderness. These observations apply equally as well to Louisiana as to the States mentioned. It is not doubted that personal contact with the people of the South, and personal experience of its condition will go very far to modify the views of many of the leading men of the North, members of Congress and others, who have already gone, or who propose to go, down South between now and next winter. It would be well if the knowledge thus gained should lead to such modification of the legislation affecting the South as would restore it to its wonted prosperity, and promote good feeling among all classes of its people, instead of the dissensions which now prevail.

THE DELAWARE LEGISLATURE divorced twenty-seven unhappily married couples, and granted over ninety acts of incorporation. It passed about forty amendments to the Revised Code and forty-seven joint resolutions.

MILLINGTON, April 23, 1873.

Messrs. Editors:—As you are doubtless aware there has been something of a flurry in the Republican camp here, caused by the removal from the position of Postmaster of Mr. Turbit, a decrepit gentleman, who, of a verity, seems to be "upon his last legs," and whose duties were faithfully performed by a loving wife, and the promotion of a "Reverend Captain" Numbers to the place. Now be it known this little "plum" nets something like $200 per year, and it does seem just a mite ridiculous to see the present incumbent, a man healthy and lusty enough to do "day's work" on any farm in Kent county, devoting his *precious* moments to the accommodation of the public for this magnificent salary! But so mote it be! My object in penning this was to ask the insertion of the following extract from *Pomeroy's Democrat* upon this subject, only erasing such portions as are of too personal a nature:

"Some of the loil in Millington, Kent county, Md., have performed an achievement which should entitle them to a high position in the party that arrogates to itself all the decency and all the morality. The post-office at Millington has heretofore been conducted by Wm. B. Turbit, an old gentleman in feeble health, to whom the salary of the office—two hundred and thirty dollars a year—was very acceptable as an aid to the support of his family. Under Mr. Turbit the business of the office has always been transacted to the satisfaction of the citizens, but, although a Republican, it seems that the postmaster was not a loud enough politician to satisfy the loil thereabouts. Among these was one Thomas Numbers, better known at Millington as the Reverend Captain, who had been a preacher in the Methodist church, and finally became a captain in the Caroline County Home Guards. Since then he has been seeking some office, until he has finally succeeded, for, on the first of April, he was installed postmaster at Millington, in place of Mr. Turbit. This is the way the Administration rewards a man who has faithfully conducted the business of an office for more than three years, and against whom no one has a word to say. While he was sick another stepped in and snatched away his bread and butter. Those who helped in this trick must feel happy over the achievement, for they have won a victory over a sick old man!"

THE THING ILLUSTRATED.—The beauty of this thing negro equality which the Yankees would force upon Southern people, is clearly and impressively told in a dispatch which we publish elswhere of a *riot* at Kingston, Indiana. A few negroes go there to find employment and immediately they are sent upon by the miners and puddlers of that section and outrageously beaten. Had the same thing occured in North Carolina or Georgia the great howl about Ku-Klux and Albany Penitentiary would have again resounded throughout the country. But it happened in Indiana where the patron saint of Republicanism and Credit Mobilier, Colfax, resides. The white men have done no wrong this time, of course. They did not happen to live in the South.

All this goes to show simply that negro equality is nothing more or less than gigantic humbug, and those men who vote for it only do so because it affects some one else and not themselves. Voting for negro equality does not affect the mechanic's wages so long as the negro remains in the South, but the moment he steps into the North to get some of those high wages, then he becomes a very different sort of thing, and he must be driven back to the South where he came from and where Yankee philanthropists want him to stay.

Baltimore Price Current

[From Warden & Merritt's Quotations.]

WEDNESDAY, April 23, 1873.

WHEAT—White, choice	$2 05a2.10
" fair to prime	1.75a2.00
" Amber, choice	2.00a2.10
" Red, good to prime	1.85a1.95
" comm. to fair	1.70a1.80
CORN—Southern white	67a00
" Yellow	66a00
OATS—Southern	50a54
" Western, bright	50a52
RYE—Fair to prime	85a95

MARRIED:

At the Methodist Protestant Church in Chestertown, on Thursday evening, April 24th, by Rev. R. Scott Norris, Mr. JOHN H. SIMPERS and Miss MARY A. H. VANNORT, daughter of Wm. Vannort, Esq., all of this town.

[Cecil papers please copy.]

On the 17th of April, by Rev. S. C. Roberts, Mr. SAMUEL W. WALLIS to Miss MARY C. LYNCH, both of Kent county.

On the 20th inst., by Rev. Geo. Leary, WM. H. COLEMAN to ANNIE S. COLEMAN, both of this county.

On the 16th inst., by the same, JAMES A. GRANT to E. A. WILKINSON, both of this county.

On the 13th of April, at the residence of the bride's parents near Kenton, Del., by Eld. E. Rittenhouse, Mr. BEDFORD ROE, of Kent county, Md., to Miss KATE C., daughter of Peter Meredith.

DIED:

On the 12th inst., in York, Pa., at the residence of his sister, WM. GALLIGHER, Esq., of Still Pond, Kent county, Md.

The death of this estimable gentleman requires more than a passing notice. The deceased was a native of Penna., but had for some years resided in our county, and during the past sixteen months was a resident of the village of Still Pond, where he had gathered about him a circle of friends, whose appreciation of his worth is attested by their keen sorrow at his loss. Possessed of great natural abilities, and blessed with a liberal education, he was eminently qualified for the instruction of youth and numbers who enjoyed the advantages of his counsel, can testify to the zeal and fidelity with which he pursued his vocation. Those who knew him best had learned to prize him most, and now that he slumbers in death, we would cast a garland of friendship o'er his honored tomb. To his bereaved companion and relatives, this sad event has caused an irreparable loss; but there is consolation in the hope, that the loved and lost of earth may be found again in that brighter and better world where partings are unknown. A FRIEND.

THE Northern Convocation of the Diocese of Easton, comprising the counties of Kent and Cecil, will meet at Shrewsbury Church, on TUESDAY, the 6th day of May.
April 26—2t.

SWEET POTATO PLANTS,
In quantities to suit purchasers,
For sale by W. N. C. ANDERSON,
apr26-3t* near Crumpton, Kent Co., Md.

DRESS MAKING.
MRS. R. B. RUSSELL is prepared to do Dress Making, and make Children's Clothing in the latest styles. Cutting and Basting and Machine Stitching done to order. Terms moderate. Residence—Main St., opposite Vosbell House, Chestertown. apr26-3m.

SLAUGHTER'S
SWEET POTATOES for Seed,
at the low price of $1.50 per bushel. Apply at his residence, "Travilla" farm, on Chester River. EDW. SLAUGHTER.
April 19, 1873—3t*

MUSLIN, Bleached and Brown, CALICOES, BLACK ALPACAS, And GOODS for Men's and Boy's wear, at
April 12. J. H. SIMPERS.

FOR SALE,
Very low, by a Lady,
AN EXCELLENT PIANO,
in perfect tone.
Address LA CAPO, Still Pond, Md.
April 12, 1873—3t.

Notice to Farmers.
WE have just received an assortment of PLOWS, CASTINGS, TRACES and LINES, which we are selling at city prices.
MOORE & BEACHAM,
mh15-tf. Buck Neck.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—It has never been my intention to say one word in self-defence in regard to my votes in the Legislature. I know that I made several mistakes, but they were from a want of knowledge rather than design; but be that as it may, I have been so severely criticised and censured, that in justice to myself I am compelled to notice some of them. The first is the gill-stakers' Bill. We have had abuse heaped upon us not only by the stakers, but by outsiders who ought to have known better; 'tis true we had a large petition sent us from Kent, which we presented, and Mr. Pennington, from Cecil, and Mr. Streets, from Harford, both received petitions, which asked that they might all be placed on the same footing; they declare there is no justice in passing a general law, prohibiting the setting of stake-nets in the head waters of the bay or its tributaries, above Pool's Island, and then to insert a clause permitting these men on the eastern side of the Bay to set stakes from the very mouth of the Sassafras down one and a half miles from shore; but they declare these stakers even violate that law by going three miles out in the Bay, encroaching upon the rights of the floaters and making it dangerous to navigation,—one of the petitions says several vessels have been sunk by them. They say further, that from one-half to three-fourths of the shad caught by stake nets are washed out or eaten by the eels, which they declare is not right, and a sense of duty alone to their fellow fishermen should be sufficient to put a stop to this wanton destruction.

The fishermen on both sides of the Sassafras ask if there is any sense or reason in a law that fines them from twenty to fifty dollars for setting stake nets when you allow these men with impunity to stake across the very mouth of their river. Bohemia, Elk and the Susquehanna ask partly the same reasons. From the Harford shore they say you not only compel us to float, but, from necessity, you compel your own fishermen to cross the Bay and come over with us to fish. They declare further the only proper way to catch shad is by float nets, and that any fisherman who wants to lie in his bed and fish, by this mode of wanton destruction, has missed his calling, and is robbing his brother fishermen.

Last season these nshermen boasted of their success, having sold eleven thousand dollars' worth of rock and shad from Betterton wharf alone. Does any reasonable man doubt that if they had the increase of those they have destroyed by this killing process, they might have boasted of twenty thousand dollars' sale instead of eleven for the season? These very shad we are catching this to-day are the increase of those that frequented these waters a hundred years ago; for every young one that enters the ocean from these waters, with a few exceptions to the general rule, will return to these same waters to spawn next season. So that every one eaten by the eels, or otherwise wantonly destroyed by these stake nets, the owners are not only robbing themselves of, but posterity also, which no sane man will acknowledge they have a right to do.

But I am accused of acting in behalf of Capt. Alexander Wilson. I pledge you my word Capt. Wilson never said a word to me in reference to gill-nets in his life in any way; further than that, I believe he never signed any of the petitions. There was a petition sent in to the committee by the drag-seiners, but it was voted down unanimously. The fishermen say these fish are getting scarcer every year. If so, is it not necessary to protect them from every wanton destruction? You know, sirs, it is said that one hundred years ago these waters swarmed with salmon, and were so plentiful the negro slaves refused to eat them more than once or twice a week, but now they are of the things that were, until lately. Pennsylvania is propagating them in the Susquehanna. Will she not ask of the general government for their protection—that all unnecessary obstructions be removed from the head-waters of the Bay? I am not arguing the question, whether it is right or wrong, but merely ask if it is not so. She has already on her statutes a heavy penalty for placing obstructions in the Delaware that will wantonly destroy either the old or young shad. I know these fish are prized less, but are they worth any less to the State of Maryland than they are to the State of Pennsylvania? If these are not facts then I have been grossly deceived and did wrong, but if they are facts you must admit that I did right.

I pledge my honor in voting on this bill it was to promote the interests of these gillers in a body rather than depreciate them. If I was wrong on this vote I have one consolation, I acted on one of the boasted declarations of the Democratic party—"the greatest good to the greatest number." If I injured twenty-five stakers unintentionally, I enhanced the interest of one hundred floaters.

These floaters were not the only opposers of these stakes. Hunter Davidson said on the floor of the House that he intended to have recommended the removal of these stakes in his oyster report to the Legislature, but had entirely overlooked it. Again, when I got in the cars one morning to return to Annapolis, Mr. Richard Turner was on the train, and at once came and took a seat by me, saying he was just on his way down to see us in reference to these stake nets; he said these fishermen were all poor men and neighbors and friends of his, and he wanted to do what he could for them; said they had their stakes all ready, and short nets knit, for the Spring fishing, and he wanted an extension of the law so as to give them the advantage of the Spring's fishing. We told him he might rest assured that would be done, and with that understanding he stopped in Harford county. He further told us that these stakes were a perfect nuisance, dangerous to navigation, and after the Spring's fishing should certainly be prohibited.

Mr. Hanson Crew came down the next day and told the same thing about the stakes and short nets. He objected to the passage of it, but said as a compromise let them have the Spring fishing and they would be satisfied.—We observed to him: suppose it takes effect from the first of October. He said: no, from the first of June, if it runs too long these men might want to give some trouble, and he was opposed to any further extension than the first of June. After that Mr. Wilmer observed to me, "there can't be much opposition to this bill; Mr. Crew opposes it, 'tis true, but he seems to be satisfied with this agreement. Besides these men from Betterton were to send over a strong protest or petition, which they have not done." So you see, sirs, they are partly to blame themselves

When Mr. Pennington, from Cecil, found we had made this arrangement, he protested, saying his constituents demanded it should take effect from the date of its passage, and if it passed the House it should be arrested in the Senate. We were determined to make it an up-hill business with him; so we waited until he left for home, when it was put through.

Now, Messrs. Editors, I don't object to these fishermen abusing me, because they believe they are the injured parties, but for others to make capital out of it we think is both impolitic and unjust, and if this cauldron is to be kept boiling in order that others may elevate themselves by my descent, to say the least of it 'tis ungenerous in men of the same party.—However, I don't want to complain—I suppose men have a right to do as they please in political matters.

I shall hereafter occupy a little space in your paper to say a word in regard to my vote on the Sunday law.

Yours, very respectfully,
J. W. HURTT.
LOCUST GROVE, April 26th. 1t.

Office of Kent County R. R. Co.,
CHESTERTOWN, April 19, 1873.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE KENT CO. RAILROAD COMPANY, will be held at the COURT HOUSE, in Chestertown, on
Monday, May 12th, 1873
AT TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.,
for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year.
apr26-2t. J. GERKER, Sec'y.

GAS HOUSE and SHELL LIME,
DELIVERED by water or rail in any county on the Eastern Shore.
For sale by LEVI FIDDIS, Jr.,
mh29-tf. Baltimore.

DELINQUENT TAX-PAYERS OF THE THIRD DISTRICT
TAKE NOTICE
That I must have the money due me for taxes by the FIRST DAY OF MAY NEXT, to meet the demands upon me.
WM. HEPBRON,
ap5 4t. Collector of Third District.

FOR SALE,
A LOT OF FINE SHOATS.
Will be sold low.
THEODORE DIEHL,
March 22—tf. Rock Point, Worton

FOR SALE,
A good second-hand
WILCOX & GIBBS SEWING MACHINE
in perfect order, with extra attachment for all kinds of work, will be sold low on easy terms. Apply at Kent News office. mh29-3t.

The South! The South!
Reminiscences of Scenes, Incidents, and Characters in the South.
REV. J. H. CALDWELL, by request of the Still Pond Sunday School, will deliver a Lecture on the above subject, on TUESDAY EVENING, May 13th, in Still Pond Church, for the benefit of the Sunday School, commencing at 7½ o'clock. If stormy the lecture will be the following evening.
TICKETS 25 cts. for adults, and 15 cts. for children under 12 years. For sale at W. W. Parks' in Chestertown; at Messrs. Harper & Bro.'s, and Mr. Covington's, Still Pond, and at the door. Ministers and County Editors will receive complimentary tickets at the door.
From Mr. Caldwell's long residence in the South, his large acquaintance with its peculiarities, manners and customs; his personal knowledge of many of its leading characters, and his acknowledged abilities as a public speaker, doubtless the occasion will be one of profit and pleasure to all who attend.
April 26, 1873—3t.

"LOCAL OPTION."
A MASS MEETING
WILL BE HELD
At the Court House in Chestertown
On TUESDAY EVENING NEXT,
at 7½ o'clock, at which time the merits of the proposed Local Option Liquor Law will be discussed. Addresses may be expected from
REV. J. H. CALDWELL,
REV. W. M. STRAYER,
HOWARD MEEKS, Esq.,
and probably others.
Friends of Temperance!—if you really desire the success of this movement, turn out in your strength, and encourage it by your presence and sympathy.
C. H. WICKES,
JAS. H. THOMPSON,
JOHN W. COLLINS,
CHAS. H. BAKER,
WM. B. USILTON,
April 26—1t. Committee.

Public Road Notice.
THE undersigned, citizens of Kent county, hereby give notice, that thirty days after this date, they intend to petition the Honorable County Commissioners for Kent County to appoint examiners to locate a new road from a point on the road from Chestertown to the lower end of Quaker Neck at or near the division line between lands of Edward Wilkins and Philip T. Simmonds, to the waters of Lankford's Bay, or what is known as the North East branch thereof.
FRANCIS BAKER, WM. H. NICOLSON,
JOHN HADAWAY, WM. HALL,
WM. DEFORD, H. B. JONES,
JAS. H. BAKER, ANN R. MASLIN,
J. P. DECORSE, GEO. LYAS,
WM. SCONE, EDW. B. JONES.
April 26, 1873—5t.

Public Road Notice.
THE undersigned, citizens of Kent county, hereby give notice that they will, at the expiration of thirty days from this date apply to the Commissioners for Kent County for the opening of a public road leading down Broad Neck from the point on the public road where the lands of Wm. J. Vannort adjoin the lands of Mrs. S. Jessop; said road to continue along the line of division between said lands to the waters of the branch of Langford's Bay, and for a Public Landing on said waters.
GEO. A. JESSOP,
WM. J. VANNORT,
JOHN BRICE.
April 26, 1873—5t.

TOBACCO, SEGARS, &c.
R. B. RUSSELL, Ag't,
HIGH ST., near Voshell House, Chestertown, has now in store a full supply of
Very Superior Cigars and Tobacco
which he is selling wholesale and retail at the lowest city prices. Dealers supplied with CIGARS of different grades, in large or small quantities, at short notice.
Chewing Tobacco,
of all grades, both Sweet and Natural; also, Fine Cut.
SMOKING TOBACCO,
SNUFF and PIPES, a good assortment.
Also, in store an assortment of
CANDIES, FRUITS,
And GENERAL PRODUCE.
FRESH BREAD every afternoon.
☞ Please give me a call. ap26.

Notice to Creditors.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained