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Kent News.

SATURDAY - - - - APRIL 14, 1877.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

According to announcement, the troops were withdrawn from the State House of the South Carolina capital at noon on Tuesday. A special to the Balt. *Sun* says: "The removal was accomplished so quietly and quickly as to deprive the occasion of much of its purely dramatic interest. In all save the one essential particular that they were going out never to return the evacuation differed very little from the usual supersession of the guard which might have been witnessed any time during these four months.—Gov. Hampton's published request in furtherance of his promise to Hayes that no democrat should go near the State House unless authorized by him to do so was carried out to the letter. Not one was present at the ceremony, and I saw none on the capitol grounds either before or after the performance. Twenty minutes before 12 o'clock your correspondent, with the other members of the press, presented themselves at the front door and entered unchallenged, although a score of the colored special constables were hanging about the entrance watching our movements, with sullen, unfriendly glances. Within doors was a confused crowd of perhaps one hundred and fifty persons, mostly colored people, standing in groups engaged in low and dispirited conversation. Here and there were to be seen one or two smaller groups of white republicans similarly occupied, and all looking badly demoralized."

Chamberlain went out appropriately with "the troops"—characteristically with words of self-laudation and abuse of the people whom he has misgoverned and plundered, upon his lips. He withdrew when the military support and protection of the general government were withdrawn from him, without which, he frankly confesses, he is unable to maintain himself or his usurped authority.—His government, confessedly, was not 'of the people by the people,' nor did it 'rest in the consent of the governed." It depended absolutely upon federal bayonets. These withdrawn it ceased to exist even in form, as it had ceased to exist in substance so soon as Gen. Hampton was declared elected by the Legislature assembled at Carolina Hall.

The effect of this will be beneficial to the cause of Nicholls. It will be demonstrated immediately to the whole country that Hampton's government is not merely a protector and guarantor of the civil and political rights of the colored men of South Carolina, but that it is their best and truest friend. None of the evils that the radical press has predicted will befall "the poor African." Seeing this a similar settlement of the Louisiana case will be even more imperiously demanded by the force of public opinion.

A Washington dispatch to the *Sun*, referring to the matter says:

The members of the administration are in high spirits to-night, although Chamberlain's address is not relished, but spoken of with severity. A very large class of republicans openly take sides with Chamberlain, and condemn the course of the administration in severe terms, and predict that within nine months the Southern policy will have proved to be a dead failure and the President be compelled to take a back track, or the republican party in the North will be hopelessly split. The party has lived so long by means of violence and fraud that it seems sure to die without such stimulating pabulum.

LOUISIANA.

The Louisiana Commistion labored for four hours on Wednesday with a delegation of the leading business men of New Orleans with the object of persuading them to organize a movement to compel politicians to form a consolidated Legislature of all the members in both rival bodies whose election is conceded. The members of the Commission made earnest speeches. The business men were, however, immovable. They said that rather than run the risk of having Packard as Governor they would resist with arms, so as to make a military government necessary. This experiment ends this compromise plan. The Commission may now try and bring about an adjustment on the basis of a Legislature made up from the face of the parish returns.—This is the only compromise that has the least prospect of acceptance by the Conservatives. Both Packard and Nicholls were consulted on Wednesday. The latest news from New Orleans indicate that the commission are about to agree upon a report to the President in which they will say that they have utterly failed to induce either side to yield any of its claims, but that they are satisfied that the Packard Government cannot be maintained without the whole army is stationed in the State. They will say also that they have looked carefully after the school system of the State, and that they have ascertained that the moneys collected for educational purposes by the Republican officials have been stolen, and that very little has been applied to legitimate purposes; that the negroes complain of this misapplication of the school funds, and that the dissatisfaction thereat, caused many of them to support the Democratic State ticket. In regard to the de facto Government they will report that Nicholls unquestionably is recognized by the great mass of the white people, and that a respectable element of colored people have given their adhesion to him.

THE BENNETT-MAY DUEL.—Last week Judge Stump charged the grand jury of Caroline county, Md., to investigate the May-Bennett duel, and to indict the principals and accessories if the jury shall find said fortunately bloodless affair was perpetrated in that county.

"A FROG has lately been captured at Mobile which weighs 200 pounds. It is said to be the largest frog ever seen in Alabama. A whopper!"—which, the lie or the Frog?

THE DIFFICULTY.—The political complexion of the U. S. Senate will be affected by the settlement of the Louisiana question. The success of Gov. Nicholls insures the election of two democratic Senators—and just here is now the barrier in the way of an honest settlement of the matter. If Mr. Hayes' commissioners can compromise things in such way as to give his party the Senators then "Governor" Packard may go to the dogs, and the sooner the better!

EXCITING DAY ON 'CHANGE.—The Baltimore *Gazette* says the scene witnessed on the Corn and Flour exchange of that city on Wednesday, was without a parallel in the history of that institution, and it was understood that the sales of grain for the preceding twenty-four hours aggregated nearly a million bushels. The price advanced considerably. The impression prevails that the stocks of both corn and wheat are short, and this coupled with the prospects of a war in Europe and speculative fever caused the advanced rates and produced the extraordinary seene stated.

THE N. Y. *Sun* says that Pierrepont gave $10,000 to the Hayes fund, and, "like a true patriot, sent it direct to the Fraudulent President." As a reward he expects to be appointed Minister to England. Mr. Hamilton Fish also expects this plum in consideration of a $5,000 contribution. Zach Chandler claims to be out of pocket $25,000, and therefore merits the palm!

NOT SURPRISING—The Malone (N. Y.) *Gazette*—Malone being the home of Vice-President Wheeler—states that no man in the country was more surprised that Louisiana's vote was counted for Hayes than Wm. A. Wheeler. He expected and predicted that the electoral commission would throw it out entirely. This statement, the *Gazette* says will not be disputed.

ON the 4th instant a horse collided with a train on the Queen Anne's railroad, near Centreville. The locomotive, a freight car and a baggage car were thrown from the track, and the engineer, Mr. Alex. Richardson, the fireman, David Green, and a brakeman Christopher Coursey, were caught under the wrecked locomotive, and Mr. R. was scalded badly. The horse was completely ground up.

GENERAL GRANT is said to indorse the policy of Mr. Hayes in regard to South Carolina, and is as heartily in favor of Nicholls's recognition. Now that the earnest desire of the late President to become one of the "sovereigns" has been gratified he seems to be in unison with their ideas and sentiments. All which, however, makes his past administration look the meaner.

THE indictment for treason against Donn Piatt, editor of the Washington *Capital*, has been "squashed." So ends this disgraceful farce—a relic of Grant. The *Capital*, in recording the finale adds these two lines:

"So soon was I done for
I wonder what I was begun for."

ELECTING A POSTMASTER.—At the election for city councilmen in Hagerstown, Md., last Tuesday, the citizens also by request gave expression by ballot to their wish for postmaster. Wm. Logan, rep., the present incumbent, received an overwhelming vote, and will doubtless be reappointed.

ROSS WINANS, the mechanic and inventor, and builder of locomotives, died at his residence in Baltimore on Wednesday, in the 81st year of his age. He was a man of great force of character and marked individuality. His estate is estimated at one million.

THE work of renovating the State Capital at Annapolis will be commenced shortly. The last General Assembly appropriated $32,000 for the general refitting of the venerable structure. The carpenters' work has been awarded to J. M. Marshall.

EX-GOVERNOR TILDEN was riding in his carriage at New York Monday afternoon, when the horses ran away. Mr. Tilden jumped out and escaped without any injury. The horses were stopped after proceeding a short distance.

A MAN named McBee sued the Baltimore *American* for defamation of character—claiming $15,000 damages. The jury refused to allow him one cent damages, and the trial certainly didn't improve his character any.

MR. HARRY MCGREGOR, one of the Murphy temperance workers from Pittsburg, Pa., last Monday began a series of temperance meetings at the Causeway Chapel, Baltimore.

SENATOR BLAINE has written a letter ardently sympathizing with Packard and Chamberlain, and declaring the title of the former to be as good as that of President Hayes. All "birds of a feather."

ASSESSMENTS.—The Baltimore Masonic Temple assessment has been reduced by the board to $100,000. The Odd Fellows' Hall is exempt as a charitable institution, and the Masonic fraternity asked that the Temple be placed upon the same footing, but the Attorney General in an important opinion on the subject decides that only to the extent that the building is used for charitable purposes can it be exempt. Ground by the front foot is assessed on Pratt street at from $9 to $25; Light Street from $28 to $50 on wharf lots, and from Hughes's quay to Federal Hill from $10 to $25 for wharf lots. The valuation of steamboat companies were as follows: Maryland Company, five steamers, $110,000; Baltimore and Philadelphia Company six steamers, $80,000; Newburn (N. C.) Company, two steamers, $11,000; Richmond, York River and Chesapeake railroad line, two steamers, $180,000; Sassafras river line, two steamers, $8,000; Chester river line, two steamers, $20,000.

RESIGNED.—Mr. Wm. A. Cunningham, Cashier of the Centreville Bank, has resigned his position to take effect on the 23d of April. When he consented last fall to take charge of the bank it was for the sole purpose of organizing it and educating other gentleman to the business, who could afterwards take his place.—*Observer.*

Oyster Dredgers Captured.

The oyster interest, affecting numerous residents of the lower section of our county, has suffered greatly during the past winter from the depredations of the dredgers. The "tongmen" in vain appealed to the State oyster police for protection—the sloop Mary Compton, Capt. Bryan, proving utterly incompetent or unwilling to remedy the evil. Finally, however, Capt. Lem'l Mitchell, of the "Nannie Merryman," came to the rescue, and on Sunday last pounced down upon the offenders while dredging upon Swan Point, and five boats were captured, with their crews. The dredgers made every effort to escape, and several hundred rounds of ammunition were fired in making the arrests, which was finally successfully accomplished on the "Man-of-War Shoals," just above and west of Swan Point. During the chasing and firing a small cannon burst upon the "Nannie Merryman," but did no serious injury.

The boats captured were as follows; Pungy "Petrel," Capt. Revell P. Sims: Pungy "Ray," Captain Peter Nelson; schooner "D. D. Smith," Capt. Chas. R. Taylor; and the schooners "Elizabeth Frame" and "Merchant," captains' names not given. The latter, with her officers and crew, were taken to Annapolis for trial on other charges; the other boats were all anchored in Swan Creek, and the officers and crews, 29 in number, taken before R. W. Calder, Esq., magistrate at Rock Hall, and given a hearing on the charge of violating the Sunday law by dredging on that day. The magistrate imposed a fine of $200 on each of the captains and $50 on each of the men, and they were all committed to Chestertown jail—the men in default of payment, and the captains held for Court on the additional charge of violating the law against dredging on forbidden grounds.

Capt. Mitchell had but five men under him and deserves great credit for the manner in which the arrests were made It will doubtless prove a warning to other violators of the oyster laws, and with efficient officers in command of the "Mary Compton," and such we are sure will be selected by the State Board, there is no reason why our people should continue to suffer from the depredations of the dredgers. Capt. Mitchell will be remembered with gratitude by the many citizens of this county interested in the oyster business for his bold and successful raid upon the oyster thieves, and his faithful and courageous discharge of duty in upholding the laws of the State.

The arrested parties were brought to town in wagons on Monday, in charge of Constable J. M. Hersch, and others. Sheriff Medders will doubtless be put to his wits to properly accommodate so large an addition to his *regular boarders*--no less than nine negroes being now confined there on the charge of theft for a hearing at April Court.

IMPOSING BURIAL SERVICES.—Besides the customary burial services, which were performed at the grave of Major Richard Smyth, by Rev. J. B. Jones, of the M. P. Church, on Saturday afternoon last, Gen. George Vickers, at the request of the deceased, (made some years since,) delivered a short address, in which he spoke of the life-long friendship which had subsisted between himself and his departed friend, of the latter's strong sense of personal honor, and of his unblemished rectitude of character throughout his long and eventful life. The address—which will be found in full in our obituary columns—was delivered in the most tender and pathetic manner, and made a deep impression upon the large number of persons gathered around the grave. This was followed by the beautiful and impressive burial rights of the Patrons of Husbandry, of which order the deceased was a member. The scene was one of the saddest that we ever witnessed.

SALE OF A FARM.—The real estate of Thomas Vandyke, known as "Howell's Point," containing 314 acres, was sold on Tuesday last by Clinton McCullough, Esq., Trustee, to Elizabeth B. Groome, of Cecil county, and Sarah B. Young, of Philadelphia. Price $14,000. We understand the above farm has since been sold to R. T. Turner, Esq., for $14,500.

APPOINTMENTS.—The County Commissioners on Tuesday last made the following appointments: Tax Collector for First District—Richard H. Corbally.—Second—Frisby H. Boulden, reappointed. Third—George T. Williams, reappointed. Fourth—James A. Shaw, reappointed. Fifth—Chas. C. Strong. Standard Keeper—Wm. DeFord, of 4th dist.

OYSTER POLICE CAPTAIN DISMISSED.—The Board of State Fishery Force, by a unanimous vote, decided in favor of the dismissal of Capt. W. C. Bryan, of the oyster police sloop Mary Compton, whose trial for neglect of duty was noticed in the *News* of last week. Many persons in the lower part of this county took a deep interest in this case, and the general opinion fully sanctions the action of the board.

CIRCUIT COURT.—The April Term of the Circuit Court for Kent county commences next Monday. It will devolve upon the Grand Jury at this term to say who shall be granted license to sell liquor the ensuing year.

TEACHERS' COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The public school teachers of the county will meet in Chestertown on Monday next.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, April 10.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shalcross and Willson. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Thomas Parsons were granted unto Tilghman Shafer, who filed his bond, with W. T. Hepbron and G. W. Davis, as sureties, in the penalty of one thousand dollars. W. W. Stephens and John J. Roeder were appointed to appraise said estate,—and the usual notice to creditors was ordered. Perry W. Middleton, adm'r of James Middleton, returned a list of sales of the personal estate of said deceased. Mary A. Brice, acting guardian to Emma S. Brice, returned her final guardian account. Rachel M. Clark, acting guardian to George H. Clark and Joseph S. Clark, returned her guardian accounts.

GALENA.

On last Tuesday evening Shrewsberry Rectory was a scene of the liveliest interest and enjoyment. The friends of the Rector and his family, both his own parishioners and the community generally, had in a quiet way arranged to visit him and by their presence and their gifts assure him of their sincere regard. The occasion fully met the expectations of all who were interested in it. It was a pleasant and fitting close of the great Easter festival, and brought together from Galena and Locust Grove kind and beloved friends to share in its enjoyment. Not far short of one hundred persons were present; the large house was crowded. Young and old and children soon formed themselves into social circles and spent the time in plays, games or conversation to suit their taste. Refreshments in abundance were supplied by the ladies, and throughout the whole evening the utmost good humor prevailed. Some choice music and singing varied the entertainment, and the close was made serious and peaceful by an address from the Rector, with singing the doxology and prayer. One room was devoted to the display of the numerous and valuable gifts which were brought by the guests, and which must for a long time give token of the kindness and affection of all who took part in the donation festival of last Tuesday evening. G.

Violating the Sabbath.

Messrs. Editors:—I understand that our county jail is filled with oystermen charged with violating the Sabbath by dredging for oysters on that day. It is said that some persons engaged in fishing in the waters of Kent county do not hesitate to fish their nets on Sunday—indeed I am told that this is done in Chester river under the very shadow of your Court House and jail, and where *law* officers are presumed to be more efficient than in other parts of the county; and yet I have not seen the first case of an arrest reported in your paper. Why is it?

It is certainly as great a *moral* wrong to catch *fish* on Sunday as it is to catch oysters, and I would like to know, Messrs. Editors, if the *legal* aspect of the two cases is not the same? I know there is a special provision in the oyster law touching this point, but this fact should be no barrier to the enforcement of common or general laws against similar demoralizing acts. The Grand Jury at the approaching session, in investigating the one case, should not fail to give due attention to the other. JUSTICK.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

Messrs. Editors:—It has been some time since I have had the pleasure of furnishing any proceedings from the Association. For the last three weeks it has rained on Monday, and to-day a heavy wind. Our attendance was not large. The regular business of the day was gone through with. Mr. E. J. Watson furnished us with an article on raising potatoes; there was a good deal of logic in it. Then came the regular question for the day—*Travel and Transportation*— how it met with the wants of the people in cost and accommodation as compared with other parts of the country. Peaches were freighted from Buck Neck, on Sassafras river, for two cents less per box, last year, than from Chester river, while the boats are freighting grain from Chestertown at a less cost than from any other part of the county by land or water.

The wheat on the Fair ground is ahead of most of the farmers.

Our list is open for entries on premium crops and we have several entries. Farmers, come out and enter for a premium on one or more of the crops. We were glad to see the treasurer quite busy to-day. Members, come out, for we like to see and hear from you. In a short time the trainers will be on the ground preparing for the next fair. The executive committee are getting along fine; they will soon be through with their work and have made some changes that we think you will all approve of.

Now, members, our *Grove* does not do us much credit as yet, and on next Monday, at 1 o'clock, you are all wanted to meet at the fair grounds with a tree to plant. Let us have shade; it is so nice when the mercury is up to a hundred and the sun shines bright. M.

April 8th, 1877.

Letter From Rock Hall.

ROCK HALL, April 10th, 1877.

Messrs. Editors Kent News:—I send to-day an article, and if, upon examination, it is found worthy of credit, give it a place in your excellent paper. This Spring has witnessed the unceasing efforts on the part of the oyster dredgers to destroy the fine beds of oysters on Swan Point and in Chester river. These grounds are exempt by law from dredging. The inadequacy of the law and insufficiency of the river police force to protect this particular *beat* is lamentable. In view of this fact the request of several gentlemen of this locality was forwarded to Captain L. Mitchell, of the Maryland Fishery Force, to pay these grounds a flying visit; and on last Sunday evening complied with their request by capturing six vessels upon these grounds, and the entire crew of each imprisoned for violation of the laws relative to dredging. My effort in the following lines are too feeble fully to express the sentiments of these people toward the intrepid commander:

TO CAPTAIN L. MITCHELL, OF THE MARYLAND FISHERY POLICE FORCE!

Hurrah for Mitchell! he's the boy
To catch them on the fly.
Cheer up, my lads, the dredger's joy
Is broken with a sigh;
Exempted grounds, forbidden bays,
Are searched by broken laws,
And heedless dredgers on sacred days
Revel in unjust cause.

Along the noble water-line
Of Chester and the Knoll,
The saline shell-fish in the brine
Destroyed neath ill control,
And freemen's rights unjustly severed
Amid the rush for gain,
With destructive agencies by many revered,
And woeful waste attain.

Of nature's store by Heaven prepared
This luxury of the wave,
The bonny Chesapeake has fostering reared,
And struggles yet to save;
And ne'er forgotten be the name
Of him that rights sustain,
Who knows the law to each the same,
And knowing dares maintain.

DYNAMITE.

RECEPTION.—The young members of the congregation on Saturday night, 31st ult., tendered a reception to the Rev. J. W. Trout at the pastor's residence of Epsom M. P. Church. The reception was in the nature of a welcome and was participated in by quite a number of young people, irrespective of congregations, and proved to be quite an enjoyable affair.—*Towsontown (Md.) Journal.*

A WHALE thirty-nine feet grounded and was killed on Monday on York Point, Porquason river, York county, Va.

HENRY WADE, of Botetout Va., recently lost by death from diptheria all of his children, six in number.

THE Richmond liquor dealers have determined to raise $6,000 to fee counsel to resist the Moffet whiskey law.

A RIVAL TO BLIND TOM—*Youthful Musical Composer.*—The Annapolis correspondent of the Balto. *Gazette* says:

This ancient city boasts of a musical prodigy in the person of Charles Zimmerman, aged 16. He could perform well on the piano at twelve years of age, and has been for the last eighteen months organist of St. Mary's Catholic church in this city. He has composed several pieces, especially for the choir of the above church, and is now engaged in the composition and arrangement of a piece of music which will be originally rendered by the Naval-academy band. He can at one time play two distinct tunes upon the pianoforte and sing a song in another. He is a pupil at Peabody Institute, Baltimore, and bids fair to make his mark in the musical world.

THE Baltimore *Sun* says Bayview Asylum has now 826 inmates. The highest number during the winter was 926.

THE I. P. Thomas Fertilizer is a favorite with Kent farmers. A further trial will give it greater favor. *

MARRIED:

In Chestertown on Wednesday morning last, by Rev. Walter R. Graham, THOMAS B. ELLIOTT to Miss MARY V. BAKER, both of this place.

In Chestertown, on the 12th instant, by Rev. W. H. Hutchin, HENRY N. GREENWOOD to Miss LOTTIE E. SMITH, all of Kent county.

DIED:

On the 3rd inst., WM. WARREN TYSON, of Galena, Kent county, Md., in the 36th year of his age.

April 6, 1877, RACHEL R., daughter of John W. and Williamina Crouch, aged 15 years and 20 days.

In Chestertown, on Thursday morning, April 12, Mrs. M. LIZZIE, wife of Thomas W. Eliason, Jr., and daughter of the late William Biscoe, Esq., of St. Mary's county, Md., in the 25th year of her age. Just one year ago—April 11—the deceased was led to the altar a happy bride. The bereaved husband has our deep sympathy.

Obituary.

MAJOR RICHARD SMYTH was born on the 18th of February, 1792, and departed this life on the 6th of April, 1877. He was buried in Chester Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, the 7th. The funeral procession consisted of a long train of carriages, containing his friends, and a considerable number of the citizens of Chestertown assembled at the Cemetery to pay a tribute of respect to an aged and esteemed fellow citizen. Major Smyth had erected eight new houses in Chestertown, and purchased four others. Several years since a number of the citizens of the town contributed and purchased a handsome gold-mounted cane, which in their behalf was presented to him by Gen. George Vickers, with an address, and to which he appropriately responded. He was very much esteemed by our citizens. The Rev. J. B. Jones, of the Meth. Prot. Church, performed the funeral services at the house of Mr. George S. Diehl, at Plumb Point, near the Chesapeake, and read the funeral services at the grave. As soon as Mr. Jones concluded, and before the beautiful casket was lowered to its last resting place, Gen. Vickers stepped forward, and spoke substantially as follows:—[which remarks we publish as a suitable obituary, and have been written out at our request.—EDS.]

"Soon after I commenced the active business of life on my own responsibility the deceased became one of my friends and patrons; a friendship was formed which was strengthened by time, and its chain was never broken, nor a link ever strained or disfigured; it retained its brightness and was untarnished to the last. It was doubtless in consequence of this mutual friendship and confidence, that soon after this cemetery was opened for interment, that he held a conversation with me on the subject of his burial. He told me that he desired to be deposited in this place, not far from where rested the remains of the late Senator Pearce, and near the lot which had been designated for myself and family, and then added that if I outlived him, as he felt assured that I would, he wished me to make some remarks at his grave, to which I assented; and I stand here to-day, in the most novel and embarrassing position, to redeem a promise made to an old and valued friend.

"Mr. Smyth was born and raised in our county, and was long identified with its interest, prosperity and people. In early manhood he obeyed the summons with alacrity, repaired to the tented camp to endure its privations and hardships, and then to peril his life on the battle field in defense of his country and to repel invaders from his native soil. He was a patriot; patriotism was with him a principle, and it was not surprising that he would sometimes speak of this event, and fight over again the battles of his youth. He became an agriculturist and followed this pursuit the greater portion of his life, an occupation the most useful of all secular vocations. He practised upon the maxim of a distinguished Virginia statesman, "Pay as you go," which was called the Philosopher's stone. By a system of diligence, industry and a prudential economy, he amassed what may be called a Farmer's fortue; he was emphatically the architect and builder of his own. He was truthful, honest and just—scrupulous to fulfill all his contracts; had no legal controversies, and had a great aversion to debt, although he was kind and indulgent to all who became indebted to him."

"In his traits of character he may be said to have been quick, ardent and impulsive, and these may at times have betrayed him into indiscretions, but he cherished no resentments, was always ready to make reparation, and was eminently social, courteous and friendly. In reference to his religious views, he once asked my opinion of future punishment; after giving to him, as I conceived, a scriptural answer, he remarked that he had defrauded no man, wronged no man, injured no man, and that in the whole course of his life he had endeavored to act rightfully towards his fellow men, and he thought it would be hard, after death, that he should be punished! But he lived to realize a mental and moral change on this subject—was found a penitent and supplant at the foot of the Cross, and was made to rejoice in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, the Lord. The world calls greatness that which overcomes armies, subdues nations and brings the rulers to their feet; but true greatness is moral greatness, and he only is truly great who finds himself bowing at the footstool of his God.

"Mr. Smyth had a long and sore affliction, for many months confined to his room and for many to his bed. Doubtless in the lonely watches of the night, and in the solitude of the heart, for the heart has its hours of solitude, though every care and attention was bestowed upon him, he reviewed his life, meditated upon the mercy and goodness of God, contemplated the future, renewed his covenants, and made peace with his Maker. His life was longer than the span usually allotted to our race. But what is human life at best? It is but a point of time compared to that eternity to which we are all hastening. It has been said that old men go to death, but death comes to the young. How true it is, for "Friend after friend departs; who has not lost a friend?" A good man has said that children, during the life time of their parents, put death at a great distance, believing that by the laws of nature the oldest must first depart; but when they are gone, their children become in their place seniors in the College of Life, and the horizon which seemed to separate the present from the invisible world is much and sensibly nearer, and they are admonished to prepare for their latter end.

"I will detain you but a few moments. What shall our last word be to the deceased? Shall it be *Farewell!* But not a long farewell, for soon, and we know not when, the Messenger that came to him will come to us. And now looking at the deceased let us say, as we have often mentally said to others who have left us—your virtues and kindnesses and friendships shall be cherished in our memories as if written upon brass, while your faults and weaknesses shall be written in water and pass into oblivion."

After Gen. Vickers' address, the Grange, of which Mr. Smyth was a member, performed their usual interesting religious ceremonies, aided by a number of ladies, and the attendance was dismissed by a benediction from Mr. Jones. The occasion was a solemn and interesting one. *

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BALTIMORE MARKET.

From WARDEN, MERRITT & Co's Report.
Baltimore, April 11, 1877.

CORN—Southern White	56@58
" Yellow	57@59
WHEAT—Red, fair to good	1.62@1.65
Prime	1.76@1.78
Amber	1.80@1.83
White	1.75@1.85
OATS—Fair to good	40@41
Prime	43@46
RYE—Good to prime	76@80
EGGS—Fresh, per dozen	15@15
BACON—Shoulders, packed	6½@00
C. R. Sides "	9@9½
Hams, sugar-cured	13@14
LARD—Refined, tierces	10½@10½

THE ORPHANS' COURT will meet on TUESDAY and THURSDAY of next week.
1t. WM. STEVENS, Reg. of Wills.

A SHOW BREEF!
Big and Fat—Young and Tender, Will be exhibited next Monday, by
1t*. BRICE, THE BUTCHER.

LECTURE.
Dr. CHAS. JEWELL, the great Evangelist on Temperance, will deliver a Lecture at the Court House on SUNDAY, the 15th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M. The public are cordially invited. By order of the Committee. 1t.

I BED THE BEST.
I have bedded Thirty-Two Baskets of superior SWEET POTATOES, grown from seed brought from Jersey last spring. By the 10th of May shall have plenty of Plants. Do not forget to try at least a few hundred of them. I use no Glass. J. R. BECK,
apr14-3t*. Near Lynch's Station.

NEW STORE UP TOWN!
MRS H. A. CARROLL has opened a New Stock of Goods in the store room up town, formerly occupied by Mr. W. A. C. Thompson. Her stock embraces a variety of all kinds of goods usually kept in a Grocery and Notion Store. She will sell at the lowest prices for cash, and hopes to merit and receive a share of public patronage. apr14-3t.

LIFE INSURANCE!
THE undersigned has again taken the agency for the *Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York*, and will cheerfully give any information asked for by letter or otherwise.
Medical examiners for Kent county are: Dr. Samuel Beck, Hanesville; Dr. W. M. A. S. Maxwell, Still Pond; Dr. Thomas Willson, Edesville.
PROF. T. ASCHERFELD.
April 14, 1877—tf.

NOTICE.

Dissolution of Partnership.

ON and after the FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1877, the partnership existing between the firm of C. F. Stam & Bro., Chestertown, Md., will be dissolved by mutual consent.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE FIRM are requested to settle their accounts on or before that time.
C. F. STAM & BRO.
Chestertown, April 14, 1877—4t.

S. B. FOARD,
Grain Commission Merchant,
Agents for WM. LEA & SONS,
CHESTERTOWN.
Store, Main st., nearly opp. Voshell House.
Choice Brands of Flour, Pratt's Astral Oil, Hardware, &c.
Early Rose Seed Potatoes.
The highest cash price paid for Grain.
apr14-tf.

RADCLIFFE MILLS.
NOW having a new Bolting Cloth, and otherwise improved, for GRINDING WHEAT, the subscriber having made arrangements with Dr. Thos. H. Whaland for conducting the Milling Business for the present year, feels confident that he can give satisfaction in quality and quantity of FLOUR. Having had a number of years experience in the business, now offers his services to his old customers and the public in general, for the MANUFACTURE OF MEAL AND FLOUR, asking only a trial to please. Personal attention given to grinding Wheat. Corn Crusher and Plaster Mill in full operation. GRAHAM FLOUR a Specialty.
J. H. SAPPINGTON.
April 14, 1877—1m.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

EDWIN SMITH, exec'r John P. Smith,
versus
JAMES A. RINGGOLD and others.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, January Term, 1877.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by RICHARD HYNSON, Trustee for the sale of the real estate of Rich'd W. Ringgold, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the fourteenth day of June 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 14th day of May next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $4,000.00.

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True copy,—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
April 14, 1877—4t.

Ratification Notice.

George B. Westcott,
versus
Lea Smith, et. al.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County. In Equity.
JANUARY TERM, 1877.

ORDERED, that the sale of the "Shipyard Farm" and "Wood Lot," made and reported by George B. Westcott, under the power in the mortgage from Lea Smith and others to Richard Hynson, and by him assigned to said Geo. B. Westcott, dated Oct. 1st, 1872, and recorded among the Land Records for Kent county, in Liber J. K. H., No. 11, Folio 419, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the fifteenth day of June 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 fifteenth day of May next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $7,500.00.

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
April 14, 1877—4t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland of

THOMAS PARSONS

late of Kent county, deceased.

All persons having claims agai st said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the 10th day of November, 1877, otherwise, they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 10th day of April 1877.

T LGHMAN SHAFER
April 14, 1877—4t. Adm r.

A NICE line of DRY GOODS, Ladies' Dress Goods Notions and Hosiery, very cheap at SAPPINGTON'S.

EARLY ROSE POTATOES *And FRESH GARDEN SEED*, at THOMPSON'S, Up Town.

C. A. GAMBRILL'S FLOUR, by the pound, bag or barrel, at
apr7. THOMPSON'S, Up Town.

BELLS—FARM BELLS! FARM BELLS! For Sale at J. K. ALDRIDGE'S.

NAILS! NAILS! NAILS! By the Pound or Keg, Very cheap at J. K. ALDRIDGE'S.

HOG TONGS OR HOLDERS. Ringer and Rings, For sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.

Organs! Organs!
HAVING been acting as local agent for Geo. A. Prince & Co. since 1865, and having had offered to me since Dec. 17, 1876, the control of all unoccupied territory, with authority and instruction to appoint agents, I deem it proper to state to my numerous friends and the public that I shall continue in the old track to sell ORGANS and PIANOS without any misrepresentation or subterfuges, fictitious discounts, &c.
Having a mechanical knowledge of the construction of musical instruments, I am able to draw comparisons, and can therefore state that

MESSRS. PRINCE & Co.
Furnish a BETTER ORGAN
than any other establishment. The peculiar construction of their Organs is protected by 14 patents, and the durability of Prince's Organs and Melodeons is unsurpassed.
I am prepared to sell 2 Carhart & Needham double-bank Pedal bass Organs; one Mason & Hamlin, with 12 stops, very large case; one Estey, with sub bass, at very low figures, as the owners wish to make an exchange. Also, a good second-hand 7oc. Stieff Piano at a bargain.
Price lists, &c., may be obtained by mail on application to
PROF. THEO. ASCHERFELD,
P. O. box 115, Chestertown, and 44, Havre deGrace.
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NOTICE
To Fruit Growers
SHIP nothing but your BEST, and dry your Cuttings.
I WOULD respectfully call the attention of Fruit Growers to my
Improved Fruit Evaporator.
My Evaporator has 2,000 square feet of drying surface, and will dry from 200 to 300 baskets of peaches per day, at a cost not exceeding one-half cent per pound for preparing and drying the fruit. Fruit dried by this process commands double the price of Sun dried fruit. I have samples of fruit dried by this dryer last year, which can be seen, with a model of the dryer, by calling on me. For further particulars address
J. C. SLAUGHTER,
apr14-tf. Crumpton, Md.

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 fifteen 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,
dec13. JOHN Z. CLARK.

NOTICE.

U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE

SPECIAL TAXES

May 1, 1877, to April 30, 1878

THE Revised Statutes of the United States, Sections 3232, 3237, 3238 and 3239, require every person engaged in any business, avocation or employment which renders him liable to a SPECIAL TAX, to *procure and place conspicuously in his establishment or place of business a stamp* denoting the payment of said SPECIAL TAX for the Special Tax year beginning May 1, 1877, before commencing or continuing business after April 30, 1877. A return, as prescribed on Form 11, is also required by law of every person liable to Special Tax as above.

The Taxes embraced within the provisions of the law above quoted, are the following, viz:

Rectifiers	$200 00
Dealers, retail liquor	25 00
Dealers, wholesale liquor	100 00
Dealers in malt liquors, wholesale	50 00
Dealers in malt liquors, retail	20 00
Dealers in leaf tobacco	25 00
Retail dealers in leaf tobacco	500 00
And on sales of over $1,000 fifty cents for every dollar in excess of $1,000	
Dealers in manufactured tabacco	5 00
Manufacturers of stills	50 00
And for each still manufactured	20 00
And for each worm manufactured	20 00
Manufacturers of tobacco	10 00
Manufacturers of cigars	10 00
Peddlers of tobacco, first class—more than two horses or other animals	50 00
Peddlers of tobacco, second class—two horses or other animals	25 00
Peddlers of tobacco, third class—one horse or other animal	15 00
Peddlers of tobacco, fourth class—on foot or public conveyance	10 00
Brewers of less than 500 barrels	50 00
Brewers of 500 barrels or more	100 00

Any person, so liable, who shall fail to comply with the foregoing requirements will be subject to severe penalties.

Persons or firms in Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot counties liable to pay any of the Special Taxes named above must apply to

L. A. C. GERRY,
Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue,
at PORT DEPOSIT, Cecil county, Md., and pay for and procure the Special Tax Stamp or Stamps they need, prior to May 1, 1877, and WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE. Cash may be sent by Money Order, Registered Letter, Check marked "good," or Express—PREPAID.

Special Tax Stamps will be transmitted by mail only on receipt, from the person or firm ordering the same, of specific directions so to do, together with the necessary postage stamps, or the amount required to pay the postage. The postage on one stamp is three cents, and on two stamps six cents. If it is desired that they should be transmitted by registered mail ten cents additional should accompany the application.

GREEN B. RAUM,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
Office of Internal Revenue,
WASHINGTON, D.