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The Kent News.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Court of Appeals has taken away all hope of saving the life of the condemned murderer, Joseph W. Davis, through the instrumentality of the law, that tribunal having, on Thursday of last week, dismissed his case for the third time.—This action seems to have put a stop to the proceedings instituted in the Senate looking to legislative interference, and it is quite probable that Davis was hanged at Westminster yesterday, the day fixed upon for his execution.

The mass meeting on Thursday night at Concordia Opera House, Baltimore, to give expression to the sentiments of Maryland in favor of the centennial commemoration of American independence at Philadelphia in 1876 was a brilliant affair, there being present about twenty-five hundred persons, two-thirds of whom were ladies.

Mr. Hollyday, Secretary of State, who has been prostrated by dangerous illness, is improving, though not yet entirely out of danger.

The Republican party in Congress has bursted up on the Louisiana question. A number of the Republican members have denounced the Kellogg usurpation as a great outrage upon the people, and by supporting that by military force, the President has gotten his party in a terrible pickle. There is some talk in Washington of impeaching President Grant.—There is doubtless much better reason for impeaching Grant than there ever was for impeaching Andy Johnson.

Messrs. C. C. Fulton & Son, proprietors of the Baltimore *American*, announce that they have closed arrangements for the purchase for the sum of $125,000 of the property on the southwest corner of Baltimore and South streets, fronting 55 feet on Baltimore street and 61 feet on South street, on which it is designed to erect a suitable building for the prosecution of their business as publishers, which at the same time will be an ornament to the city.

The Kansas Legislature, after protracted balloting, on Monday elected ex-Governor James E. Harvey as United States Senator to succeed Mr. Caldwell.

Five masked and heavily armed men stopped a train which left St. Louis on Saturday, on the Iron Mountain Railroad, and took from the passengers some twenty thousand dollars in money, besides a large quantity of jewelry. They also took a thousand dollars from Adams' Express, and rifled the mails. Then they gave the conductor a certificate of the facts, and coolly rode off in a southerly direction.

The examination of the accounts of Hamilton, the absconding Treasurer of Jersey City, has resulted in fixing the amount of his defalcation at $85,846.

A great fire occurred at Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday of last week, destroying much valuable property. The aggregate loss is estimated at over half a million of dollars.

Two colored men have been elected to the United States Senate by the Republican Legislature of Mississippi.

THE MURDER TRIAL AT CUMBERLAND—*Acquittal of Resley.*—The trial of John M. Resley at Cumberland, Md., on the charge of murder in killing with a pistol shot Lloyd L. Clary, editor of the Cumberland *Times*, some months ago, has resulted in a verdict of acquittal. Clary was shot down in his office by young Resley, as alleged both before and during the trial, on account of newspaper criticism of certain official action of the father of the accused, Mr. Horace Resley, who until the late election in Allegany county had for over twenty years been the clerk of the county court. The verdict has astonished most persons who had read an account of the killing and the evidence before the jury. It is true that the defense produced two witnesses, one of whom lived at Piedmont, who testified to being present at the shooting and that Clary fired the first shot, but neither of them was seen by other parties who arrived in a few moments afterwards, and the severe cross-examination to which they were subjected showed they knew little about the affair. Mr. Syester, one of the counsel for the prosecution, speaking of the Piedmont man, remarked: "He told you that he came down here from Piedmont to get his clothes washed, paid over a dollar car fare weekly to get his clothes washed. They could not do it well enough for him in Piedmont; and yet his shirt yesterday looked like it had been washed in a mud-puddle and ironed with a brick bat." [Laughter.]

The *Times* charges that two of the witnesses of the defence perjured themselves and alleges that "the jury empaneled was of such a character as to preclude the slightest hope that justice would be done," and finds fault with the State's Attorney and the Attorney General because they refused to remove the case from the county. In regard to the alleged foresworn witnesses, the *Times* says: "So palpable was the perjury of these men that the leading counsel for the defense, Colonel Marshall, who is evidently an honorable gentleman, would not allude to them, and disdained to base any argument on their testimony. The apotheosis of murder is complete, and MontGomery county irremediably disgraced in the estimation of all decent people."

THE music-loving portion of our readers will no doubt esteem it a privilege to attend the sacred concerts announced to be held at Wesley Chapel on Tuesday, and Hynson's Chapel on Thursday evening next. Prof. Thompson is one of the best vocalists we know, and if his corps of assistants but sustain their previous reputation, a rare treat is in store for all who attend these concerts.

"OUR GOOD MOTHER EVE."—If you wish to know more about her than you do, go and hear the lecture of W. J. Jones, Esq., at Chestorville M. E. Church, on Wednesday evening next, the 11th instant.—This is the first of two lectures to be given for the benefit of the church. Tickets 25 cts. Children admitted for 15 cts.

THE Peninsula Fruit Growers' Association will hold its meeting at Dover, Del., on the 17th instant.

FRUIT GROWERS' MEETING.

At a meeting of the farmers of Kent county and others interested in the proposed wholesale fruit and vegetable market in Baltimore, held at the Court House, in Chestertown, on January 31st, 1874, Judge JOSEPH A. WICKES was called to the chair, and JAMES A. PEARCE was appointed secretary.

Colonel Wilkins stated to the chair that the meeting was called in furtherance of the proposition made by Dr. Henkle in the Legislature to establish in Baltimore a depot for the wholesale of fruits and vegetables.

On motion of Col. Wilkins, the chair appointed a committee of three to prepare business for this meeting, and to present a memorial to the legislature for the adoption of the proposition before them.

The chair appointed as such committee Col. Edward Wilkins, Dr. E. A. Vannort and J. W. Corey. This committee retired for conference, and on their return submitted the memorial presented by them which was read by the secretary:

To the Honorable,
the General Assembly of Maryland:

Your memorialists respectfully represent to your Honorable Body that we have seen with pleasure the preliminary steps taken by the Hon. E. J. Henkle, to secure to the horticulturists and fruit growers of our State a suitable wharf and market for the wholesale of their products. The want of such a depot and market has long been severely felt by this large class of agriculturists, and has proved a very great hindrance to the extension of what must in time become our chief agricultural resource. The rapid development of the rich farming lands of the great West, with the complete facilities for quick and cheap transportation of their abundant crops of cereals, have forced the farmers in some counties in our State to almost abandon their production, and to seek in the field of horticulture that livelihood they can no longer find in their former pursuits; and notwithstanding the great difficulties that have attended the sale of horticultural products, in consequence of the want of a depot and market of this kind, its votaries have increased and its interest extended with such great rapidity, that it is now of primary importance, and must in the end absorb all the land in the State that is available for that pursuit, making her ultimately the chief market garden for the cities of the Eastern seaboard. That this may be more readily accomplished, it is important that the fostering hand of the State be extended, to insure for them this depot and market. We feel justified in making this demand at your hands, because of the large accession to the taxable wealth of the State already furnished from the horticultural interest, and because we believe that the only true road to any further increase in the agricultural wealth of the State lies through the full development of this branch of agriculture, and we know that nothing will so stimulate and promote that as a suitable depot and market for the better sale of these products. In the absence of the market we are at the mercy of middlemen, who prey upon our industry and skill, whilst the consumer is made to pay largely in excess of what should be a fair profit. We believe that the charges which should be imposed on those who will engage in trade at this market will amply indemnify the State for all expenditures incurred. With this expose of our necessities and our desires, we respectfully submit this, our petition, confidently believing that your honorable body will see the importance of supplying this great desideratum; and that you will make such a liberal appropriation as will ensure a depot and market that will be fully commensurate with the growing wants of this great interest; and your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

Mr. Robert Nicholson moved the acceptance of the report of the committee, which included a resolution for the publication of the proceedings in the county papers. This report was adopted.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in our county papers, with the request that editors throughout the State, friendly to this branch of agricultural pursuits, be requested to publish the same, and to call the attention of their readers to its importance and enlist the active co-operation of all interested, so as to secure prompt and favorable action on the part of the Legislature.

Col. Wilkins then requested the secretary to read a communication contributed to the Baltimore *American*, in reference to weights and measures of fruits and vegetables offered in the Baltimore market, and stating the features of a proposed enactment sought by the Packers of Baltimore. Col. Wilkins then presented a memorial to the Legislature praying the passage of a law requesting that all fruits and vegetables be sold by weight.

To the Honorable,
the General Assembly of Maryland:

Your memorialists, producers of fruit in Kent county, recognizing the propriety of having the sale of their products regulated by Legislative enactments, have witnessed with pleasure the desire for this manifested by the large packing interest of Baltimore city; and we wish to cordially unite with them in securing the passage of such a law as will insure fair dealing in the sale of our products; this we think can be best accomplished by providing that all such products as are now sold by measure be sold by weight. We, therefore pray your honorable body to enact a law requiring that all fruits and vegetables now sold by measure, either by the bushel or the fractional part thereof, shall be sold by the pound. This mode we think a perfectly fair one, both to the buyer and the seller, and that it will be attended with less trouble and give more complete satisfaction than any other that could be adopted; and your memorialists will ever yray, &c.

The memorial was a good deal discussed, and finally adopted. The meeting then adjourned.

J. A. WICKES, Pres't.
J. A. PEARCE, Sec'y.

THE many friends here of Rev. H. C. Cushing will be glad to hear that the M. P. Church at Uniontown, Carroll county, under his charge, has been blessed with a gracious revival season. A private letter informs us that there have been over fifty conversions, and the meeting is not yet closed.

PROF. HERBERT's address before the Worton Agricultural Club, announced for Monday last, was, in consequence of the very inclement weather, postponed till Monday next.

THE revival services which have been in progress at the M. P. Church, Chestertown, for some weeks past, were brought to a close on Thursday night.

THE Hon. Thomas C. Brown, a member of the Maryland Legislature from Finksburg, Carroll county, is the weightiest member of that body, if 305 pounds avoirdupois entitle him to such distinction.

HON. Lloyd Lowndes, Jr., of Maryland, is the youngest man in the present National House of Representatives.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

THE GOVERNORSHIP.

The Democratic members of the Legislature met in caucus at Annapolis on Friday night of last week to select a candidate for the Governorship to succed Governor Whyte, whose resignation takes effect on the 4th of March next. At the beginning of the session the names of quite a number of gentlemen were used as aspirants to the Governorship, but the list gradually thinned down, until it was understood that Mr. James B. Groome, of Cecil county, and Mr. Henry W. Archer, of Harford, were the only contestants.—The former gentleman gradually gained strength, until his success was assured, and the only nomination made in caucus was that of Mr. Groome, which was confirmed by a vote of sixty-two for Groome, one for Joyce, and seven blank, and his nomination was afterwards made unanimous. On Wednesday the two houses met in joint convention and formally elected Mr. Groome to the Governorship to fill the unexpired term of Governor Whyte, he having previously resigned his seat as a member of the House of Delegates, to take effect immediately on the reading.

Mr. Groome is about thirty-seven years of age, and consequently a young man. He is full of vigor and activity, and one of the most energetic men of the present House of Delegates, always prompt and ready, a good speaker, and a man of industry and experience in politics. He is the only son of the late John C. Groome, of Cecil, one of the ablest men of his time in the State. Mr. Groome is by profession a lawyer, residing at Elkton. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867, when he was about thirty years of age, having then been in politics some ten years. In the Legislature of 1872 he was known as a prominent speaker. He was an elector on the Greeley ticket of the last presidential campaign, and has always been a democrat. In the present Legislature he was made chairman of the judiciary committee and is also on the ways and means and election committess.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

The Democratic caucus to nominate three Police Commissioners was held on Monday night last. The candidates were Messrs. Fusselbaugh, Carr and Morse, (the present board,) Gilmor, McCoy, Milroy, Hunter, Jillard, Bullock, McMullen, Emmet Banks, Crisp, Staylor, Coleman. It was agreed that the person first elected be the nominee for the six year term; the second for the four year, and the third for the two year, and that a majority of all the votes cast be necessary to an election.

The first ballot was as follows: Fusselbaugh 34, Carr 19, Morse 17, Gilmor 26, McCoy 14, Milroy 29, Hunter 13, Jillard 23, Bullock 5, Banks 5, McMullen 1, Crisp 14, Staylor 12, Coleman 1. There was no election, and the second ballot resulted likewise.

Third ballot: Fusselbaugh 36, Gilmor 35, Milroy 32, Hunter 25, Carr 23, Jillard 15, Morse 13. Mr. Fusselbaugh was elected by a majority of one.

Fourth ballot: Gilmor 36, Milroy 32, Hunter 25, Carr 15, Morse 13. Upon this Mr. Gilmor was elected.

Fifth ballot: Milroy 42, Hunter 24, Jillard 3.

Mr. Wm. H. B. Fusselbaugh is president of the present board of police commissioners, and is the only member reelected. Major Harry Gilmor, who was elected to the four year term, is a well known Baltimorean, and during the late war secured considerable notoriety as a Confederate officer. John Milroy, who was elected to the two year term, is a partner of John W. Davis, late State Treasurer, in the brick-making business. On Tuesday the two houses met in joint convention and ratified the caucus nominations. The Baltimore *American* says: "When it came to the vote in the convention, three Republican votes were given to Major Gilmor, in preference to Mr. J. B. Askew [one of the Republican caucus nominees]. The alleged cause of the bolt was that Mr. Askew was an office-holder under Mr Creswell, and the voters selected Gilmor to show that they would rather vote for an ex-Confederate General than for Mr. Askew." Rather ominous, truly. Will the *American* rise to explain?

PROPOSED NEW MARRIAGE LAW.

Senator Blake has proposed a new law which allows parties to marry by contract in the presence of three witnesses, whose names are to be affixed to the certificate. The following is the form: "We, John Jones, of the city of Richmond, State of Virginia, aged 40 years, bachelor, white, and Mary Brown, of the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, aged 30 years, widow, white, both now being in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, do, solemnly before God, and in the presence of these, our witnesses, who have subscribed their names hereto at our request, now marry each other, and do henceforward take each other as lawful wife and husband, until death do us part, promising always to love and cherish each other. Witness our hands," &c. (Signature of contracting parties and of witnesses.) If the form is followed in substance and not in letter, the marriage is made valid. This act is not intented to interfere with the prerogatives of those who prefer to get married by clergymen.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

It is understood that Governor Whyte will begin to make the appointments for the next two years on Monday next, and that he will not receive any applications after that date.

SPECIAL ELECTION IN CECIL.

Speaker Hines has ordered an election in Cecil county for Wednesday, the 18th inst., to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Groome.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Senator Steven's bill, reported favorably from the Senate judiciary committee, to amend the law relating to husband and wife, provides that the husband of a married woman shall in no way be liable for any of the debts of his wife contracted by her previously to her marriage, but the separate estate of such married woman shall be liable for all such debts, and she may be sued in any court of law or equity as if she were a femme sole to recover such debts, provided that in such suit her husband shall be made a party thereto.

WHOLESALE MARKET FOR COUNTRY PRODUCE.

In the House of Delegates Wednesday, two memorials, signed by many influential citizens, were presented in regard to the bill for a wharf and market for the wholesaling of agricultural products. One is signed by Chauncey Brooks and sixty other merchants of Baltimore. The other is signed by Col. E. Wilkins and forty others. They state that the want of such a depot and market has long been felt by the horticulturists of the State, and has proved a great hindrance to the extension of what must in time become our chief agricultural resource.

In conclusion, the memorialists urge a liberal appropriation for the purpose, arguing that the charges will indemnify the State for all expenditures.

The bill for the purpose has not yet been matured, but it will probably specially provide for the expense of the wharf and market from the State fund and place it under State control.

LOCAL OPTION.

There has been a flood of local option and other anti-liquor petitions presented to the Maryland Legislature, at Annapolis, this week. The temperance movement, apparently well organized in this State, and active and zealous, encouraged by the whirlwind which seems to have been raised at the West appears to have made a greater impression at the Maryland capital than ever before. Wednesday night the hall of the House of Delegates was surrendered for argument of proposed laws restraining the sale of liquor, to which three of the most important committees of the Legislature gave respectful attention.

NOTES.

Hon. Ephraim K. Wilson, member of the House of Representatives, from the Eastern Shore of the State, was upon the floor of the House Wednesday morning.

Barnes Compton, Esq., will qualify for his office as State Treasurer on Tuesday next.

Mr. Hines, the Speaker, was obliged to absent himself from the House on Wednesday, owing to a summons from the United States Court. He appointed Mr. Stake as Speaker in his absence.

CONFESSION OF MCCOTTER—*Interview Between Gov. Whyte and Rev. S. S. Baker.*—The Baltimore *Sun*, of Wednesday, says:

Governor Whyte came up from Annapolis to Baltimore last night to hold an interview with Rev. S. S. Baker, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Cambridge circuit, in reference to the case of Wm. H. McCotter, sentenced to be hanged February 6, for the murder of his father-in-law, Robert Insley, in Dorchester county. Mr. Baker had written to the Governor informing him that he had some new facts, raising doubts as to McCotter's guilt, and asking the Governor if he would hear them, with a view to grant a respite, and possibly ultimately commute the punishment of the condemned man if the new facts warranted it.

The Governor yesterday telegraphed to Mr Baker to meet him in Baltimore last night, and accordingly Mr. Baker yesterday came up from Dorchester, and had an interview with the Governor at his residence. Mr. Baker had not proceeded far in his appeal when Governor Whyte said, "Do you know, sir, that McCotter has confessed?" Mr. Baker had not heard it, but it seems that last Sunday McCotter had confessed the murder as it was proved on his trial to Mr. Charles F. Goldsborough, one of his counsel. He told Mr. Goldsborough that he lay in wait in the bushes for Insley, and killed him at the very time, place and manner proved on the trial. Mr. Goldsborough had at once sent for Mr. Baker to inform him of the confession, but did not see him, and the latter was thus left in ignorance of it until taken all aback by the interrogatory of the Governor.

The Governor then informed Mr. Baker that when he received his letter stating he was in possession of new facts bearing on the case, he had determined from his confidence in his statement to grant McCotter a respite until March 20, and he had even drawn a writ of respite to that effect, intending to sign it after hearing Mr. Baker, who, he fully expected, would satisfy him of the propriety of granting it; but he had on Monday night obtained from a gentleman, rather against his will or purpose, a knowledge of the confession which had been communicated to that gentleman by Mr. Goldsborough, with a view to get him to solicit a respite from the Governor. Of course any leaning to clemency in the mind of the Governor was gone as soon as he learned of the confession.

It is believed McCotter made the confession under the impression that it would increase his chances for mercy, and the nature of the confession gives color to the belief. He says that the cause of his killing his father-in-law was the discovery that he was living in incestuous relations with his daughter, McCotter's wife. The defense heretofore made for McCotter was that his love for his wife was the cause of the murder of her father, who had induced her to leave McCotter.

CONFESSION OF JOSEPH W. DAVIS.—A dispatch from Westminster, Md., to the Baltimore *Sun*, dated the 4th inst., states that Davis having become satisfied that the Legislature would not interfere in his behalf, he on that morning made a full confession of his crime to his spiritual adviser and others. He said that he had murdered Lynn, but that he had not done so for the sake of money. When Lynn came to the mill at 2 o'clock he (Davis) did not know that he had his money with him.—Lynn that morning had ordered Davis to put more wheat in the bin, which Davis had neglected to do. When Lynn entered the mill he looked into the bin and saw that his orders had not been obeyed. He at once flew into a passion, and, calling Davis, said, "You d—d son of a b—h, why didn't you put wheat in the bin?" Davis made some reply, and again Lynn cursed him. Lynn now stooped down, and thrusting his lamp into the bin, looked in. As he did so, Davis, in a rage, kicked him in the temple. This slightly stunned Lynn, but he managed to raise partly up in a stooping position. Davis, now fearful of what Lynn might do in his resentment and anger at the blow, sprang on to his back, and grasping the adze, which was lying on a barrel next at hand, struck him several blows, and killed him. Then he threw the body into the bin and covered it over with barrels. He then went to Shue's shop. While there he heard a noise at the mill as if something was wrong and hastened there to see what the difficulty was. He found that the elevator, running to the second floor from the bin, and carrying up grain, was choked up. He examined it and fonnd that in Lynn's fall into the bin his pocket-book had fallen out on the wheat, and that the elevator had caught it, and had choked in carrying it up with the bloody wheat. Davis says he found in the pocket-book $300 in good money, and $500 counterfeit. After this he saddled his horse, placing the bloody shirt under the saddle, and rode to Union Bridge; passing a creek on the way, he tore the shirt and pocket-book into shreds and threw them into the stream. He exonerates Shue, and says he knew nothing about the murder. He says if the State's witnesses had examined his saddle, they would have found it covered with Lynn's blood.

The Board of Indian Commissioners have made their fifth annual report to the President, in which it is stated that the temper and disposition of the wild tribes have been steadily improving, and there is no reason to doubt that a continuance of just and humane treatment will soon bring them under perfect control and submission to all reasonable requirements of the Government. The conclusions of the Commissioners may be correct, but judging from the number of outrages reported recently, we cannot see much improvement in their disposition. One day last week, twenty men, engaged in chopping wood near Fort Rice, Dakato Territory, were murdered by Sioux Indians.

THE KENT CO. ELECTION CASES.

In the U. S. District Court in Baltimore, on Tuesday, before Judge Giles, the Kent county election cases were taken up for trial. Attorney General Syester appeared on behalf of the accused, in connection with Wm. Fell Giles, Jr., and D. Jas. Blackiston, of Kent. Archibald Stirling, Jr., and W. W. Dannhaur, of Washington, appeared for the prosecution. The case of Mr. Jas. T. Mason was first taken up, and a jury sworn.

Mr. Mason is charged with refusing to register colored voters, and for removing the names from the list of voters of the following "citizens of African descent:" John B. Green, George Brown, Samuel Handy, George Frisby, Massey Tiller, F. Kennard, Wm. H. Brown, W. H. Johnson, Jacob Hynson, S. S. Cropley, Geo. Rasin, John L. Barrett, R. H. Wiston, and Benj. H. Rochester.

The prosecution submitted the following evidence:

David C. Blackiston, clerk of the Circuit Court, was called to identify the registration book of the first district.

To connect Mr. Mason with this work, Mr. Stirling proposed to put in evidence printed lists of disqualified voters

Objection made, and it was not pressed.

Lem'l Handy, a stout colored man, testified that he lived at Head of Sassafras; he didn't know what district it was in; he tried to vote, and the judges refused his ballot; said he had voted there, at Massey's Cross Roads three times. Witness said further, the first time he was registered, he went before the register of that district; he didn't know who it was; but did not think it was Mr. Mason; he had lived five years in Kent county; witness had been to Philadelphia three days on a visit, and that was the only time he had been out of the county.

Mr. Stirling offered in evidence the book of registered voters, with Handy's name marked off.

George Frisbie, who was a little blacker and older than Handy, was next called.

Mr. Handy found he was not the witness he wanted.

Massey Tiller testified that he had been living in Kent county with different parties for five years; was registered a year ago last fall; his vote was rejected.

Mr. Stirling showed the jury Tiller's name marked off, and the note, "Not a resident. Thomas Quimby."

A cross-examination in this and other cases seemed to be to show that the colored men were so migratory that the register might in good faith have credited statements of their having left the county.

Thos. R. Quimby, a white man, testified that he did not give the information that Massey Tiller was not a resident.

Fred. Kennard, a colored man, testified that he lived at Ira Vansant's, and was registered four years ago, but his ballot was rejected at the last election.

Wm. H. Brown testified that he had lived all his life in Kent county, and was registered three years ago, and at the last election his vote was refused; the book showed that he had been marked disqualified by order of D. C. Blackiston.

Wm. H. Johnson testified that he was born in Kent county; was in Cecil county six years before colored people had a right to vote; he had lived five years in the same house; he had voted three years at Massey's Cross Roads; at the last election he had offered his vote but was rejected. Mr. Stirling showed that on the book Johnson was marked disqualified by direction of A. S. Hallock.

Emory Harris sworn—Testified that George Rasin lived in Kent county, owned thirty acres of land, was well known, and had been refused the right to vote.

Mr. Stirling showed that on the list George Rasin was marked disqualified by order of A. S. Curlip.

The defence showed that this George Rasin was an old man, whose name was on the registration book all right, while that of some young man, George Rasin, was marked disqualified.

The Court held that evidence was only admissible in relation to the cases of those named in the indictment.

John T. Barrett testified that he was registered by Mr. Mason last Fall, but when he tried to vote the judges said his name was not on the list.

James T. Britton was sworn, and testified that he was one of the committee to watch how the registration was carried on; he thought there were unnecessary questions asked, and an unnecessary delay by Mr. Mason in registering colored voters; there was a marked difference between the treatment of blacks and whites.

On cross-examination he admitted that Mr. Mason probably knew whites best, and found unnecessary to ask more questions of blacks. When asked what unnecessary questions Mr. Mason asked of colored people, the witness said it was where they lived and how old they were, but he had leaned out of the window and seemed to delay.

W. D. Burchinal testified that Mr. Mason came into town on Saturday to get lists of disqualified voters printed, and on the Monday or Tuesday following, there were circulars out purporting to be such lists.

Mr. Stirling then put the lists in evidence.

The defence protested that Mr. Mason should not be bound by such lists, as it was not shown that they corresponded with Mr. Mason's lists, and might contain errors by printers.

After some argument on this point, and cross-examination of the last witnesses, the court adjourned to this (Thursday) morning

[The further proceedings in this case will be published next week.]

Baltimore Price Current

[From Warden & Merritt's Circular of Wednesday last.]

WHEAT—White, choice	$1.90a1.93
" " fair to prime	1.70a1.85
" Amber, choice	1.90a1.92
" Red, good to prime	1.78a1.85
" com to fair	1.60a1.75
CORN—Southern White	73a83
" " Yellow	75a76
OATS—Southern	53a56
RYE—Fair to prime	95a96
BUTTER—Maryland and Penn. Roll	30a33
EGGS—Fresh	18a19
BACON—Shoulders	00a7¾
" Hams	12a13
" C. R. Sides	8¾a8¾
LARD—Western	9¼a9½

Gold is quoted at 111½.

CHURCH NOTICE.—An adjourned session of the Kent Circuit Quarterly Conference, will (D. V.) be held in the Chapel at Chestertown, SATURDAY MORNING, Feb. 14th, at 10 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested of the members.
R. S. NORRIS,
feb7 2t. R. L. LEWIS.

NOTICE.—RIGHT REV. BISHOP BECKER, of Wilmington, Del., will give service at Saint Dennis Catholic Church, near Galena, on SUNDAY, 15th February at 10½ o'clock, A. M. 2t.

ENTERTAINMENT!

THERE WILL BE AN ENTERTAINMENT, consisting of
CHARADES and TABLEAUX,
On the 12th February, inst., and
A FAIR AND FESTIVAL
On the 13th and 14th of February, inst., AT SASSAFRAS, KENT CO.
Proceeds for the benefit of the M. E. S. School.
Feb. 7, 1874—1t.

MARRIED:

Jan. 29th, at Mount Vernon M. E. Church, Baltimore, by the Rev. James H. Lightbourn, JOHN T. SKIRVEN, Esq., of Kent county, to Mrs. MARY A. KENNARD, formerly of Wilmington, Del.

Jan. 27th, by Rev. F. M. Chatham, WM. H. MEREDITH and AMANDA E. LLOYD, both of Kent county.

Jan. 29th, by Rev. F. M. Chatham, PERRY W. HAGUE and SUSIE R. FRENCH, both of Kent county.

DIED:

On Kent Island, on Tuesday, 20th ult., after a lingering illness, Mrs. MARY E. RINGGOLD consort of Sam'l Ringgold, aged about 35 yrs.

IN MEMORIAM.

JOSEPH and JOSHUA.

The sentiment expressed in the text—"lovely and pleasant in their lives—in death they are not divided," has a striking and wonderful illustration in the case of the two noble youths whose untimely fate we now lament.

Saturday, the 17th of January, 1874, was a lovely and glorious day. The ground was covered with snow, and the water courses were frozen over. The morning sun rose in splendor over the scene and the weather was calm and mild. Neighbors were passing to and fro in their sleighs, and the bracing air was filled with the merry sounds of tinkling bells. All nature appeared in a bright and cheerful aspect. Age seemed rejuvenated under the pleasant sunbeams, and youth put on fairer fresher hues, beaming with joy and gladness. Little did any of us imagine that the day opening with such resplendant beauty, enjoyed by old and young with such a gush of gladness, would close leaving two families of the neighborhood wrapped in the mantle of despairing grief, and the whole community shocked by a sudden calamity.

About three o'clock on that day, three worthy youths, James Hepbron, Joshua Clark and Joseph Leary, met at the village and agreed to go skating. They proceeded on horse-back to the mill pond at the head of Still Pond Creek, whither they had often gone before to enjoy similar sport, and whence they had as often returned in safety. James Hepbron was the only one of the three who returned alive—his companions sank into the icy stream and were dragged out dripping, stiff, dead!

I relate the story of their melancholy fate substantially as I received it from the lips of the survivor and only witness of the scene:—As they drew near to the fatal pond, passing through what is called the "Sandy Bottom," James felt a sudden presentiment of some accident or misfortune. He said to himself, but did not express it to the others, "I wonder if we will all come back alive?" He endeavored to persuade his companions to skate on the creek at a place where the water was more shallow and safe, but one of them replied that it was better skating on the pond, that others had been there skating before them and had found it safe. They all ventured upon the frozen element, James remarking that he would keep far enough behind to save himself in case of accident. The northern side of the pond was sheltered from the cold winds and exposed to the power of the sun, so that the ice in that quarter was not more than half an inch thick. But this did not appear on the surface—all seemed to be frozen alike. They had been skating about half an hour when they moved toward the dangerous spot. Joseph led the way, Joshua followed close behind him, and James, still apprehensive of harm, kept a few feet in the rear of Joshua. They were not going fast, but glided along at a moderate pace. Now, Joseph, still in advance, ventures incautiously upon that treacherous surface, which lured him on with the promise of the same safety as that over which he had just glided. But alas! in a moment it quivers beneath his weight, creaks with quick ominous sounds, breaks and lets him down into the cold flood. The crush extends to Joshua and the ice shivering beneath his feet, he also in an instant goes down. James feels it breaking under him, but being on the alert, quickly turns and saves himself. Almost overcome by the shock, he yet retained sufficient self-possession to heed the appeals of his friends for help, and darted to the shore in search of something to support them until they could be rescued. He could find nothing but a small stick, and with this slender aid he returned as quickly as possible, but too late, Joseph had already sunk, exclaiming as he went down—"I am gone."—Joshua's hands were frozen and he was unable to grasp either the stick or the skate which James, at the risk of his own life, held out to him. What a heart-rending spectacle! There was Joshua, with frozen hands and shivering frame, clinging to the edge of the solid ice, unable to take hold of anything to save himself, his friend already sunk beneath the icy surface, and there was James, holding out to him the last frail hope of life! All human help was vain. Unable longer to support his weight with frozen limbs, Joshua sunk, exclaiming like Joseph, "I am gone!"

Truly in their death they were not divided. Reared from childhood together, united in all childish plays and school-boy sports, loving one another, and being loved by others, they are at last joined in death by a common fate. Tidings of the dire calamity quickly spread from mouth to mouth, from family to family, from neighborhood to neighborhood—"Joseph Leary and Joshua Clark are drowned!" The announcement falls in stunning accents upon every ear; all hearts are appalled by it, and parents, brothers and sisters are smitten in one moment with unutterable agony. Grief finds no vent but in broken sobs, and wild, incoherent wails. "O Joshua, my son, my son!" breaks in passionate sobs from a widowed mother's lips. "O Joseph!" exclaims an almost frantic father. I could only think of that mournful wail of a bereaved father: "O my son, Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

"They were lovely and pleasant in their lives." It was truly so with this youthful pair. They grew up together, attended school together, and together played, sported and roamed over meadow, field and wood. They shared each other's pleasures, skating in winter and in summer fishing and sailing on the lovely Chesspeake which washes the fertile shores of their native Kent. They loved each other like brothers, and sometimes called each other brother. As they loved each other, so they were loved by all who knew them; they had no enemies; they were friends to all, and all were friends to them. Moral and amiable in their deportment, they won the respect and confidence of their neighbors, and were the pride and ornament of their family circles. It is of such material that the strength and durable worth of a country is made.

Each was in his nineteenth year. Joseph was healthy, robust, fearless, possessing a symmetrical form and developing that type of manly beauty which all admire. Joshua was physically more frail, but his character was adorned with those mild and gentle traits which win affection and esteem.

All eyes, all hearts admired the noble pair,
The friends of all, and each a loving son,
Whom life united, not divided are
In death, whose dire catastrophe is one.*

Yes, one! One life, one death, one funeral dirge, one grave, one epitaph, one tombstone. Fit memorial of loving youth and departed worth. C.

*Altered from a poem by Thos. Roberts, Esq.

PROF. HERBERT,
Of Washington College,
Being invited, has kindly consented to address the Kent County Agricultural Club No. 1, on the subject of Agriculture, on MONDAY, Feb. 9th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Club rooms.
Farmers generally are cordially invited to attend. By order of the Committee:
SAMUEL BECK,
EDW. P. JANVIER,
feb7-1t. WM. W. STEPHENS.

TAXES.—All persons indebted to me for Taxes for '71 and '72, are hereby notified that after the 17th day of February I shall proceed to levy and collect according to law.
feb7-3t. MORGAN BROWN.

CONCERT!
An evening of Sacred Song will be given at WESLEY CHAPEL on TUESDAY, February 10th, if the evening should be favorable; if not, the next evening. Also, at HYNSON'S CHAPEL, on THURSDAY, the 12th, with the same proviso as at Wesley Chapel.
Concert to commence at 7 o'clock, P. M.
jan31-2t. G. H. THOMPSON, Director.

FOR RENT.
For the present year,
THE DWELLING HOUSE,
on High street, in Chestertown, recently occupied by Mr. Henry W. Earnest.
For terms, &c., apply to
jan24-3t* RICHARD HYNSON.

A CARD.
ALL persons indebted to us are hereby notified that they must make IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT either by cash or note.
Respectfully,
jan31-3t. JOHN T. DODD & SON.

LOVERS of a good Chew can find consolation. We are selling nice CHEWING TOBACCO at One Dollar a pound. We have the article at all prices, from 50c to $1.50.
Also, a large stock of CIGARS. Call and try them, at J. B. SAPPINGTON'S.

PATAPSCO EXTRA FLOUR,
For sale by the barrel or pound, by
Feb. 7. T. W. ELIASON, Jr.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
—OF A—
VALUABLE
BAY-SIDE FARM
IN KENT COUNTY.

THE UNDERSIGNED, BY VIRTUE OF A Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, passed in a cause in said Court wherein George D. S. Handy, James F. Gordon and others are complainants; and Abel J. Rees is respondent; will offer at PUBLIC SALE, on
TUESDAY,
THE THIRD DAY of MARCH, 1874,
At the Voshell House Porch, in Chestertown,
ALL THAT VALUABLE ESTATE
Situated in the Fifth Election District of Kent county, belonging to Abel J. Rees, and known as
TOLCHESTER,
CONTAINING
1040 ACRES,
MORE OR LESS.

It is divided by the public road into two parcels, as follows:

No. 1 contains 640 Acres,
Lying immediately on Chesapeake Bay, between the lands of Dr. Thomas R. Brown and William P. Francis, Esq., on the West side of the public road leading from Fairlee to Swan Creek. This parcel is a perfect square, and is a compact body of land of which nearly every acre is arable.

About 130 Acres are in Peach Trees
Of which about half are ten years old, and the balance five years old.

There are 600 Standard Pear Trees,
IN GOOD BEARING, and
An Excellent Apple Orchard.

The Farm is divided into five fields of nearly equal size, and some small lots. The soil is of excellent quality, of medium texture, easily cultivated, responds liberally to the application of lime and other fertilizers, and is well adapted to fruit growing and all the cereals. It has yielded 3000 bushels of Wheat and 1000 Barrels of Corn in one year from the usual tillage of the farm.

THE DWELLING
Is a Double TWO STORY BRICK HOUSE,
With two-story Brick Kitchen attached, in good repair, finished throughout, and conveniently arranged for family use.

THE OUT-BUILDINGS
are good, and ample for the use of the farm, consisting of FRAME BARN, GRANARY, STABLES, LARGE HAY BARRACK, and SHEDDING for Cattle.

203 Bushels of Wheat
Was Seeded last Fall.

The banks are high and the view of the Bay is fine. The Fishing is excellent just off the shore.

In many respects this is a very valuable estate, and worthy the attention of purchasers. The terminus of the Kent County Railroad is located upon the adjoining farm, thus receiving all the advantages of a rail road without any of the disadvantages. There is a probability that this Rail Road will be completed at an early day, when Baltimore can be reached in two hours from this place, and there will be daily communication with Philadelphia and New York.

There are also SEVERAL GOOD TENANT HOUSES on this tract.

No. 2,
LIES ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PUBLIC ROAD, adjoining No. 1, and contains
400 ACRES, more or less.
About 100 acres are in cultivation, and improved by a small
DWELLING HOUSE.
The balance of this parcel is in
WOOD, and is not inclosed.
The soil is of good quality, but has not been much improved.
The land will be sold either as a whole or in parcels as above described, as may be found most advantageous on the day of sale, and the sale will be made subject to a prior mortgage on the premises for $17,000, which matures during the present year.

TERMS OF SALE.
The terms of sale, as prescribed by the Decree, are as follows:—Cash on the day of sale or in sixty days thereaf