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The Kent News.

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THE NEWS.

The National Democratic Committee met at Washington on Tuesday and selected Tuesday, the 27th of June, as the time for holding the Couvention to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President. The delegations from Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Louisville presented the claims of each city as the locality, and some advocated Philadelphia. Several ballots were taken, and finally St. Louis received a majority of the ballots, and the selection was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Republican State Central Committee met in Baltimore on Tuesday and decided to hold the State Convention to select delegates to the National Republican Convention at Frederick on the 4th day of May.

Shortly after twelve o'clock on Monday night, two men, George Cameron and Fred. Schneider, entered a saloon in Chicago, and while standing at the bar Cameron, apparently without any provocation, drew a revolver and holding it to Schneider's head, fired. He then shot himself. Both men died almost instantly. There is a suspicion that the two men had prearranged this mode of dying.

The bill to abolish the death penalty in Maine and substitute imprisonment and hard labor for life has passed the Senate of that State by a vote of 18 to 11. The measure had previously passed the House.

Miss Charlotte Cushman, the eminent actress, died in Boston on the 18th inst.

Texas has fully vindicated herself once more by rolling up a half Centennial Democratic majority, which she had a perfect right to do, inasmuch as under Democratic rule her indebtedness had not only been wiped out, but there is remaining nearly a half million surplus in the treasury.

The great four-mile race and repeat over the Bay Race track, at San Francisco, was won on Tuesday by Foster in two strait heats—time 7:38½, 7:52. The other horses in the race were Rutherford, Hock Hocking, Chance, Katie Pease, Revenue and Golden Gate. Rutherford was the favorite in the pools, and all the horses were distanced in the first heat except him. Twenty thousand persons witnessed the race.

Henry Ward Beecher made a most extraordinary speech before the Advisory Council in session at Brooklyn. After comparing himself to a central body on which all the rays of the sun were concentrated, and upon which were being heaped all the trouble that could be gathered upon the face of the globe, he broke out with the declaration, "If there is any man on earth that has anything to say to my detriment, I here now challenge him to say it. If there is any angel of God, I challenge him to say aught against me. Aye, I go far beyond that; I challenge the truth from God himself." We have never expressed any opinion as to the guilt of Mr. Beecher, but it seems to us that language like this is irreverent, and that it would be better to leave the decision of the question to the judgment of the Council.

The Virginia Senate has adopted the report on the contested senatorial election in favor of the sitttng Senator, Bradley T. Johnson, by a vote 21 to 19.

Mr. S. S. Cox, of New York, has been elected Speaker pro tem. of the House of Representatives, Mr. Kerr having been detained by temporary affliction.

Francis D. Moulton has issued a card directed to Dr. Bacon, Moderator of the Advisory Council of Plymouth Church, in which he declares his ability to prove Henry Ward Beecher guilty of adultery and perjury, and if he fails to make this assurance good he is willing to be discredited and denounced by mankind as a wretch devoid of truth and honor, and unworthy of human association.

The Governor of Virginia has appointed Hon. Jas. B. Beck, of Kentucky, in place of the late Gov. Graham, of North Carolina, to arbitrate on the part of Virginia the disputed boundary question between the latter State and Maryland.—The death of Gov. Graham renders it necessary that the whole question, which was so near an amicable settlement, be heard over again, involving considerable additional expense to both States.

Mr. Dennis has presented in the United States Senate a petition from citzens of Queen Anne's county asking an appropriation for deepening the channel of Queenstown; also from citizens of Maryland for a survey of tributaries of Chester river and the deepening of the channel of that river.

END OF THE GUBERNATORIAL INVESTIGATION.—The House of Delegates has settled the Gubernatorial contest, by deciding on Friday of last week, by a vote of 43 yeas to 28 nays, that John Lee Carroll was elected Governor at the last November election, and that J. Morrison Harris was not elected; and that inaugurating Gov. Carroll on the election returns, before the investigation, was regular. There was a strong opposition in the House to the latter part of the report, Mr. Donaldson, of Howard, and Mr. Constable of Cecil, democrats, arguing against it, but there is no doubt that the principle decided by the House is correct. It is the rule to swear in an elective officer on the prima facie case, based on the election returns, and if there is a contest, the investigation follows afterwards. The opposite rule would result in endless confusion. To illustrate, says the Easton *Star*, conclusively reasoning: Suppose the seat of every member returned elected to the Legislature was contested; none could take their seats; and consequently there could be no investigation and no Legislature. And often the seats of those undoubtedly elected are contested; to deny swearing them in before the investigation would be practically to disfranchise their constituents pending the investigation, which would be a great wrong.

HOMICIDE IN QUAKER NECK.—Coroner Bordley having been informed on Wednesday of a murder in Quaker Neck, near Airy Hill, summoned the following jury and repaired at once to hold an inquest over the remains: H. M. Thomas, E. N. Roland, J. W. Carroll, C. H. Davis, J. H. Greenwood, G. W. Parks, C. Rolph, J. W. Parsons, Sol. Startt, A. J. Fiddis, J. P. Meeks, Theo. Walbert, J. A. Fiddis, S. W. Rawleigh and A. Cohee. Arriving at the place they found the dead body of a colored woman named Louisa Houston covered up in bed. Dr. J. A. Perkins having been summoned to examine the body, found two or more heavy gashes in the back of the head, inflicted by an ax or some sharp weapon, which caused death immediately. John Jeffreys, son-in-law of the murdered woman, testified that he came down stairs about daybreak and found Thomas Houston, husband of the deceased, sitting near the stove with an ax in his hand; upon being asked why he held the ax, said that he wanted to tighten the helve. Witness fell asleep in a chair; found, after having awakened, that he had been struck with an ax or some heavy weapon and knocked in the corner of the room; did not know who struck him. Jeffreys' wife, daughter of the murdered woman, testified that her sister came up stairs and said that their mother was dead—she hastily dressed, went down, and found her mother murdered and her father gone. Ellen Houston, another daughter of the deceased, testified that she dressed as usual, came down stairs, went to the bed and found her mother dead, and her father gone. The jury, after having examined the body, rendered a verdict to the effect that Louisa Houston came to her death by heavy blows inflicted by an ax or some sharp weapon in the hands of some party unknown.

Search was instituted for Houston, who had fled, and he was found on Thursday afternoon in the stable-loft of Mr. E. N. Roland, who lives about a mile from the place of the homicide. He was brought to town by Constable Rawleigh, and committed to jail by Esquire Thomas for the action of the grand jury. After his incarceration he confessed having committed the murder, and assigned therefor the superior affection of his wife for other persons than himself, though not in a criminal sense.

THE TWENTY-SECOND IN CHESTERTOWN.—The birthday of the "Father of his Country" was celebrated in Chestertown with more than usual eclat. The old spiked cannon, which had been "butted" in front of the market house since 1839, was dug out of the ground, a touch-hole drilled in it, and hauled down to the railroad wharf on a dray, where it was made to belch forth its flame again in centennial strains. The vessels at our wharves, with their buntings streaming, presented a gala appearance. In the afternoon the Kent Cornet Band, led by C. T. Westcott, Esq., and carrying the old Reed Rifle flag, paraded through our streets, discoursing a number of patriotic airs. We tender thanks for the honor done our office by way of a serenade. The observance of the day terminated with a well patronized concert at the Town Hall and a terrapin supper at Benjamin's. The supper was elegantly gotten up, and was partaken of by some seventy or eighty persons, including a number of gentlemen from Centreville. Diamond backs, canvas backs, swan, oysters, etc., were provided in abundance, to which ample justice was done by the host of epicureans present, and Benjamin won for himself the reputation of a first-class caterer.

THE CONCERT, on Tuesday evening last, at the Town Hall, given by the choir of the M. E. Church, was one of unusual interest and has never been surpassed by any previous effort of the kind. The stage was very tastefully arranged, having a picture of Washington in the centre of the rear, and also prettily decorated in lace curtains. On a large arch in the back-ground was the motto, "In God is our Trust," made in beautiful flowers. The singing was conducted by Professor Robinson, of Baltimore, who acquitted himself with his usual grace. Mrs. C. H. Lake presided at the organ, and of course lost no laurels. First on the programme was a "Centennial Hymn," followed by a piano duett, performed by Mrs. Lake and Miss Bella Bordley.—Among other pieces that followed the solo by Miss Agnes Bordley, entitled "The Sailor Boy," deserves mention. Another solo, "The Merry Zingara," was sung by Miss Lulie Lambert in a most charming manner. "The Huntsman," a chorus, was good; also a solo, "Man the Life Boat," by Prof. Robinson. "Matrimonial Sweets," a comic duett, was rendered by Miss Lulie Lambert and Mr. William H. Aiken in a very natural and pleasing manner. "The Mocking Bird," with orchestral accompaniment, was the crowning piece of the evening. This was followed by "National Medley" and the "Star Spangled Banner," which were most excellent. The whole was a success in every way, and much credit is due the performers. The net proceeds of the evening was about $65, which is for the Sunday School.

POSTPONED.—On account of the inclemency of the weather the lecture advertised to take place at Salem M. E. Church, on Tuesday night last, by Rev. J. T. Van-Burkalow, on the "Model Woman," did not come off. It will be delivered on Tuesday evening next.

THE young people of Greensboro' gave an entertainment on Tuesday night to raise money to buy street lamps for the town. Why cannot the "young people" of Chestertown do likewise? They are badly needed in our town. Some means should be devised by which they might be procured at once.

REMEMBER the great Centennial Entertainment at Still Pond on Thursday and Friday evenings next. It promises to be the richest affair of the season.

A YOUTHFUL ROBBER.—Wm. Simmons, a boy of thirteen, was arrested at the depot in this town, early Thursday morning, as he was about to leave on the cars, by officer Charles H. Davis. Simmons was employed on Capt. Wm. Coleman's vessel, running out of Grey's Inn Creek, and had just returned from a trip to Baltimore. Some time Tuesday night the boy—who had doubtless watched his opportunity and having knowledge of the amount of money in the Captain's possession and also where it was kept—stole the pocket book and fled. As soon as the robbery was discovered efforts were made to find the boy, but were unsuccessful until yesterday morning, as above stated. About $130 of the money was recovered. Justice Thomas committed him to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

REVIVAL.—A revival meeting was commenced in the M. E. Church, in this town, on Sunday evening last, and during the week quite a number of penitents have been at the altar for prayer. Mrs. Amelia Steuart, of Philadelphia, who has for some time been very successfully engaged at work as an evangelist, preached on Wednesday and Thursday nights. She is of middle age, medium size, voice pleasant but not strong, and her efforts are characterized by great earnestness.

EXAGGERATED.—The report which has reached this community concerning a serious rencounter at Crumpton on Tuesday night between parties by the name of Rasin and Dillihunt, is greatly exaggerated. We are informed by a gentleman from that place that it was a trivial affair, and that no injury of any account was sustained by either party.

COMMITTED.—A negro man named Dobson has been committed to jail by Esquire Dewees on the charge of stealing a hog from Mr. Wm. Archibald, at Harmony, in this county. He was tracked to his house, where some of the meat was found, and he confessed the theft.

PARVIN'S Entertainment at Kennedyville on Tuesday evening is said to have been pleasing, instructive, and gave general satisfaction.

THE ROADS.

Messrs. Editors:—Will the law as it exists permit the County Commissioners to sell at public sale the roads for repairs? By informing your readers you will oblige

CLAY.

[There seems to be no law, either general or local, bearing on this particular subject so far as Kent county is concerned, and therefore it may be fairly inferred that the matter is altogether discretionary with the County Commissioners.—EDS.]

The M. E. Concert.

Messrs. Editors:—It was the good fortune of your correspondent to be in attendance at the Concert given by the Choir of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the Town Hall last Tuesday evening.

My surprise was great at seeing so lengthy a programme; many of the selections were from such well known masters as Mendelshon, Balfe, Von Weber, and others; and my pride of your local talent was eclipsed by none, when at the close of the entertainment, to know that the rendering of some of the most difficult parts, in my opinion, could not have been surpassed by but few amateur voices in the State, reflecting great credit upon the individual performers and Prof. Robinson, the gentlemanly conductor, who by special request favored us during the intermission between the first and second part, with one of Sankey's popular hymns—"The Ninety and Nine."

The Prof. was also on the programme for a solo, "Man the Life Boat," which he sang with marked emphasis and with a manifest knowledge of music peculiarly adapting him for concert singing.

Our admiration for the efforts of Miss Lambert was scarcely bounded, notably so in her solo, "The Merry Zingara;" in a sweet tone she articulated each word with a distinctness sufficient to be heard in the remotest part of the hall. Her duetts showed a dramatic ability surpassed by but few, considering her youth. Her rendition of the "Mocking Bird" has never been surpassed in our hearing; indeed, a gentleman of worthy opinion and a friend of ours, who had also the pleasure of hearing this young lady, told us, that some time ago he heard Nilson, whose experience and cultivation gave her greater volume and expression, but for richness of voice your young Prima Dona was not surpassed by this great Cantatrice.

The solo, "The Sailor Boy," displayed in the young lady a greater cultivation of voice than volume; we are pursuaded to believe that her voice has had the benefit of training under the care of a professor.

The duett, "All's Well," by two gentlemen, showed plainly their musical abilities. Among other pieces deserving special mention, we would name "Ye Shepherd's tell me," "Whispering Hope," "Swallow's Farewell," "The two merry girls," and "Drift my bark."

The chorusses deservedly elicited much applause—it was just here that the Professor seemed to have his company well in hand; the rendering of these showed cultivation of voice, training and studied effort on the part of each individual performer. The instrumental part of the entertainment was a rare treat and an exceedingly fine display of musical genius; preeminent among the performers was the lady who so gracefully presided at the organ; her artistic and cultivated touch sent many thrills of delight to her admiring and appreciative audience.

"The Star Spangled Banner," the closing feature of the entertainment was appropos to the day—Feb. 22. It was rendered in chorus—the blending of many rich voices with a grand instrumental accompaniment, giving us an initiatory gush of patriotism for the coming Centennial celebration.

WAYFARER.

THE latest Legislature to be sounded on the presidential question is that of Kentucky. The inquiries were made only of democratic members, of whom 45 were seen. Of this number 13 were for Hendricks, 13 for Allen, 7 for Thurman, 7 for Pendleton, 3 for Tilden, and 1 each for Bayard and Kerr.

In discussing the presidential question the Chicago *Tribune*, republican, says: "The republicans are not certain of electing their nominee by any manner of means. In the very best aspect of the case the contest will be desperate and doubtful."

JOHN T. ALEXANDER, the great Illinois farmer, has 1,200 head of cattle on his farm near Alexander, in fine condition, kept so thus far during the winter grazing on his blue grass pasture, without any feed.

CHESTERVILLE AND VICINITY.

Messrs. Editors:—One night last week a young white man who has for some months been in the employ of Elijah Miller, Esq., residing near Galena, stole a horse and buggy belonging to that gentleman, and made tracks—not exactly "for parts unknown," but first to Middletown, thence to Smyrna, and on to Dover, where he halted. After looking around a little, he found a purchaser for the whole team at $25. The theft was not discovered till next morning, when immediate search was made, Mr. Miller taking the train for Wilmington. On the cars he met a gentleman from Dover, who, on his return to the capital of the Diamond State, ascertained that the stolen property was there, and so telegraphed the owner. Upon the arrival of Mr. Miller in Dover, the man who purchased the property represented that he had parted with the horse, but might return him again if reasonably compensated. Mr. M. offered the vehicle if the horse was restored, (as being the least trouble), when the animal was delivered to him by the party who bought him of the thief. In the meantime the thief fitted himself out with a new suit, and left in the first train, since which time he has not been heard from. Some people are unable to see but very little difference between the man who committed the theft and the receiver of stolen goods, in this instance.

We have neglected heretofore to state that "Jeems," the Original, has laid in a new supply of horse flesh, and is now prepared to "*lend* horses and carriages at all hours, and at short notice." Give him a call.

Any one rash enough to assert that Chesterville, since last May, has not been a more decent and respectable place than for the last fifty years, cannot produce facts to prove it. Cause—the absence of whiskey. Let a strong effort be made to banish it from the place forever!

The "Centennial Tableaux" and supper, for the benefit of the Episcopal chapel, at Millington, which came off last week, were quite a success, the net amount realized being $156. The tableaux are said to have been superior, and the supper all that could be desired. The K. of P. entertainment at Crumpton, on the evenings of the 22d, 23d and 24th was, we hear, quite successful, both as to performance and finance.

Our friend, Capt. P. Brinsfield, seems to be quite as expert in the handling of fire-arms as in running the "Jillard." Seeing his flock of geese on the wheat the other day, he thought he would fire over their heads to frighten them. Leveling his piece, he pulled trigger, and down came the whole flock, except the gander! The flock consisted of four.—Goose has been no rarity at the Captain's for a week past. The next time feathered bipeds intrude on our garden, we shall send for Brinsfield to *frighten* them off.

On Friday of last week, at 1, P. M., Mr. John M. Comegys died at the residence of his son, N. W. Comegys, Esq., at an advanced age. He received injury from a fall in Chestertown, during the last summer, from which he never recovered, although not the cause of his death. He was ill for a long time previous to his demise, but life was finally terminated by apoplexy. Mr. Comegys had resided in this neighborhood the greater part of his life, and was much respected by the whole community. His funeral took place on Sunday morning, and was largely attended. The remains were interred in the family burying ground, on the farm of the deceased. On the morning of the same day, and at the same hour, Dr. F. A. Clift, of Sassafras, departed this life, aged 56 years. The Doctor had been lingering long of consumption. His funeral took place on Sunday also, being numerously attended; interment in the M. E. burying-ground at Sassafras. The Doctor practiced medicine at the place of his death for seven or eight years; was considered an excellent physician, a man of high moral standing, and was held in high esteem.

At this writing (Wednesday P. M.,) a great Polar wave has struck us, and makes us feel sensibly his piercing breath, while dim visions of cooling ice draughts in August loom up before us.

WALTER.

A MONSTER, with a head measuring six feet by four, and a body forty-five feet in length, is, according to the Dundee *Advertiser*, well known to Scotch fishermen as the "herring hog." A very fine specimen of the animal was seen the other day by some Broughty Ferrymen off the Bell Rock. The crew of a fishing boat were hauling in their haddock lines, when the "herring hog" came up to blow only a few yards from the starboard side of the boat. Its huge head seemed to be full of slits or holes, and it had eyes resembling those of an ox, but much larger. Its skin was black and apparently rough, changing into a light hue toward the lower part of the body. It had a broad tail, which would measure about six feet from tip to tip, and seemed to be very old, for its head and tail were covered with large white barnacles measuring about three inches in length, and one of its fins was partially eaten away, as if by decay. It took several haddocks off the lines, and then broke the line the crew were hauling in. The men then became alarmed, and threw stones at it, one of which struck the hog, when it plunged and reappeared at a greater distance, giving a great roar.

COLLISION WITH A SWORDFISH.—Brig P. M. Tinker, of Boston, Capt. Charles Barnard, sailed from Rio Janeiro Dec. 5, for Richmond, Va., with a cargo of 3,600 bags coffee. Nothing unusual occurred till the morning of December 23, when the pumps were tried and it was found she had sprung a leak and had 11 inches of water in the well. From this time until her arrival at Richmond (37 days) she continued to leak at the rate of 5 inches per hour. Her cargo was discharged in fine order, only 15 bags in the ground tier being slightly stained. After being discharged the leak still continued, and as there was no facilities at Richmond to take her out she was towed to Norfolk and put upon the railway, when it was found that she had been struck by a swordfish on her starboard bow,, about 6 feet below copper line, breaking off the sword even with the copper and leaving 7 inches of it in the plank and timber, splitting the plank badly each side of the sword, which, but for the pressure of the felt under the metal, would have been a very serious leak, and if it had gone between the timbers might have sunk the vessel. While on the ways the vessel was visited by hundreds of people to see the wound.

A FAST COLT.—Says the Crisfield *Leader*: It is said that Accomac boasts of the fastest three year old colt in America, owned by Mr. McConnel of Pungoteague. On last Wednesday it trotted on Pungoteague track making a mile in 2:36, probably the fastest time ever made by any three year old cold on the Continent. It is said the same horse has since trotted half a mile in 1:10. This statement will no doubt be received by some as incredible, but the time was made in the presence of several hundred witnesses.

SENATOR CONKLING may as well give it up. No "C" can be President. Think of Crawford, Clinton, Calhoun, Clay and Cass. People don't "C" it.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

Both houses of the Legislature reassembled on Wednesday, having adjourned over from the previous Friday. Excluding Sundays, there are now only about thirty-five working days of the session left, as the constitutional period of ninety days expires April 3. Night sessions for the consideration of local bills will very probably commence next week; they began at the last session Feb. 25.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The following nominations have been confirmed by the Senate:

Weigher of Live Stock—David Scott, of Cecil county.

State Board of Health.—Dr. C. W. Chancellor, of Baltimore city; Dr. J. R. Ward, Balt. co.; Dr. Chas. M. Ellis, Cecil county; Dr. E. Lloyd Howard, Balt.

Assistant Inspectors of Grain—Henry D. M. Howard, Cecil county; Benj. N. Wright, Queen Anne's county; Chas. R. Hambleton, Balt. city; John W. Dougherty, Wicomico county.

THE CENTENNIAL APPROPRIATION.

The House has finally passed the bill appropriating $25,000 to secure a proper representation of Maryland interests at the Centennial—yeas 53, nays 21; Mr. Usilton voted for and Mr. Boyer against the bill. In the Senate the bill was passed reduced to $15,000—yeas 17, nays 5; Mr. Hepbron voted against the original sum, and in favor of the bill on its final passage. The difference between the two houses will have to be reconciled.

THE TAX LEVY.

The bill introduced by Mr. Gorman to regulate the tax levy for the present and subsequent years provides that the county commissioners of the several counties of this State and the mayor and city council of Baltimore, shall levy the State taxes for the year 1876, and annually thereafter, to be collected according to law, and to be apportioned as follows: A tax of 5½ cent on each $100 to meet the interest and to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the defense or bounty loan; three-fourths of one cent on the $100, for Deaf and Dumb Asylum loan; same for Maryland Hospital, and 10 cents on each $100 to public schools—total 17 cents.

The comptroller is required to levy the same State taxes on the shares of capital stock of all banks and other institutions liable to assessment and taxation.

A NEW COUNTY.

The judiciary committee of the Senate, it is said, will report favorably the bill to form a new county out of portions of Allegany and Garrett counties.

FISH AND FISHERIES.

Mr. Walsh's bill in relation to fish and fisheries, aims to protect the fish interest by prohibiting non-residents of the State from fishing in the head waters of the bay with pound nets.

PRODUCE MARKET.

A bill to establish a wholesale fish, oyster and produce exchange or market in Baltimore has been reported favorably from the committee on agriculture of the House of Delegates. It is intended to supply a central location for reception and sale of the horticultural products of the State, as well as for fish and oysters. The act empowers the Board of Public Works to appoint three commissioners, who shall be authorized to select some location "conveniently accessible both by land and water, and of sufficient capacity for laying out and constructing a wholesale exchange or market for the reception and sale of fruit, vegetables, fish and oysters."

THE REGISTRATION LAW.

Among the bills occupying the report submitted by Mr. Gorman, Wednesday, was one relating to registration. This bill provides for an entire new registration of the voters of the State.

GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

The general approbriation bill for 1876, as prepared for report by the ways and means committee, makes considerable reduction of proposed expenditures by the State treasury. The compensation of several indispensable officers is reduced, and $50,000 are deducted from the usual appropriation for colored schools.

CONVICTION OF A LITTLE MONEY GRABBER.—Anna Cowley, eleven years old, who is a sort of juvenile highway robber in petticoats, was tried before Judge Gilmor yesterday for larceny and found guilty. There were various charges, all of the same character, against her, of cruising on the streets and snatching money from children sent errands and others, but she was only presented on three of the cases, and being covicted on one of them, the other two were stetted. The facts disclosed unususl cunning and capacity for crime in one so young. She was plainly dressed, rather stout in person, and quite composed if not indifferent to the gravity of her position as she sat in the criminal's dock. She had not been in jail, bail having been taken for her when first arrested about two months ago. The only sign of feeling she gave was when about to be removed to jail after conviction. Her distressed mother, who was in court all the time, gave way to her grief, and then for the first time the little girl shed a flood of tears. She was taken to jail until the judge can send her to some house of reformation by consent of the managers, her mother having pleaded with the court not to send her to the Maryland Industrial School for Girls, to which the court can commit her by law.

The proof showed that the girl's victims were all children. Two of them testified against her, the other being incompetent on account of want of knowedge of what an oath is, Judge Gilmor said it was not so much the age as the degree of intelligence that determined a child's capacity to testify. Wm. Cook, eight years old, son of Sargeant Cook, of the police, testified that he was on his way to pay a grocer's bill for his father with a $20 note, when the girl said to him on the street you have lost your money. He quickly opened his pocket-book, and taking out the bill, said: "No I have not," when she seized it and fled. This was last May, but he recoged her now. In another case, when she got $1 12 from a little girl, who had been to Broadway market, and had the money in her basket, the artful thief helped to carry the basket until she had secured the money. She then said you have lost your money, and went back to look for it, but did not return. She has figured in the police items as "the little money grabber."—*Balto. Sun, 19th.*

THE Supreme Lodge of the World, Knights of Pythias, have issued a circular to all the grand jurisdictions in the United States, ordaining that the next session of the Supreme Lodge shall be held in Philadelphia, beginning on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1876. The subordinate lodges of this Supreme Lodge are authorized to attend the centennial celebration during the session of the Supreme Lodge as lodges, and in uniform for parade.

A SINGULAR case has just been brought before the board of pardons in Harrisburg, Pa. A boy, sixteen years of age, is serving a term of imprisonment in the Schuylkill county jail for having shot another boy, but without fatal effect. Strong efforts are making to procure his release, but these are opposed by the youthful prisoner himself, who likes the jail so well that he desires to stay there. He is employed by the prison officials as a messenger.

AN INDEPENDENCE RELIC.—A Virginia correspondent of the New York *Church Journal* says that Mr. A. McD. Smith, of Big Lick, Roanoke county, Va., has in his possession the remains of a small writing desk which formerly belonged to Mr Jefferson, and upon which the Declaration of Independence was drafted. Mr. Jefferson presented the desk to his friend, Bishop Madison, the first Bishop of Virginia, with the remark that he wrote the Declaration of Independence upon it, and Bishop Madison's son, the late Dr. Madison, who died at Big Lick some months ago, gave it to the present owner. It was originally a folding desk of mahogany, sixteen inches in length, nine in width, and six in height. Mr. Smith intends to send this relic to the centennial exposition.

WHILE some of the workmen on the Old Dominion railroad were digging in an embankment near Franklin, Worcester county, they exhumed the skeleton of an Indian, together with a genuine, bona fide tomahawk. Several arrow tips were found near the spot and sufficient evidence was collected to justify the belief that this was once a burying ground of the aborigines. The skeleton of the departed red man, in company with the tomahawk, has been shipped to Philadelphia, and it is proposed to have them exhibited at the centennial this year.

AN INHUMAN CRIME.—James Gellespie, aged four years, died in New York last Saturday from injuries received by being placed on a stove by his father, Robert Gillespie, who has been arrested. The child had committed some offense.

Judge Pinkney of the Circuit Court of Baltimore city has rendered a decision declaring the appropriations by the City Council to certain charitable and reformatory institutions, unlawful.

THE Cecil county school board propose to create a bonded debt for the purpose of supplying a deficiency in the school fund, and will memorialize the Legislature for power to that end.

Baltimore Price Current

[From the Sun of Thursday.]

WHEAT—Red	$1.35a1 40
" Amber	1.50a1.55
" White	1.45a1.50
CORN—White	60a62
" Yellow	57a58
OATS	44a45
RYE	75a80
BACON—Shoulders	10a10½
" C. R. Sides	13a13½
" Hams	15½a16
LARD	13a14¾

Gold is quoted at 114¼a114½.

MARRIED:

On the 21st of February, 1876, by Rev. J. R. Beck, at his residence, near Lynch's, Mr. JAMES G. GREET and Miss NELLIE WARUM, both of this county.

On the 9th inst. at the residence of Alex. Rutter, of Elk Neck, Cecil county, by Rev. L. Layfield, WILLIAM H. COLLINS, of Philadelphia, to EMMA S. RUTTER, of Cecil county.

Sept. 9th, 1875, by Rev. W. O'Neal, JAMES A. GALE to JULIA, daughter of the late Impey Spedden.

DIED:

At the residence of his son, N. W. Comegys, near Chesterville, in this county, early on Friday morning, the 18th inst., JOHN M. COMEGYS, in the 77th year of his age. The deceased was one of the most worthy and exemplary citizens of our county, and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

In Kent county on Monday, 21st Feb., WILLIAM HODGES, aged 65 years.

On the 20th inst., "very early in the morning, the first day of the week ..... at the rising of the sun," Mrs. MARTHA MEEKS, wife of Howard Meeks, and daughter of John and Asenath Moore, aged 54-5.

The deceased had long been a sufferer from Mercurialis, superinduced by the long continued use of the arseniate of mercury (Fowler's solution,) for the cure of psoriasis. On Thursday evening she was attacked with a catarral fever, which, though broken by the skill of her kind and attentive physician, left her too weak to recuperate from the old disease.

Mrs. Meeks was not very demonstrative in her character either as a woman or as a Christian, but years of service and suffering in her religious career gave a degree of solidity to her christian life which could lead to no other result than a calm, peaceful, trustful death. In all the relations of life she was exemplary, honorable and kind, rather willing to suffer wrong than to inflict pain.

A bereaved husband, a sorrowing daughter, sister and brother, and numerous relatives and friends mourn their great loss, but are consoled by the assurance that it is her infinite gain.

HOWARD.

THE ANNIVERSARY of the Juvenile Missionary Society of the M. P. Church, Chestertown, will be held on THURSDAY EVENING NEXT. Exercises to commence at 7½. The public invited. 1t.

FOR SALE.

The FANCY STORE of MRS. NANNIE EMORY.

Wishing to discontinue business she will dispose of her stock at COST on reasonable terms. feb26 5t.

HORSES and MULES FOR SALE.

A LOT of CAR MARES and Broke MULES will be sold cheap for cash. May be seen at the stables of J. A. Russell in Chestertown. Those remaining unsold will be offered at public sale on Saturday, March 4, at the Market House, at 2 o'clock.

feb26-2t.* JACOB BACKMAN.

Notice to Membership of Myrtle Lodge No. 46, K. of P.

ALL the members of Myrtle Lodge, No. 46, K. of P., are requested to meet at Castle Hall on MONDAY EVENING Feb 28, 1876, as important business will be brought before the Lodge, and all who have ever been members of this Lodge are cordially invited to attend, as their presence is required. Be punctual. By order of Centennial Committee:

B. D. QUIGLEY,
JOHN A. CHWATKA,
C. W. S. SEDDERS,
Committee.

Chesterville, Feb. 26—1t.

NOTICE.—The members of Amicable Lodge, No. 117 I. O. O. F., are respectfully requested to attend the meeting of the Lodge MONDAY EVENING, Feb. 28, 1876. Business of importance.

By order of the Lodge,

feb26-2t. R. C. REICHE, Sec'y.

WANTED, A SITUATION as HOUSEKEEPER in a private family, and do house-work generally. Apply to Mrs M. A. REED, near Hall's Hotel, Chestertown. feb19-3t*

PIANO FOR SALE.

A NUNN'S PIANO, in complete order, will be sold at half its value, on reasonable terms, the present owner having no use for it. Apply at 'News' office.

Feb. 19, 1876—1t.

FOR SALE,

ONE THREE YEAR OLD COLT, of good size, will be sold low on a credit of 9 months, on note with approved security.

Apply at the 'Kent News' office. feb19-3

ONION SETS and SEED.

Onion Sets for sale by the bushel, or otherwise. Onion Seed also for sale by the pound or otherwise. J. R. BECK.

Lynch's, Kent co., Feb. 19—3t.

FOR SALE.—VALUABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY in Fredericktown, (at the terminus of Sassafras River Bridge,) consisting of one LIME KILN, in good burning order, spacious and well constructed sheds for lime, and every convenience for the business. OFFICE and GRANARY near; a good stand for a Wharf. TWO SMALL DWELLINGS and one STORE HOUSE, all in good repair. For terms, &c., apply to

C. J. OSBORNE,
Fredericktown, Md

Feb. 9—3t*

PLOW LINES and TRACES, at THOMPSON'S, Up Town.

LARD, by the barrel or bushel, at THOMPSON'S, Up Town.

READ our new advertisement in another column. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM

Near Chestertown, Kent Co.

BY VIRTUE of the power and authority contained in a Mortgage from John R. Gray and Anna M. Gray, his wife, to Thomas W. Eliason, dated the sixth day of April, in the year 1870, duly executed and recorded in Liber J. K. H., No 9, pages 273 to 277, one of the land record Books for Kent county, the undersigned, Mortgagee, will offer at PUBLIC SALE, at THE VOSHELL HOUSE IN CHESTERTOWN, on

WEDNESDAY,

The Twenty-ninth day of March, 1876,

AT TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.,

All that VALUABLE FARM

in Kent County, in the State of Maryland, on which John R. Gray, Esq., now resides, called

The "Grove Farm,"

or "*Grove*," "*Little Grove*," "*Grove Addition*," "*Calder's Meadows*," and "*Frenchard's Memorial*,"

situated about two miles from Chestertown, on the public road leading from Chestertown to Hanesville, and containing

330 ACRES,

And 3 ROODS OF LAND,

MORE OR LESS,

About 280 Acres of which is arable, and divided into three fields and a Peach Orchard under good fencing. The residue is in WOOD AND TIMBER, with Chestnut sufficient for the Farm, and a stream of water running through it.

The soil is a loam, suitable for growing Corn, Wheat, and Fruit.

The PEACH ORCHARD

has in it about SIX THOUSAND TREES eight years old, and about SIX THOUSAND TREES five years old this Spring, said to be of the best varieties, and in healthy condition.

The IMPROVEMENTS ARE A LARGE AND HANDSOME FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

Two Stories high, nearly new, with four rooms and a Kitchen on the lower floor, and seven rooms above; and other apartments for servants, all finished; a large Cellar, divided into four apartments; a WELL of soft, pure water; a MEAT HOUSE, POULTRY HOUSE and CARRIAGE HOUSE, GRANARY and CRIBS under one roof, a CATTLE SHED and a large STABLE, all in good condition.

The location is healthy, and desirable for a residence, convenient to Churches, Schools Mill and for shipment of products and travel by steam and sail vessels from Chestertown and Buck Neck to Baltimore, and by Railroad to Philadelphia.

Persons wishing to purchase will examine the property.

TERMS OF SALE.

The Terms of Sale will be $7,000.00 cash on the day of sale, and the residue of the purchase money to be paid in two equal instalments, with interest thereon from the day of sale, in one and two years from the day of sale. The deferred payments to be secured by the Bond of the purchaser, with security or sureties to be approved by the undersigned. When the sale is ratified and the whole purchase money paid, the undersigned is authorized to convey the property by deed to the purchaser. The expense of the deed to be paid by the purchaser.

THOMAS W ELIASON,
MORTGAGEE

Chestertown, Feb. 26, 1876—5t.

Store Goods

At COST for CASH

At MASSEY'S.

TO reduce my stock before invoicing and to make room for NEW GOODS, I will offer my ENTIRE STOCK, Groceries excepted

AT COST FOR CASH,

For Twelve Days, commencing March 1.

This stock consists of a good assortment of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, HATS and CAPS BOOTS and SHOES, POCKET and TABLE CUTLERY, in fact nearly every thing kept in a Country Store.

☞ Here is a RARE OPPORTUNITY to purchase goods at low prices, and any one needing to purchase will find it to their interest to give us a call.

C. H. SMITH, Masseys, Md.

Feb. 26, 1876—3t.

For Sassafras River.

The Steamer TRUMPETER,

NOW being in complete order, will resume her trips THURSDAY, the 2nd day of March, leaving PIER No. 6, LIGHT ST.,

EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY, at 10½ A. M.,

FOR GEORGETOWN,

arriving in Georgetown at 4, P. M.

RETURNING, will leave Georgetown at 7, A. M., the alternate days, arriving in Baltimore at 2, P. M., touching at

Buck Neck, Barnard's, Betterton, Turner's Creek, Shallcross' and Fredericktown,

GOING AND RETURNING

The TRUMPETER has had a new boiler put in, and been thoroughly overhauled and remodled, and will be decidedly the finest equipped steamer ever up the Sassafras river.

☞ We sincerely trust that the friendly relations hitherto existing between the Steamer TRUMPETER, her patrons and the public generally, may continue. For the fulfilment of which we will ever be found doing our best.

WM. CUNDIFF, Master.

Feb. 26, 1876—tf.

FOR SALE,

23 SHOATS, size from 40 lbs. to 100 lbs. Breed—Kent co. Whites. Quality—will recommend themselves 3 BROOD SOWS; 3 FRESH COWS AND CALVES.

A. L. COREY,
feb12-3t. Fairlee, Kent county, Md.

THE HOME FARM of the late Dr. John Frazier, near Sassafras, Kent county, containing about 170 Acres, is offered at private sale on the most reasonable terms; only $1,000 down. 50 acres elegant White Oak timber, and valuable Mill Seat attached. For particulars call on or address

CAROLINE FRAZIER,
feb12-3t* near Sassafras, Md.

NOTICE.—The card of M. Ascher, cautioning persons against harboring or trusting me on his account, is altogether gratuitous. If he had any credit the case might be different. I left him because of his cruel and inhuman treatment, and am able to provide for myself. REBECCA ASCHER.

Feb. 19, 1876—3t*

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