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The Kent News.

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HAYES' SOUTHERN POLICY—*The Promises Made in his Inaugural Address Broken.*—After two protracted sessions of the Cabinet, held on Tuesday and Wednesday, it has been decided by the President to place the fate of Louisiana in the hands of a roving commission, and it is probable that South Carolina will share a similar fate, though at the latest advices no definite action had been taken in regard to that State. It is reported that Evarts, Schurz and Key advocated the immediate withdrawal of the troops, while the other four members of the Cabinet opposed it. Ever since the adjournment of the Executive Session of the Senate on Saturday last, Morton, Chandler, Cameron, Blaine, and other extremists have been unceasing in their efforts to pour into the ears of the President and his Cabinet the alleged *terrible* consequences that would befall the *loyal* citizens of the South in the event of the withdrawal of the Federal troops; and their pleadings have not been in vain.—It is manifest that Hayes has backed down from the policy enunciated in his inaugural, that he has been already captured by unprincipled politicians, and hereafter will be manipulated by them to suit their nefarious purposes. The correspondent of the *Gazette* says that the leading Democrats now in Washington are disgusted to a man over the shiftless policy as now clearly outlined by Mr. Hayes, and have come to the unanimous conclusion that they have been seduced into a surrender of their State rights and self-respect, and that the President has been guilty of a most flagrant breach of faith with the southern conservatives, who joined his standard against their northern party friends during the perilous days of the presidential count, and have, so far, heartily endorsed his policy, in the hope that the miseries of their local governments would soon be ended by a quiet withdrawal of the troops. It is now known beyond all doubt that the recent bargain and sale in the democratic House was effected on the strength of contracts regularly drawn up and signed by Stanley Matthews and Charles Foster, acting as authorized agents of Mr. Hayes, and it is significant that the liberal republicans who sympathized with this contract, and believed it would be carried out to the letter, feel chagrined over the appointment of a dilatory commission.—These written contracts are now in possession of several leading democrats of the South, and are as explicit in terms as language can make them. The administration was pledged to withdraw the troops, and let the governments stand on their own bottom, which was all the southern men demanded.

We never had any faith in Hayes's ability to enforce his pretended liberal policy towards the South. It is true that he has given a Southern man a position in his cabinet, but at the same time has instructed him to appoint none but republicans to office.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE—*Confirmation of Fred. Douglass.*—The executive session of the United States Senate adjourned *sine die* on Saturday last. The nomination of Fred. Douglass (colored) to be U. S. Marshal for the District of Columbia was confirmed by a vote of 30 to 12. The duties of that officer are similar to those of a sheriff. Senator Whyte objected to the appointment upon the ground of Douglass' lack of qualification for the office. He laid special stress upon the fact that the District bar had declared itself opposed to the appointment on the ground that Mr. Douglass could not successfully administer the affairs of the office. Mr. Whyte planted himself upon the administration platform in his opposition; the President had announced that fitness and not political recommendations would be considered by him in making appointments, and the appointment of Mr. Douglass was inconsistent with those professions, since he is entirely unacquainted with the duties of the office.—Senator Conkling made the main speech in defense of the appointment, but the one which attracted the most attention was from Senator Morgan of Alabama.—He said that as the elector-at-large on the Tilden ticket he had received the votes of 10,000 colored citizens of Alabama, and from his respect to that constituency, as well as from his regard to the man, he would vote for the confirmation of Mr. Douglass' appointment. All the republicans voted for Douglass, and we regret to say that with them Senators Gordon, Hill, Beck, Garland and Morgan among the democrats.

A number of white republicans who were applicants for the place are greatly incensed at the appointment of Douglass, and are denouncing the administration for putting a negro in so prominent position. Neither do the colored people approve of it, for they say that while Douglass assumes to be a representative of their race he is "too high-toned," and prefers associating with white people, where he can do it, to those of his own color. The correspondent of the *Gazette* writes:

"The mill of the gods is already beginning to grind! Curses loud and deep follow the appointment of a negro as marshal of the district. Men who were most blatant in his praise before the election, and most anxious to use him as a frequent voter, are now fiercely indignant at his promotion. But they should not rashly abuse the President. He is consistent in his policy, and is only carrying out the republican theory. The radicals all said that the colored brother was an important factor in our new civilization, and Mr. Hayes hastens to show them how full of gospel truth their teaching was. They cheated him into the presidential chair, and now they want him to cheat the poor African for whom his heart bleeds. But he respectfully declines the invitation.—He proposes to paddle his own canoe, and let them paddle theirs.

Retribution is already beginning to overtake the great conspirators, and strangely enough, it has come to pass that in the White House to-day a Douglass is greater than a Cameron!

NO COUSINS NEED APPLY.—The brothers-in-law and cousin will have no place in President Hayes' administration. Among the unsuccessful candidates for the United States marshalship for the northern district of Illinois was a Mr. Stillwell, of Livingston county. He was admitted to a private audience with the President and presented his papers. The President looked them all carefully through, and then looking Mr. Stillwell full in the face said, "Your papers are unexceptionable; there is nothing in your record which does not seem to show that you are fully qualified for the position; but there is one insuperable objection to your appointment to any federal office—that is, your wife is a favorite cousin of Mrs. Hayes." Mr. Stillwell left the presidential office convinced at least that the fact which many thought would insure his appointment had rendered his defeat inevitable. This conduct is in striking contrast with the policy of ex-President Grant, who seemed to have a settled conviction that every one of his own and his wife's relations was entitled to an office. And it would be interesting to know how many of such there are in the country who did not in one form or another receive a mouthful or so of administration pap.

THE POSTOFFICES IN THE SOUTH.—It is plain from a recent correspondence between Senator Merrimon, of North Carolina, and Postmaster General Key, that, although the latter is a Southern man and professes to be a Democrat, the postoffices in the South are to be filled by Republicans. In reply to Mr. Merrimon's letter Mr. Key says:

"When a vacancy exists in any office connected with this Department in the Southern States *preference will be given to a republican*, all other things being equal. But should it be impossible to find a Republican who will be satisfactory to a large majority of the people whose business is directly affected by the appointment or in case of a contest over the office, then I shall not hesitate to step aside and select a person who in my judgment will give satisfaction to the business interests of the community."

As to the applications of Senators and Representatives he responded that, while he should at all times be glad to receive their advice upon matters of the kind, yet he "would not consider himself in any way bound to act upon it." It is evident that the new Postmaster General has been "bull-dozed" by Hayes, and that he has accepted the office simply for "the money that is in it."

CLERK ADAMS AND THE NEXT HOUSE.—Mr. Adams, the clerk of the House of Representatives, states that his purposes as to the organization of the next House have been very much misrepresented. He says there are about eighteen contested seats. In the Florida case he shall put on the rolls the names of the democratic members, because their certificates are signed by Governor Drew, who is in office and recognized by the courts of the State. In the cases of South Carolina and Louisiana he says that he shall be guided by the action of the President, and place on the rolls the names of those holding certificates from the Governor recognized by the President.

OUR INTERNAL REVENUE DISTRICT.—Some time back the Eastern Shore counties of Maryland and the State of Delaware were consolidated and made one internal revenue district. Mr. McIntyre, the former collector for the Eastern Shore District, was retained as the collector of the consolidated district. This has given much dissatisfaction to the Delaware people. They say that Delaware pays four times as much internal revenue tax as the Eastern Shore counties of Maryland, and they think the collector should come from that State. Ex-Representative Lafland, of Delaware, is pressed strongly for the position. So says the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun*.

IMPOSTERS.—The athletes Bauer and Miller, who performed in Baltimore last fall, are still hoodwinking the people in various parts of the country with their pretended wrestling matches. The last one was in New York on Tuesday night, and was witnessed by a vast multitude. The men feigned to become so much excited that they struck each other savagely in the face. The "mill" lasted till after midnight, and its termination was then postponed to a future evening; all of which, of course, was for the purpose of securing another crowded house and pocketing a thousand dollars or more of ticket money. The fools are not all dead yet.

THE Republican Legislature of Pennsylvania, by an illegal suspension of the rules, has passed a bill depriving the Democratic Sheriff of Philadelphia of the right to appoint deputies to aid him in preserving order and prevent repeating at elections in that city, and has conferred the appointing power upon the Republican Mayor. The Cameronites could not longer submit to their majority of 12,000 to 15,000 being cut down to less than 3,000, as was done at the last municipal election, with a prospect of soon losing the city altogether. Hence their desperation.

THE BALTIMORE POSTOFFICE.—The fight over the Baltimore postmastership has assumed a new phase. It has leaked out that, tired of the bull-dozing of the factions, the President thinks of appointing a new man, whose name has not been presented before. The name has not yet transpired, but it is stated that he is entirely outside of politics, being selected so that he might be pressed upon Hayes as a compromise man against whom no objection can be brought by either of the factions.

THE iron steamer Rusland, of the Red Star line, went ashore off Long Branch, N. Y., during the storm of Saturday night last. The passengers and crew were saved. It is believed that the cargo, valued at $350,000 and insured in France, will be saved, and there are strong hopes of getting the ship off.

THE estate of Gen. Andrew W. Denison, late postmaster of Baltimore city, is said to be valued at $2,000,000. Gen. Denison was never married, and his entire estate goes to his two brothers and sisters, Mrs. Montague, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Russell, of New York.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Mar. 20.—Present Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. John P. Nicholson was appointed guardian to Helen M. Crow and others. J. Frank Willson was appointed guardian to Geo. H. and Joseph S. Clark. H. W. Vickers, adm'r of Stephen Cox, returned an additional inventory of the personal estate of said deceased.—R. Hynson, executor of R. S. Thomas, returned a list of debts due said deceased, also his first administration account. D. J. Nowland and R. Hynson, adm'rs of Wm. Welch, returned a list of debts due said deceased, and a list of additional sales of his personal estate; also their acting guardian accounts. Geo. Vickers, adm'r of John K. Willis, returned his first administration account. The release of H. M. Thomas, M. L. Sparks and J. R. Gray to R. Hynson, executor of R. S. Thomas; and of John Medders to R. Hynson and J. R. Lusby, were filed and ordered to be recorded. D. J. Nowland and R. Hynson, adm'rs of Wm. Welch, were authorized to make to S. L. Rawleigh a deed for certain property sold to said Rawleigh by said Wm. Welch in his life time.

YOUNG MEN'S PERMANENT PRAYER-MEETING ASSOCIATION.—A Young Men's Permanent Prayer-Meeting Association was formally organized in Chestertown on Wednesday, 21st inst., and the following officers appointed: Jas. A. Russell, President; W. T. Sutton, Vice-President; W. A. Wheatley, Secretary; W. A. Biscoe, Treasurer. Weekly meetings will be held in the chapel of the M. P. Church, on Cross St. The membership is now 34, and others are invited to join. The next meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 28th instant, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

THE situation in Louisiana is beginning to look warlike again. Gov. Nicholls having decided to proceed by due course of law to eject Packard and his confederates from the State House, Packard is gathering his colored militia for the purpose of getting up a fight. Several of his recruiting officers have been arrested by the Nicholls police and locked up for trial.

THE venerable Justice Clifford, who presided over the Electoral Commission, has signified his intention of resigning from the Supreme Court. This is not surprising. Corrupt judges, like everything else corrupt, are contaminating.—It is not stated when Joe Bradley proposes to retire! It may be that he is scenting another Electoral Commission.

THE Easton *Star* says that six inches of snow fell there on Saturday. There was a sprinkle of an inch or so here on Monday, but the most of it soon disappeared.

POLITICAL HUCKSTERING.—A few months ago, says the Baltimore *Sun*, no one was more intensely hostile to the South or more content with carpet-bag rule there than Mr. Frye, of Maine. On Friday evening of last week he addressed his constituents at Lewiston, and declared that the troubles of the South had been caused by republican misrule, and by the support which the party had given to disreputable carpet-baggers. "We have allowed," he said, "political vagabonds, United States Senators, and Representatives from the South to hold patronage and deliver it out to their miserable adherents." He confessed that "it was not to be expected that white men would look on quietly and accept their late slaves as equals at the ballot-box and their superiors in office.—You and I," he added, "would rebel against that order of things." So also with that bitter and blatant orator, Col. Ingersoll. During the presidential campaign he and Blaine and Morton vied with each other in maligning and villifying the South. The Southern people, according to Ingersoll, were "rebels," were "assassins." "They should possess only two rights; the right to be hanged and the right to be damned." Recently he made a speech in New York and all his simulated fire and passion had gone out of him. He wants peace now; peace and reconciliation. He had formerly spoken words of unmeant bitterness, but it was time to bury the bloody shirt, preach fraternity and let bygones be bygones.—How are we to take such men? Is there nothing sincere in politics? Can they first set the land aflame and then try to put it out with a watering pot? If they can shift their principles so easily what belief can we have in their sincerity? If they were shamming passion before may they not be shamming peace now? It would be wise for those to watch and wait who hope for a salutary change of policy and earnestly desire to see it put in practice before they pin their faith in sympathetic professions which, on the part of such bitter radicals as Frye and Ingersoll, and perhaps of others more or less prominent, may after all be intended to deceive. What the country wants is peace, not the pretense of it, and it will be recognized when it comes and not before.

LETTER FROM QUAKER NECK.

Messrs. Editors:—It is quite common to see in your paper letters from various parts of the county, and it is very entertaining to read them. But, if I mistake not, I have never seen one from Quaker Neck; and it has occurred to me to say something to let your readers who have never had the pleasure of visiting this favored section of our county know where we are.

The line of Quaker Neck commences as soon as you cross the first bridge going down the river side road; it is ten miles to the terminus and about four miles wide, and nearly all the farms are on navigable water. Some of the finest land in the county is in this Neck, and a small portion of it is for sale. Quaker Neck has always been noted for its sociability. In winter time it is a gay place to live, but when the spring opens every one is on the alert and attending to business. Now let me tell your readers that we have the best of oysters and fish of all kinds in our waters; diamond back terrapins and canvass back ducks are plentiful, and, in fact, all kinds of wild game indigenous to the water. One of the most frequented summer resorts in this latitude, formerly known as Quaker Neck Wharf, but now dubbed "Long Branch," is on the river shore, about the centre of this Neck.

The largest cattle feeder in the county resides in this Neck—Mr. James H. Baker—who fed the large steer that Mr. James Brice slaughtered for last April court, and has fed more than twenty head this season; the last six he sold to Mr. Brice, and four of them are yet to be delivered; one pair of them he is to get for $220. The smallest one of these is to be delivered on the 27th inst.; it is worth seeing. The last one, which is to weigh *a ton*, is reserved for April court. S.

IMPORTANT DECISION BY THE CHARLESTON (S. C.) COURT—*Hampton Declared the Lawful Governor.*—A special dispatch to the Baltimore *Sun*, dated Charleston, S. C., March 20, says:

Charleston has been for many weeks the only point in South Carolina at which a vestige remained of Chamberlain's assumed authority as Governor. Judge Reed, of the Circuit Court, has followed up his decision of last week by one much more important and sweeping, and by one broad decree has established the peaceful rule of Governor Hampton in the Charleston circuit.

The object of the case before him was to induce a recognition of one of the two persons claiming to be Governor of the State, and was the first case involving directly the question as to who is Governor that has arisen or been argued in this circuit. A clearly defined and well understood issue was made. The arguments were elaborate and complete. Judge Reed renders a decision which not only settles local conflicting claims to official recognition, but gives a concise and complete statement of the law of elections for Governor in South Carolina, and a logical and conclusive demonstration that Wade Hampton was lawfully elected, was lawfully qualified, and is Governor of the State.

Judge Reed takes, as the corner stone of his argument, the constitutional provision that the person having the highest numbes of votes shall be Governor. The fact is indisputable that according to the statements of the county canvassers Wade Hampton received the highest number of votes for Governor, and under the decision of the electoral commission in the Florida case, these statements "cannot be gone behind." By simply taking the oath of office, without any ceremonial, Gen. Hampton, having received the highest number of votes, would have been qualified to act as Governor.

But Judge Reed decides that he became Governor according to the forms as well as in substance, and that both the letter and spirit of the law were complied with. Not only does he decide this, but he decides that Mr. Chamberlain, in suffering himself to be installed for a new term, disowned and abdicated his former office, and cannot question his own deliberate act. The effect of the decision is twofold. It remands to private life every person in this judicial circuit who has been commissioned for any purpose by Mr. Chamberlain since December 14, when Governor Hampton was installed, and it gives undisputed authority to every officer commissioned by Governor Hampton, and makes effective and conclusive every other act done by Governor Hampton in this circuit.

The decision is absolutely final, for there are only two judges remaining on the Supreme Bench, one of whom has already made a precisely similar decision. Charleston county alone contains nearly one-third of the taxable property in the State, and in Charleston dual government is at an end.

GOV. VANCE ON COLONIZATION.—Governor Vance has written a reply to a letter from some colored men in North Carolina, who asked him to assist them in obtaining means for colonizing themselves. He says, in his plain and emphatic manner:

"I cannot give aid to any such scheme. I think your fears are idle. So far as I am concerned, and the party with which I act, I know that there is no intention to oppress your people or deprive them of a single legal right, and the colonization scheme has been put on foot by the same men who told you that I would put you back into slavery if elected Governor.—These designing politicians, knowing they would be caught in that lie, have started others to keep you alarmed, and prevent your leaving the Republican party. When this lie dies out they will start another and always keep you in hot water while you listen to them. We don't intend to interfere with your rights. We don't want you to leave the State. There is room in North Carolina for you and us, for your children and ours, for many generations. We want you to help work our fields and live with us in peace and prosperity. The Legislature has just appropriated $30,000 to build an asylum for the insane of your race and $10,000 a year to support it. A handsome asylum for the deaf and dumb of your race is already finished, and is filled with colored children, who are fed, clothed and educated at the expense of the State. The Legislature has also passed an act giving $2,000 a year for the education of teachers for your people. This don't look much like taking your rights away from you. If you want to run away from all these helps you will act like fools. If you continue to war on the people who are giving them to you, you will act still more foolishly. If I were advising you on my dying bed I would say no more than for you all to go to work, make friends with your old masters and white neighbors; quit listening to the lies of designing politicians, and enjoy the prosperity which labor, peace and harmony only can bring about."

GOLD AT A DISCOUNT.—There must be something radically wrong with our financial system. With illimitable resources, and with an export trade largely in excess of our imports—and hence exchange in our favor—our currency is still not worth more than ninety-five cents on the dollar. If our rulers are unable to remedy this, some Frenchman should be imported to show them how to do it. France issued an irredeemable paper currency in 1871—its volume was about equal to ours. She was ridden over by Uhlans and Grenadiers; her towns rifled, her fields wasted, and subjected to a war fine unheard of in the history of military plunder—withal the depreciation of her irredeemable paper, while the flag of the Commune floated over Paris, and the black eagle of Prussia at Chalons, ten leagues away, never sank as low as ours in these March days of 1877—half a generation after our trouble began. To-day in Paris one cannot get what is called irredeemable paper for gold. Bank paper or government scrip, for the past three months, is quoted about one-half per cent. higher than gold. There must be either a precious set of plunderers or blunderers at the head of our finances to have the country in the slough of insolvency.

EX-MAYOR A. OAKEY HALL, of New York, has been missing since 6 o'clock of the 16th instant. His family fear that he has been murdered, as there was no reason why he should be absent, while some of his friends speak of possible suicide, and intimate eccentricity of late, as well as financial embarrassment.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—John H. Noble, collector of taxes for Districts Nos. 2 and 12 of Dorchester county, Md., was assaulted by a highwayman last Monday, and robbed of seventeen hundred dollars. He was also severely hurt. There is no clue as yet to the robber.

GOV. ROBINSON, of New York, having nominated General McClellan for Superintendent of Public Works, the republican majority of the Senate, at a caucus on Tuesday night, resolved to reject him.

Methodist Protestant Conference.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church closed its session at Westminister on Wednesday evening, and will hold its next session in Easton on the second Wednesday in March next.—The following are the appointments for the present conference year:

President—DANIEL W. BATES.
East Baltimore—D. L. Greenfield.
West Baltimore—J. M. Holmes.
South Baltimore—L. W. Bates, D. D.
Starr Church—W. S. Hammond.
Broadway—S. B. Treadway.
Washington Street—R. Scott Norris.
North Western Mission—J. R. Nichols.
Ninth St., Washington—David Wilson, M. D.
First Church, Washington—W. J. Floyd.
N. Carolina Av., Washington—J. Shreeve.
Georgetown D. C.—J. T. Murray, D. D., S. R. Murray.
Westminster—S. B. Southerland, D. D.
Cumberland—F. T. Little.
Laurel, Del.—J. L. Straughn.
Easton—J. E. Read.
Centreville—J. D. Kinzer.
Lynchburg, Va.—S. T. Graham.
Norfolk, Va.—J. Farrow.
Montgomery, Ala.—J. L. Mills.
Abingdon, Va. ——
Eutaw Station—F. T. Tagg.
First Church, Pittsburg—J. J. Murray, D. D.
Accomac—F. H. Mullineaux.
Anne Arundel—D. A. Shermer, M. D, J. D. McFaden.
Belair—F. Swentzel, M. D.
Baltimore—J. W. Gray, J. W. Trout.
Bedford—J. M. Elderdice.
St. John's, Balto.—A. Webster, D. D.; T. H. Lewis.
Caroline—W. C. Ames, J. G. Sullivan.
Cambridge—G. J. Smith.
Cecil—James Thompson, W. Valliant.
Chesapeake—C. McF. Thompson.
Concord—W. F. Livingston.
Dorchester—W. H. Lane, S. G. Smith.
Frederick—C. T. Cochell, S. J. Willey.
Jefferson—J. E. Maloy.
Frederick City Mission—W. W. White.
Lewistown Mission—C. S. Arnett.
Finksburg—S. T. Ferguson, G. F. Farring.
Howard—W. T. Dumm, P. T. Hall.
Kent—J. B. Jones, T. A. King.
Kent Island—J. L. Killgore, D. D.
Leipsic—J. W. Yingling.
Liberty—J. K. Nichols, D. D.
Milton—H. Bruner.
Pipe Creek—C. H. Littleton.
Preston—W. J. D. Lucas.
Pocomoke—A. C. Berryman.
Somerset—J. E. T. Ewell, M. D.
Stewartstown—A. W. Mather.
Seaford—S. A. Hoblitzell.
Susquehanna—J. T. Lassell.
Talbot—A. D. Melvin.
Union—W. G. Holmes.
Quantico—J. H. Ellegood.
Warwick—R. S. Rowe.
Queen Anne's—J. A. Weigan.
Snow Hill—W. M. Strayer.
Dames Quarter ——
Newtown—B. F. Benson.
Whaleyville—D. F. Ewell, M. D.
Deer Creek—A. A. Harryman.
Heathsville—R. L. Lewis.
Alexandria—W. R. Graham.
Potomac—J. T. Adkins.
Newark, N. J.—T. D. Valliant.
Prince William—D. N. Gilbert.
St. Michaels—E. R. McGregor.
Harper's Ferry—T. O. Crouse.
Ellicott City—A. D. Dick.
Surry, Va.—C. O. Melvin.
Crumpton—R. T. Smith.
Williamsport—W. J. Neepier.
Berkely—A. T. Melvin.
Fawn Grove—W. D. Litzinger.
Sussex—W. A. Crouse.
Salisbury—H. E. Miskimmon.
Chincoteague—J. B. Butler.
Campbell—G. Q. Bacchus.
Mount Carmel—J. M. Sheridan.
Editor of Meth. Protestant—E. J. Drinkhouse.
President Western Maryland College—J. T. Ward, D. D.
College Agent—J. W. Charlton.
Superannuated—D. E. Reese, D. D., Thomas Lee, H. J. Day, M. D., T. M. Bryan, J. W. Everist, J. A. McFadden, S. G. Valliant.

The following delegates were elected to the General Convention to meet in Baltimore, May 11: Ministerial—Revs. L. W. Bates, D. D.; J. K. Nichols, D. D.; J. J. Murray, D. D.; S. B. Southerland, D. D.; David Wilson, M. D.; T. D. Valliant, R. S. Norris, J. T. Murray, D. D.; W. S. Hammond, D. W. Bates, E. J. Drinkhouse, M. D.; B. F. Benson. Laymen—J. W. Herring, M. D.; C. W. Button, O. Hammond, J. W. Thompson, J. G. Clarke, H. F. Zollickoffer, W. B. Usilton, E. B. Bates, R. S. Griffith, G. Spence, Dr. S. S. Ewell, John Smith.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.—This Conference was in session last week at Alexandria, Virginia, and adjourned on Thursday. Among the appointments are: Kent, T. W. Brown; Queen Anne's, W. W. Watts and W. A. Bryan.

HON. SIMON CAMERON has filed his plea in the suit of Mary E. Oliver for breach of promise of marriage, saying in strict legal phrase that he "did not promise as alleged." It now will depend on the verdict of twelve men whether or not the venerable ex-senator is or is not a gay deceiver.

A THIEF entered the Indiana National Bank at Indianapolis at noon on Wednesday, placed a small box which he carried on the floor, stepped up on it, reached over the railing, grabbed $25,000 and fled before those present could get a glimpse of his face.

Of the dull times, the Chicago *Tribune* says that the people who expected a flood-tide of prosperity to follow the settlement of the presidential question have, very naturally, been disappointed. The people must gain prosperity for themselves.

A SKYE rat terrier, named "Nip," weighing 10 pounds 8 ounces, is claimed to have killed thirty rats at a place in New York in fifteen minutes and fifty seconds. This was an average of a rat in every nine and a-half seconds.

MR. HAYES should never lose sight of the fact that there is a majority of over a quarter of a million of the American people opposed to his incumbency of the Presidential office. The reflection ought at least to keep him humble.

THE Calvert *Journal* states that Solomon's Island has been purchased by a company of Philadelphians for $15,000, who will erect a hotel and a number of cottages and convert it into a summer resort.

SPEAKER RANDALL said at Dover N. H., on Saturday, that the appropriations of the 44th Congress were $72,000,000 less than the 43d, before the Democrats gained possession of the House.

THE celebrated little mare "Sadie Bell" that made such good time at the last Middletown fair, is to trot in Norfolk, Va., on the 3d of April for a purse of $500. She is matched by a Baltimore horse.

IT is evident that when Hayes alluded to the "poor colored men" of the South he had no reference to those who were made "poor" by the Freedmen's bank swindle.—*St. Louis Times.*

MRS. ELIZABETH DORMER, an elderly woman, residing at 177 North Fremont street, near Franklin, Baltimore, was burned to death by a coal oil accident on Tuesday last.

PRESIDENT HAYES, in carrying out his southern policy, appears to be governed by the old maxim, "Never put off till to-morrow what you can do the day after."

THE New York *Express* says that Hayes is a machine-made President, and owes nothing to any party. That seems to be Mr. Hayes' view of it.

HON. STANLEY MATTHEWS has been elected United States Senator from Ohio, to succeed Senator Sherman, now Secretary of the Treasury.

THE Governor has appointed Dr. Washington Finley judge of the Orphans' Court for Queen Anne's county, vice Augustus McCabe, deceased.

J. DOUGLAS HAMBLETON, a well-known lawyer of Baltimore, died of consumption, in that city, on Monday last, in the 39th year of his age.

THERE will be an extra session of Congress called for the 4th of June, and the proclamation will shortly be issued.

Washing Soap.—Families and others all want the BEST SOAP for Washing, and the price is also an item. The CRAMPTON IMPERIAL SOAP is unsurpassed, and we advise all having washing to do to give it a trial. It may be had of T. W. ELIASON, Jr., sole agent in Chestertown.

BALTIMORE PRICE CURRENT.

From Warden, Merritt & Co.'s Circular, of Wednesday last.

WHEAT—Red	$1.40a1.55
" Amber	1.57a1.60
" White	1.45a1.55
CORN—White	51a52½
" Yellow	51a51½
OATS	41a44
BACON—Shoulders	6½a6¾
" C. R Sides	9a9½
" Hams	13a14½
LARD	10a10½
EGGS	15

Gold is quoted at 104⅞.

MARRIED:

At the residence of the bride's mother, in Still Pond, March 15th, by Rev. N. McQuay, THOMAS MULLEN to Miss ANNIE E. MOFFETT, both of this county.

DIED:

In Baltimore on the 19th of March, Mrs. MILCHA BOWSER, in the 92d year of her age, a native of Kent County, Md., and relict of the late William H. Bowser, of Louisville, Ky.

Near Elkton, a few days ago, Mrs. HENRIETTA, relict of the late James E. Barroll, formerly of this place.

Near Massey's, February 21st, of pneumonia, ANNIE M., wife of Charles Clark, aged 31 yrs., 1 month and 11 days.

At his father's residence, near Massey's, on the 17th inst., of consumption, GEORGE W. TURNER, aged 25 years and 2 months. Dear husband, thou art sleeping with the dead, while I am here weeping with my little babe.

In Quaker Neck, Dec. 8, 1876, NANNIE C. STARTT, wife of John N. Startt, aged 23 yrs. and 4 months.

1,000 RED CEDAR POSTS FOR SALE. Apply to I. URIAN, Church Hill, Md. mar24-5t*.

Two Horses FOR SALE. Apply to WILLIAM B. WILMER, Chestertown mar24-3t.

FOR SALE. *ONE GOOD HORSE,* DEARBORN AND HARNESS. Terms to suit purchaser. Apply to B. H. GARDNER, Chestertown. mar24-3t.

$1,000, Also, $50,000 $3,000, $5,000, TO LOAN, in sums to suit, on good Farms in Kent county. THOMAS HILL, Fayette and St. Paul Sts., Baltimore, Md. mar24-5t.

SURVEYING. THE undersigned offers his services as LAND SURVEYOR to the citizens of Kent. Orders left with C. H. Baker, Esq., Chestertown, will be promptly attended to. Or address COMEGYS BROWN, Chestertown. mar24-6m.

B. H. GARDNER Will Pay the Highest Cash Price for **Wool, Sheep Skins, Hides, Feathers,** CALVES, TALLOW and OLD METALS. March 24, 1877—3m.

FOR SALE. *A SMALL YAWL BOAT,* Built of White Cedar, copper fastened, 16 ft long, 5 ft. 3 inches beam, with Sails, Oars and everything in complete order. For further information apply to THOMAS LEE, mar10-3t. Steamboat Whf., Chestertown.

HORSE TRAINING. DANIEL COLLINS, An Experienced Driver, Will TAKE HORSES FOR TRAINING on the Worton Fair Ground Track, at reasonable prices. He may be seen at Mr. John Armstrong's, on Cross Street, Chestertown, until about the 15th of April. March 24, 1877—3t.

Magnificent Victory of Medical Chemistry. *GREAT AND NEW DISCOVERY!* J. F. LEARY'S COMPOUND **Syrup of Wild Cherry and Tar,** A Safe and Sure Remedy for the Various Affections of the Lungs, Chest and Throat, such as Colds, Coughs, Croup, Asthma, Influenza, Hoarseness, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough and Incipient Consumption, and for the Relief of Consumptive Patients in Advanced Stages. The Ingredients used in its Preparation are those which are prescribed by intelligent Physicians everywhere, and its efficacy has been tested and approved by those who have used it with success. It is pleasant to the taste and acts speedily. The price is very moderate, being only 35 Cts. per Bottle. For Sale by all Country Merchants. WHOLESALE AGENTS: CANBY, GILPIN & CO., Cor. Light and Lombard Streets, Baltimore, Md. mar24-2m.

PUMPS! PUMPS! **Cucumber Wood Pumps!** CHARLES G. BLATCHLEY'S B and G PUMPS, Received direct from the Manufacturer, and bought at the lowest cash price, we can offer very great inducements to those wishing to purchase Pumps. We have on hand Extra Handles, Brackets, Links, Rods, Buckets, Valves, Bands, Nozzles, Braces, &c., &c. J. K. ALDRIDGE. Chestertown, March 17, 1877.

HARDWARE! **FARMERS' HARDWARE** Received and selling Very Low. Call and examine our stock of Forks, Shovels, Spades, Hoes, Rakes, Trace Chains, (selling very low,) Halter, Back, Breast, Tug and other Chains, Briar Hooks and Snaths, Scythes, &c. Builders' Hardware of every kind, and selling very cheap. J. K. ALDRIDGE March 17, 1877.

SEED OATS. The undersigned has for sale about 400 Bushels of SEED OATS, in fine condition. Price, 40 Cts. per bushel, CASH H. T. MASSEY, March 3—4t.* near Chestertown.

ALPHA SEED POTATO. WE have just received from New York the ALPHA POTATO, which is the best early variety known. HINES & CO. mar10.

FARM FOR RENT For 1877. Farm of about 262 ACRES, between Chestertown and Morgan's Creek. C. T. WESTCOTT, March 17—3t. Attorney.

FOR RENT for 1878, THE TENANT HOUSE now occupied by Geo. W. Carter, near Still Pond village, on the road leading to Kennedyville. For terms apply to JOHN L. BOWERS. mh3-3t.

NEW GOODS are being daily received By T. W. ELIASON, JR. And his prices will always be found to be as low as the lowest. March 17.

TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the Board of Kent County Commissioners until *TUESDAY, the 3d day of April Next,* for furnishing Materials and

Building a Bridge over Muddy Creek

Near Chestertown, according to the following specifications:

The Span to be 15 feet, width 16 feet, with 4 wings 10 feet long; to rest on 10 piles, 5 at each end, that will square one foot at the top, to be driven into solid positions; the piles to be mouated by two sills 16 feet long, 8 by 10 inches, mortised and firmly secured; the floor to rest on 5 sleepers, 8 by 12 inches, well secured to the sills; to be furnished with a good rail with a cap 4 by 5 inches; the wings to be bolted to piles driven down securely; the whole to be built of first-rate white oak timber and boards—the boards to be 2 inches thick, and done in the most substantial and workmanlike manner.

Proposals will state the price and the time required to finish the work.

The Contractor will be required to furnish security approved by the Board for the faithful performance of the contract.

By order,
T. W. RUSSELL, Clerk
To Board Kent Co. Commissioners.
March 10, 1877—4t.

Best Phosphate for Corn.

DECEMBER 13th, 1876.

MESSRS. HINES & CO.—Dear Sir: In reply to you in regard to your Eclipse Guano, I applied it a little less than two hundred pounds to the acre, and I am satisfied that it increased my corn crop 15 bush. per acre.

I took up the corn myself with a basket and had two men to see it, and I am sure that I am not in error as to the increased amount per acre. Yours, respectfully, JOHN Z. CLARK.

Lister's Phosphate.

HINES & CO.—Gents: In reply to your inquiries about Lister's Standard Phosphate, I applied it on my wheat at about 250 lbs. per acre, and got on corn ground twenty-eight bushels per acre. Respectfully, Dec. 13, 1876. JOHN Z. CLARK.

Ratification Notice.

Andrew Woodall
versus
Henry Spencer and Wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County. In Equity.

ORDERED, that the sale of the mortgaged Real Estate made and reported by ANDREW WOODALL, Trustee, under and by virtue of the power contained in a mortgage from Henry Spencer and wife, dated the 23d day of March, 1872, and recorded among the Land Records for Kent county, in Liber J. K. H., No. 10, Folio 436, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 10th day of May next,—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the 10th day of April next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $300.00. D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.

True copy,—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
March 10, 1877—4t.

In the Orphans' Court for Kent Co.

MARCH 6th, 1877.

ORDERED, that the sale of the Real Estate of RICHARD S. THOMAS, late of Kent county, deceased, made and reported by Richard Hynson, Executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 10th day of May next, —Provided this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the 10th day of April next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $3,465.00.

ROBERT NICHOLSON,
T. J. SHALLCROSS,
R. B. WILLSON,
Judges of Orphans' Court.

True Copy,—Test:
WILLIAM STEVENS,
mar10-4t. Reg. of Wills.

T. S. WICKES, General Store, *HIGH STREET, above Cross St.,* **CHESTERTOWN.** A large and attractive Stock of General Merchandise kept constantly on hand. Goods all bought at the closest cash figures, and sold at reasonable advances. February 22, 1877.

RUBBER OVER COATS, Rubber Hip Boots. ***Rubber Knee Boots,*** RAIN HATS. IN VIEW of the approaching wet Spring weather, we invite the attention of Farmers and Fishermen to a very full line of the above Rubber Goods, and which we are offering at very close prices. T. S. WICKES. Chestertown, March 3, 1877.

ROAD NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That thirty days after the date of this advertisement, the undersigned citizens of Kent County, will petition the Honorable County Commissioners of said county to appoint examiners to examine and report upon the propriety of opening a street from Delaware street running South to what is called the Stud field; as a direct continuation of Sharp street, crossing the property which formerly belonged to McCauley, in the town of Millington.

J. WESLEY JARMAN,
J. A. EDWARDS,
T. NUMBERS, and others
March 17, 1877—5t.

Lime, Brick & Hair. HINES & CO. are furnishing LIME, BRICK AND HAIR as cheap as they can be had in the city. Give them a call. March 10, 1877.

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