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# The Kent News.

SATURDAY . . . . DEC. 15, 1877

A CONCURRENT resolution has been adopted in both houses for the adjournment of Congress from Saturday, Dec. 15, until Monday, Jan. 10.

REV. DR. ALBERT S. BLEDSOE, editor of the *Southern Review*, died of paralysis at his residence in Alexandria, Va., last Saturday night, in his 69th year.

SENATOR EUSTIS, of Louisiana, was admitted to his seat on Monday by a vote of 49 to 8, so that there is at last a full United States Senate, consisting of seventy-six members. For the first time for many years both the seats assigned by the constitution to Louisiana are filled.

JAMES GARDNER and Jacob Grove, at Hagerstown, Md., indicted for the murder of Rev. J. M. Friday, at Harper's Ferry, W. Va., on the 31st of May last, have been acquitted.

THE baby show business in Baltimore this week proved a signal and deserved failure. The exhibition at Masonic Temple closed on Wednesday night for want of public patronage, and the mothers, who sacrificed their time for two days and exposed their children, got none of the prizes which had tempted them.

P. P. PENDLETON, ESQ., a leading merchant of Baltimore and one of the best known and most popular men of that city, died suddenly on Sunday morning last of heart disease. He had been president of the Corn and Flour Exchange, president of the Second Branch of the City Council, and filled many other positions of honor and profit.

REV. DR. JAMES HOUSTON ECCLESTON has been elected Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the newly-formed diocese of West Virginia. He is a son of the late Judge Eccleston, of this town, and a clergyman of decided ability. For several years he was rector of the Church of St. James the Less, located near Laurel Hill, Philadelphia, and at present is rector of Christ Church, Newark, N. J.

HENRY NORFOLK, condemned to be executed at Annapolis on the 21st instant, for the murder of his wife, in May last, made a full and free confession of his guilt on Tuesday. He knocked her down and beat her to death with a club. Norfolk states that his motive for the murder was to marry Ella, his wife's sister. He thought she would marry him if freed from his wife. This drew his affections from his wife.

GENERAL HARLAN was on Monday sworn in as a Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He is a noble specimen of a man physically—being a stalwart Kentuckian, more than six feet in height, of splendid proportions. His head is large, with broad, ample high forehead and thin, sandy-colored hair. His father and grandfather were noted for their great strength and stature, and his son, now a young man of eighteen, fitting for college, is over six feet in height.

SENATOR DENNIS, of this State, backed Conkling in his opposition to the New York appointments. He thinks the President treated the committee disrespectfully in declining to give his reasons for displacing the late officers. The nominations were rejected on Wednesday by yeas 25, nays 32. Senators Eaton, Dennis, Whyte and Maxey (Democrats) united with the great body of Republicans against confirmation; and Senators Burnside, Christiancy, Conover, Dawes, Hoar and Matthews (Republicans) sided with the mass of the Democrats in favor of confirmation.

THE TICKET-SCALPERS' CASE, which was on trial in the Criminal Court of Baltimore all last week, was brought to a close on Saturday night by the jury rendering a verdict of guilty as to Wm. E. Bloomer, and failing to agree in the case of Upton W. Dorsey—standing ten for acquittal and two for conviction. The jury was out more than two days.—Bloomer was remanded for sentence, and Dorsey will be tried again at the January term. Some of the ablest lawyers in the city, including S. T. Wallis, Esq., were engaged in the case, and it excited unusual interest.

FALL OF PLEVNA.—After a severe engagement on the 9th instant, in which Osman Pasha was wounded, finding himself surrounded by superior force, he surrendered, and Plevna, with all its garrison and guns, are now in the hands of the Russian and Romanian armies. The thousands of Turkish troops so long confined in Plevna have been suffering great privations, and are said to have been dying from cold and hunger. In addition to forty thousand prisoners and four hundred guns captured there are said to be twenty thousand sick and wounded. This is a heavy blow to the Turks, from which they will not be likely to recover.

EX-GOVERNOR PINCHBACK has in an open letter to Governor Nichols resigned the contest as United States Senator from Louisiana. Towards the close of his letter he says:

"It taxes both my credulity and charity to concede either sincerity or consistency to the Republican Senators who so earnestly opposed my claim from 1873 to 1876, and so promptly and solidly supported the new Senator (Kellogg) from Louisiana."

Pinchback should remember that when he was knocking at the door of the Senate that body was largely Republican, but since parties have become so evenly balanced statesmanship has been merged into partisanship, and continued party ascendency paramount to every other consideration. This is all of it. Kellogg's credentials are signed by a claimant to the Louisiana governorship who never exercised any authority, and who is now a political tramp.

NEW YORK is to have a colored baby show, and it is thought there will be a "hue and cry" about it.

THE TRAMP QUESTION AGAIN.—It is understood that the County Commissioners have taken no formal action in regard to the Tramp Convention to be held in Baltimore on the 20th and 21st instant. The matter would no doubt have been fully canvassed and arranged on Tuesday last, but there was no meeting of the board. The convention is to be composed of the Sheriffs, State's Attorneys, County Commissioners, Trustees of Almshouses, and other officers of the counties. Delegations of citizens from the respective counties are invited to be present. No more important legislation will be brought before the Legislature than that devised by the Tramp Convention. No community in the State has suffered greater outrages on their family and property rights from vagrant tramps than our county, and it is hoped that in addition to the officers who are expected to be present, that some of our prominent citizens who have received an invitation will also attend. Our people demand and expect as a matter of right protection from being annually overrun by an army of worthless vagabonds, who keep us in constant dread of the perpetration of heinous crimes or offenses less lawless, and it has become absolutely necessary that measures be devised to suppress the tramp nuisance altogether, or put them to work on our public highways. We hope that our county will be fully represented, and that good results will come of the convention.

THE CONCERT on Thursday evening, complimentary to Mrs. C. H. Lake, given by members of her music class and others, drew a crowded house. The entertainment was altogether such as might have been expected from the talent at command. Mrs. L. herself is accomplished in her profession, and the superior skill and grace with which she presided at the piano and performed the various accompaniments demonstrated her dexterity in that art. Miss Lulie Lambert sang a number of solos and took part in several duets, and hers was decidedly the favorite soprano voice; while the two piano duets, "L' Hirondele" and "Il Trovatore," by Misses Lillie Hall and Robena Watkins, were admired by all—the latter we thought the prettiest instrumental piece of the evening. "Have Me or No," sang by Miss Watkins, was well rendered. The Misses Bordley acquitted themselves finely, as usual, while "Tom's" rich bass voice sounded in sonorous notes through the hall. The several piano duets by young ladies—"Gallop Brillante," by Dolly Davis and Lucy Gruber; "Jolly Brother's Gallop," by Katie Plummer and May Zimmerman; "Le Dames de Seville," by Misses Nettie Wickes and Ella Melvin—were very creditably rendered, as was also the song duet, by Misses Susie Melvin and Nannie Bordley.

The programme and arrangements, all otherwise so admirable, would have been more highly appreciated had the boys not been allowed to convert the gallery into a "bedlam," thereby marring the pleasure of many. Any entertainment, be it ever so good in itself, will fail of perfect success, unless the arrangement provide for the oversight of unruly boys, and we would suggest that hereafter this be not neglected.

AN OCCULTATION OF VENUS by the moon took place on Saturday night about 7½ o'clock. Shortly before the brilliant star was hidden it apparently touched the lower horn of the crescent moon, and was a magnificent and conspicuous spectacle in the southwestern part of the heavens, just about 20 degrees above the horizon. The atmosphere was clear, and the crescent and the star shone unusually bright and beautiful. The beautiful evening star appeared to cling to the moon for a while, and then after a kiss to hide, after which both heavenly bodies proceeded on their endless separate journeyings. The telescope showed that though so near they were yet so far from each other as not to touch by a distance equal to half the diameter of the star. The view with the naked eye was therefore more attractive than through the telescope, as by the eye the two bodies appeared to touch.

THE so-called "drawing" of the Louisiana State lottery took place at New Orleans, on Tuesday, at the Academy of Music, in the presence of a large audience, under the "supervision" of Gens. Beauregard and Early. The following numbers were announced as drawing the prizes: No. 79,620 drew $100,000; 17,318 drew $50,000; 62,850 drew $20,000; 20,068 drew $10,000; 63,155 drew $10,000; 65,648, 23,717, 16,276 and 4,657 drew $5,000 each.

Now where are the lucky holders of the prize tickets? How many of them do you suppose were really sold? Is it not high time that an end was put to such bold-faced humbuggery and fraud?

MARYLAND FISHERIES.—The Westminster *Advocate* favors the passage of an act by the next Legislature "suspending all fishing operations by seines and nets for three years, and after that prohibiting it except upon alternate days." What do our fishermen think of *that* proposition?

SERENADE.—The Kent Cornet Band serenaded Mr. John W. Carroll and bride at their residence in this town on Tuesday evening. Quite a large company assembled at the house, where lemonade, cake, etc., were bountifully dispensed. The bride and groom received many hearty congratulations, and an hour or more was spent in the most agreeable social intercourse.

THE MARYLAND STATE GRANGE met in Baltimore on Tuesday. Nearly all the counties were represented. Among those present from this county as officers or delegates were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Corey, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Gale, J. F. Wilson and S. Vannort.

DREDGER COMMITTED.—Captain Ellsworth, of the schooner J. L. Atkins, was recently arrested and committed to our county jail by Justice Calder on the charge of dredging for oysters on Swan Point bar.

THERE is no possible excuse for inattention to the weak and suffering among one's horses and stock when such an invaluable and every reliable means of relief is at hand as Keller's Roman Liniment. Its range of application is very wide and few indeed are the indications of disease it will not meet and utterly destroy. For pain and discomfort of any cause, internal and external, the prompt and judicious use of this remedy will insure immediate relief.

## PERSONAL.

☞ As stated in our notice elsewhere, a number of subscribers to the "NEWS" are in arrears for several years. None of this class have responded to our request to settle up. We therefore again call attention to the matter, believing that negligence may in many instances account for the delinquency. *We most positively insist upon the settlement of all these arrearages;* and as we cannot call in person upon those outside of town, we shall expect them to call upon us, or send amounts by mail. After the first of January the 50 *cents additional* will be charged and accounts placed in the hands of collectors.

You can buy goods in Chestertown as cheap as in the city. Our merchants have supplied themselves with large stocks, and should receive the patronage of the community. Read their advertisements in this issue.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Dec. 11.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. R. Hynson, executor of Edw. Comegys, returned a report of sale of real estate of said deceased. R. C. Smyth and Geo. S. Diehl, executors of Rich'd Smyth, returned their first administration account. Wm. D. Burchinal, guardian to Wm. H. Brown, returned his final guardian account, and filed release from Hiram Brown and William H. Brown. John A. Hersch, guardian to Elizabeth J. Hersch and Ellen Hersch, returned his final guardian accounts and filed releases from said Elizabeth J. and Ellen Hersch.

MILL STREET AHEAD.—Mill street is one of the smallest in Chestertown—certainly not over a dozen families—but is noted for large hogs. The following weight of slaughtered "porkers" the present season is not often excelled: John W. Carroll, two hogs, 443 and 371 lbs. James M. Vandyke, two hogs, 400½ and 387½ lbs. Milton Baker, two hogs, 398 and 392 lbs. John Davis, two hogs, 389 and 373½ lbs. The eight hogs weighed 3,155½ lbs. What street can beat it with eight hogs?

REV. W. B. GREGG, at Sudlersville, writes us that he has received more than fifty persons on probation since the commencement of the revival at that place, many who are over fifty years old, and still the work goes on.

LARGE HOGS.—Mr. John Brice, residing near the Trappe, killed on Tuesday 45 hogs, which averaged 315 lbs. Mr. Brice is proverbial for raising large hogs, and this pen is hard to beat. The Lusby boys, residing near the camp-meeting woods, on Tuesday morning killed and cleaned fifteen hogs by half-past seven o'clock, the heaviest of which weighed 473 lbs.

RETURNED.—Major B. B. Wroth, after seeing Mr. Hayes and organizing the Treasury Department, at Washington, has returned to Chestertown. So says the TRANSCRIPT, which seems to keep a sharp eye on the Major's perambulations.

REYNOLDS & Co., of Middletown, Del., advertise in another column that they are selling Clothing, &c., "at prices lower than were ever before known on this Peninsula." They are reliable, energetic business men, and deserve confidence and patronage.

A NEW DEPARTURE.—One of the signs of the times connected with the tobacco business is the fact that consumers of the weed are gradually coming nearer to the manufacturers. We notice that the old firm of B. F. Parlett & Co., No. 92 Lombard and 6 Water Sts., Baltimore, have the past year established a large factory at Danville, Va., for the manufacture of chewing tobacco.—This house has been in successful existence for over thirty years, and we can and do most cheerfully recommend them to the confidence of the entire trade. They make only reliable goods and are prepared by long experience and ample facilities to compete with any of our reliable manufacturers. We heartily bespeak for them the favorable consideration of the trade.

REMEMBER the entertainments of J. A Greenwood's school at Bond Chapel on Thursday and Friday evenings next.

VENDUES NEXT WEEK.—Monday—Mrs. Isabella Reynolds, Quaker Neck. Same day, Dr. T. H. Whaland, at his mill, near Chestertown.

Wednesday—Wm. Kendall, near Bacchus' Mill.

Thursday—J. A. Skirven, Eastern Neck. See advertisements.

## The Mails.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The public are still subjected to the vexatious inconvenience of having their mail matter delivered after night. The Hanesville postoffice is put to the same inconvenience, and the postoffices at Broad Neck or Lankford, Fairlee, Edesville and Rock Hall have their mails delivered the next day after their arrival in Chestertown;—thus five county postoffices are virtually kept rid of a daily mail; and although applications and remonstrances have been made to the Postmaster General and his primary agents, no redress has yet been afforded. There is no sensible reason why the public should be thus treated.—The Postoffice Department was established for the public convenience, and we all know that the Kent County Railroad was so instituted, and the people of Kent have been severely taxed for that road. Why should the Lessee, who resides in Philadelphia, and who seems to feel no regard for the interest or convenience of the people of Kent, be permitted to pursue a course so directly opposed to the public convenience? He detains our mails at Clayton from half-past eleven A. M. till three o'clock P. M., when he should bring them to Chestertown by half-past one o'clock P. M., so that it may be at once distributed and sent to the country postoffices. The people of Kent ought not to patronize the road until a change is effected. The lessee gets handsomely paid for carrying the mails, and the convenience of the people should be consulted.

VOX POPULI.

## Chesterville and Vicinity.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Mr. B. D. Quimby, of this village, being about to quit farming, has connected himself with the grain commission house of Kenly & Tilghman, Baltimore, one of the oldest and best houses in the city. Ben is one of the most deserving young men in the neighborhood, and has many friends who will doubtless be glad to do anything they can for him in the way of consignments. We wish, and predict for him, a good share of public patronage.

Mr. Wm. B. Aldridge and wife, who have lived among us for several years past, have removed to Virginia to take charge of the farm of S. W. Aldridge, Esq., who is a brother of William.—Those who intimately know these people part with them with regret.

The lecture Rev. T. W. Brown was to deliver in the Church South, on Thanksgiving evening, did not come off then, and was postponed until Wednesday night, 26th instant. The lecture is for the benefit of the public school of this village, to enable it to procure a globe, etc. We understand that the subject is "Washington and Alexander." The well known ability of the lecturer, his popularity, and the object for which the lecture is to be given, ought to insure a good attendance. In addition to the lecture there will also be some vocal and instrumental music. Let all who would spend "the night after Christmas" pleasantly and profitably, attend.

That burglar-proof depot at Lambson's was again entered by thieves on the night of the 7th instant, and a valuable express package was robbed of its contents, which package was consigned to Mrs. James Carey and Mrs. J. W. Jarman, of this village.

On New Year's day we expect a grand tidal wave in our canal which will sweep almost every family in the village from its moorings. 'Twill be a grand and moving spectacle.

A pen of 12 hogs, recently killed by Mr. Chas. England, averaged 284 pounds.

It is said Chesterville is to have a female seminary next year.

A union protracted meeting between the M. E. and M. P. Churches at Sassafras has been in progress for some weeks. Result—numerous seekers and many conversions. Extra services are also being held by the same denominations at Crumpton, and the Protestant church there is meeting with much success, while the other is doing something also.

Fortunate, very, for Mrs. Lot, that her *lot* was not cast in this neighborhood, for if it had been she would have been gobbled up this week by some parsimonious old bachelor.

WALTER.

THE Legislature of California met on the 3d inst. It is strongly Democratic and will elect a United States Senator.

CAPT. THOS. C. WHITNEY, of the ship Maria Nottingbaum, on the voyage from New York to San Francisco, during a fight with his second mate, Michael Kelley, was thrown overboard and drowned. The vessel put into Baltimore, where Kelley is held for a hearing.

THE office of Superintendent of public stores, in connection with the Baltimore custom-house, held by ex-Mayor John Lee Chapman, salary $2,000, has been abolished.

OVER a million and a quarter majority for the presidential candidate of the democracy in 1880, is predicted by the New York *Express*.

MRS. ISAAC MASON, daughter of Major General Richard Butler, one of Washington's commanders, is living at Uniontown, Pa. She is 95.

## MARRIED:

At the M. E. Parsonage in Sudlersville, Dec. 11, by Rev. W. B. Gregg, Mr. JAS. M. DAVIS, of Masseys, Kent county, Md., to Miss EMMA L. WEST, from near Millington, Kent co., Md.

At the M. E. Parsonage, Chestertown, by Rev. W. H. Hutchin, Dec. 11th, 1877, Mr. JOSHUA ATKINSON and Miss HANNAH E. TAYLOR.

Nov. 28th, by Rev. George Leary, at his residence near Edesville, Mr. JOHN B. JENKINS and Miss MARY E. LECOMPT, both of this Co.

Nov. 29, 1877, at the First M. P. Church, Pittsburg, by the Rev. J. Thomas Murray, D. D., the Rev. JOHN J. MURRAY, D. D., and Miss VICTORIA STONER, both of Pittsburg, Pa.

On the 5th inst., at Central Church South, in Baltimore, by Rev. Dr. Ball, FRANK A. WHITAKER and BESSIE D. FORD.

## DIED:

In Dayton, Ohio, on Dec. 3d, Miss RACHEL WEAVER, formerly of this town, aged about 55 years.

In Baltimore, Dec. 8th, JOHN SHAW, aged 79 years.


READ SPARKS' advertisement in another column. d15.

A NICE lot of Cranberries for sale at SHAW'S.

LOOK at our Ladies' and Misses' *Hand-made* Button Shoes. d15. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

FOR RENT, For the year 1878, A DWELLING HOUSE in Bakerville, Quaker Neck. Apply to J. H. BAKER. Dec. 15—3t*

FOR RENT for 1878, A Comfortable HOUSE, on Water street, containing four rooms, basement Kitchen and Cellar. d15-3t* Apply to R. HYNSON.

TO THE PATRONS of THE "NEWS."

We need every dollar due us for Subscription, Advertising and Job-Work, and those indebted are earnestly requested to settle *before the close of the year.*

Some of our patrons are several years in arrears for subscription. We trust that a simple reminder of the fact that their neglect causes us embarrassment and is discreditable to themselves, will have the effect to secure an *immediate* settlement.

We have done our best during the year to give satisfaction to all; we have to pay cash for everything requisite to the publication of the paper; and, without regard to our necessities, those who have received the benefit of our toil should be willing to render its just reward. "A word to the wise is sufficient,"—and we hope all our patrons will prove themselves *wise.*

d8. PLUMMER & USILTON.

LADIES and Gentlemen will please take notice that JOS. H. THOMPSON, has for sale Boots and Shoes, and *nothing else*, as he makes the above business a *specialty.*

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| Ladies' Fox Button Gaiters | | $2.25 |
| Pebble grained | do. | 2.25 |
| Misses' | do. | 1.75 |
| Children's | do. | 1.00 |
| Fox Bal. peb. grained | | $1.00 to 1.25 |

All other goods in proportion. A credit to prompt customers. Dec. 15.

TO BE SOLD at a *BARGAIN FOR CASH:* 2600 Standard Pears, 2 years old, from 4 to 6 ft. high, fine stock of the following varieties: 490 Clapp, 275 Seckel, 345 Lawrence, 890 Flemish Beauty and 680 Bartlett. LEVERETT GROVER. FRANK H. RIVERS, Agent, Chestertown. Dec. 15—tf.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

THOS. W. WICKES

*OFFERS for the HOLIDAY SEASON,* STANDARD And ILLUSTRATED WORKS, embracing all the Novelties of the season.

Large and Elegant assortment of English BOOKS, In FINE and CLOTH BINDINGS.

Family Bibles, Small Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, and the Favorite "CHATTER BOX," an excellent Present for Children.

WALL POCKETS, Photograph Albums, Backgammon Boards, Games, Toilet Sets, Diaries for 1878, Card Cases, The universal Favorite CLARITA CIGAR, for 5 cents, and other choice brands; Cigar Cases, Holders, and many other articles suitable for

Christmas Presents.

☞ Be sure and call at WICKES' DRUG STORE before making your purchases for Christmas. d15-4t. THOS. W. WICKES.

JAMES WOOD, *COR. HIGH and KENT STS., Up Town,* Has for sale *FLOUR, MEAL,* And MILL FEED GENERALLY. Also, GROCERIES, TOBACCO, CIGARS, and numerous other articles, all of which will be sold at the *very lowest price.* ☞ COUNTRY PRODUCE, even to Rags, taken in exchange. Thankful for past patronage, he respectfully asks an increase of the same. JAMES WOOD, *Up Town.* Dec. 15—3m.

NOTICE to Housekeepers. ☞ Send your broken or defaced *FURNITURE* to the Undertaking establishment of JOHN N. DODD, and have it mended, cleaned and varnished. d8-tf.

LOST, on the night of the 16th ult., between Dr. Worrel's gate and Worton Station, a SADDLE. A suitable reward will be paid by returning it to F. P. HYNSON. dec8-3t*

THE new M. E. Church at Ridgely, on Hillsboro' Circuit, will be dedicated, D. V., on SUNDAY, Dec. 16. The services will be conducted by Rev. Wm. B. Chapman, of Balt., and Rev. E. Stubbs, of Smyrna. Service at 10.30 A. M., 3 P. M., and 7 P. M. From the great popularity of the two ministers engaged for the occasion, a season of unusual interest and success is anticipated. d1-3t.

WANTED TO HIRE for 1878, a married MAN, with a small family, to occupy tenant house, and work on the farm. Apply to B. MORRIS, dec8-3t. Morgan's Creek.

Public School Exhibition!

THE pupils of School No. 2, 4th Elect'n District, will give public entertainments at BOND CHAPEL, Quaker Neck *Thursday and Friday, 20, 21,* consisting of DIALOGUES, TABLEAUX, DECLAMATIONS, &c. Doors open at 6½ P. M. Admittance 25c.; Children under 12 years half price. The public are invited. J. A. GREENWOOD, 1t. Teacher.

FAIR! FAIR!

THE Catholics of Chestertown and vicinity will hold a *Fair in the Chestertown Hall* opening Dec. 26, and closing New Year's night. Among the many valuable, handsome and desirable articles to be disposed of, at chances are:

A TON OF PHOSPHATE at 50c, SET OF SINGLE HARNESS, SEWING MACHINE, Gold Cross, two sets of Dishes, Parlor Stove, Gold Watch, pair of Blankets, Buffalo Robe, each at 25c. per chance, besides many other articles.

The Catholics return their thanks to the public for the liberal patronage hitherto bestowed, and hope for a continuation of the same generosity at this Fair, as they have decided to build a Church in the Spring. d15-2t.

REMOVED. Main St., opp. Kent Nat'l Bank.

*FOR SALE:* Cranberries, Apples, Sweet Cider, Hominy, Buckwheat, Beans, Oats, Corn, Potatoes, Powder and Shot. d15-tf. ALONZO MING.

New Store and New Goods OPEN TO-DAY! JAMES A. SHAW

HAS fitted up the store room on Court Street, adjoining the shoe shop, and just returned from the city with a large stock of Goods. Among the numerous varieties we name:

FURNITURE, Shoe Findings, Groceries, Confectionery, FLOUR by the lb. or bbl.; TOBACCO, CIGARS, &c., &c.

The upper story of the building will be used exclusively as Furniture Ware-rooms and my stock will include a general variety of everything in this line, which I can and will sell as cheap as the same kinds can be purchased in the city.

My purchases have been made for cash exclusively, and I am determined to sell goods as low as anybody else, as I expect thus to successfully compete with others and secure patronage.

☞ My friends and the public are solicited to call and see if we don't know how to keep a store! JAMES A. SHAW, Dec. 15—y. Court Street.

Come Young and Old! *COME HIGH AND LOW!* AND SEE S. Franklin Smith's GRAND DISPLAY OF Christmas Goods

Such as CANDY, RAISINS, CITRON, CURRANTS, FIGS, NUTS, &c.

Also, an assortment of DRY GOODS and NOTIONS, together with a LARGE STOCK of *FURNITURE,* such as Bedsteads, Mattrasses, Bureaus, Chairs, Tables and Stands. Also, BABY CRIBS—something *very useful.* S. FRANKLIN SMITH, Nearly opposite Voshell House. Dec. 15—3t.

LATEST ARRIVAL OF CHRISTMAS GOODS! At SPARKS'.

WE are now opening one of the largest stocks of HOLLIDAY GOODS in Chestertown purchased for CASH, and to be sold at small profits. We only ask an examination of our stock, a comparison of our goods and prices with others, and we believe we will secure your patronage. The following goods are to be found in our stock.

A full line of Confectionery, Oranges, Figs, Nuts, Prunes, Chow-chow, Pickles, Sauces, Jellies, &c.

Toys! Toys! Toys! A full line CHEAP! ☞ *Useful and Ornamental PRESENTS for young or old.*

JEWELRY. Jewelry, Spectacles, &c.

Lamps! Beautiful Styles, and very low prices.

NOTIONS—Pocket Books, Combs, and Brushes, at all prices.

GLASS-WARE—Tumblers, Goblets, Fruit Stands, Mugs, &c.

CIGARS and TOBACCO.—"The Prize of Key West" is the best 5 cent Cigar in town. Try them.

RAISINS, Currants and Citron—cheapest in town.

Don't fail to call and see us before buying your goods, and save all the money you can. Call and see SPARKS, Between J. K. Aldridge and T. W. Eliason's. Dec. 15—tf.

Christmas, 1877!

NEW GOODS! PRICES LOWER!

We have received more New Goods this week, and now have a FULL STOCK, which we are determined to sell at VERY LOW PRICES for the CASH. Call and see us. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO., Dec. 15. *Chestertown.*

Raffle at Kennedyville CHRISTMAS EVE!

A FINE LIGHT CARRIAGE and GOLD WATCH and Chain, will be raffled off at Pennington's Hotel in Kennedyville, on Christmas Eve. The highest takes the Carriage and the lowest the Watch and Chain. $1.50 per chance. 2t*

GLOVES, Hosiery and Underwear, at reduced prices. d15. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

Great Bankrupt Sale OF DRY GOODS.

*Your Chance to lay in a Full Supply for little Money.*

HAVING opened a store in Chestertown, opp. Stam's Drug Store, for a short time, I am determined to sell goods at any price, as they must be sold in 30 days. Come early so as to obtain the best Bargains. I will mention a few of the numerous articles:

BLACK GOODS a Specialty! BLACK SILKS, Cachemires, Alpacas, at very low figures.

DRESS GOODS from 12½ cts. up. CALICOES, 5c. Muslins from 5c. up. Blankets $1.25 per pair. Shawls in great varieties at all prices. Balmorals, at 50 cts.

*Full Stock of CASSIMERES at all prices.*

Fine linen Hdk'fs, 5c. Spool Cotton, 3c.

*All colors in FLANNELS at various low prices.*

Ladies' and Gents' U. Wear, also Underwear for Lads and Misses. 4 Pair Hose 25c. Splendid Table Linen 25 cts. Linen Towels at any price, Marseilles Quilts and Counterpanes Nainsook; plain, striped and plaid Victoria Lawns, Kid Gloves, very cheap, Velveteen, Crape Veils, Silk Handkerchiefs, and Pocket Books, and a fine line of *LADIES' CLOAKS!* and a thousand other articles too numerous to mention. ☞ Call at once, as the goods must positively be sold in 30 days. ☞ We have secured the services of C. W. KENNARD, who whould be pleased to have his friends call and inspect the stock. J. ROSE, 2t. Conyer's old Stand, *Chestertown.*

Christmas Goods TOYS, CAKE, CANDY, NUTS RAISINS, &c.

V. BURGESS,

HAVING taken the Middle Store in the new Westcott Building, on High St., Chestertown, has just opened a splendid assortment of *CHRISTMAS GOODS!* consisting of TOYS, Cake, Nuts, Raisins, Prunes, Figs, Almonds, Dates, Currants, &c., &c. Mince Meat by the lb. or Can; Apple Butter; a large assortment of Fancy Soap and Perfumery. French and Common CANDY, Oranges, Lemons, Apples, and other Christmas Goods.

Fine lot of Stationery, consisting of Note, Letter, Foolscap, Bill cap, Legal cap, Blank Books, &c. Also, Pens, Pen Holders, Pencils, Ladies' Fancy Boxes and Baskets, with Paper and Envelopes.

CANNED GOODS—Lobster, Pine Apple, Corn, Tomatoes, &c.

FINE CIGARS, CHEWING and SMOKING TOBACCO.

Pipes, Cigar Holders, &c.

JEWELRY. I have a splendid lot of Jewelry of the latest styles. Ear-Rings, Breast-Pins, Bracelets, Finger Rings, Shirt Studs, Cuff and Sleeve Buttons. ☞ Call and see my stock before purchasing elsewhere. d15-3t VACHEL BURGESS.

LAST NOTICE *TO TAX-PAYERS!*

ALL persons indebted to me for Taxes are notified to settle immediately.—The law compels me to collect and pay over all taxes by the first of January. I must therefore settle my books forthwith and shall most certainly proceed at once to *collect by law* all taxes unpaid on the date above named. F. H. BOULDEN, d15-3t. Coll'r Kennedyville District.

PEPPER'S NEW HOTEL *On the American and European Plans,* HOLLIDAY ST., opp. Main Entrance to City Hall, (One Square from Baltimore Street.) BOARD per day - - - - - $2 Breakfast, Dinner and Supper 50c. each. Rooms 75c. to $1. Permanent Boarders according to room. First class Restaurant attached. y. W. S. PEPPER, Prop'r.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

JOHN G. MIERS, ASSIGNEE, *versus* Jervis Spencer and wife. *In the Circuit Court of Kent County, in Equity.* Decree and Sale of Real Estate.

THE CREDITORS of Jervis Spencer, one of the defendants above named, are hereby notified to file their claims against him with the undersigned, properly authenticated, within two months from the date of the first publication of this notice. GEORGE VICKERS, d15-3t. AUDITOR.

RATIFICATION NOTICE. *In the Orphans' Court for Kent County, December 11th, 1877.*

ORDERED, that the sale of that portion of the Real Estate of Edward Comegys, deceased, made and reported by RICHARD HYNSON, Executor of the last will and testament of the said Edward Comegys, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the Nineteenth day of February next,—provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the Fifteenth day of January next. The Report states the amount of sales to be $11,000. ROBERT NICHOLSON, THOS. J. SHALLCROSS, R. B. WILLSON, Judges of Orphans' Court. True copy,—Test: WM. STEVENS, Reg. Wills. Dec. 15, 1877—4t.

W. Frank Hines, M. D. *OFFICE ON COURT ST.,* Near C. F. Stam's Drug Store. May be found at office when not professionally engaged. de8-3m.

TO RENT, For 1878, HOUSE cor. Cannon and Cross sts., belonging to Chapman & Lambert; and a HOUSE on Bridge st., above Queen, Chestertown. Both good size and comfortable. d8-tf. C. T. WESTCOTT, *Attorney.*

FOR RENT, For the ensuing year, The HOUSE on Cross St., formerly occupied by Mr. John Armstrong as a Restaurant. It is a good stand for any kind of business. For terms apply to dec8-3t. SIMON WELCH.

FOR SALE. A DWELLING and LOT on Cross St., Chestertown; very desirable property. Terms easy. Apply to C. H. BAKER, Att'y. Nov. 24, 1877—tf.

TO RENT, for the next year, the STORE ROOM on High or Front street in Chestertown, opposite the dwelling of Mr. Mifflin Thomas, adjoining the residence of Chas. H. Davis, Esq., and at present occupied by Mr. Foard as a place for the sale of Agricultural Implements. GEORGE VICKERS, Agent for R. Smyth's devisees. Dec. 1, 1877—3t.

MEN and BOYS' BOOTS, and Men's, Boys', Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes, at *Thompson's,* Up Town.

AUCTION!

THE undersigned, for the purpose of paying his debts, will sell at his residence, near Bacchus' Mill, on *WEDNESDAY, Dec. 19th,* if fair, if not on the first fair day thereafter, his Well-known Stallion White Mountain, TWO MARES, good workers; one a fine driver and valuable Brood Mare, now in foal; 1 MULE and 1 YEARLING COLT, good stock; 2 COWS, one soon be fresh, And TWO YOUNG CATTLE, 1 BROOD SOW, 20 PIGS, 60 IMPROVED SHEEP 1 Farm Wagon, 1 pair Wagon Harness, 1 Horse Cart and Harness, Family Carriage, nearly new, but slightly out of repair, with Harness; 1 Sulkey, but little used, with Harness; Also, a lot of Ploughs, Cultivators, Forks, Hoes, Spades, Shovels, Maul and Wedges, Axes, &c., together with a lot of *Household and Kitchen FURNITURE,* among which is a Cook Stove, nearly new, and various other articles, such as Cupboards, Tables, &c.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS:—A credit of nine months will be given on sums of ten and more dollars; on smaller sums no credit given. Property delivered when the terms are complied with.

JOHN W. COREY, who will furnish Sheep in small flocks, on liberal terms, to farmers wishing to keep them on shares, will superintend the sale. d15-1t. WILLIAM KENDALL.

PUBLIC SALE.

I WILL sell at Public Sale on THURSDAY, Dec. 20th, in Eastern Neck, Kent county, Md., my ENTIRE STOCK and Farming Implements, consisting of 6 HEAD of HORSES, 9 HEAD OF CATTLE, And ONE PAIR OF YOUNG OXEN, 70 Head EXTRA SHEEP, Reaper, Rake, Drill, Peach Wagon, Cart, Dearborn, Carriage, Cutting Box, Fan and Corn Sheller.

Also, lot PORK and FURNITURE.

Sale to commence at 11 o'clock A. M.

TERMS:—Eight months on all sums over $15, with approved security. Sale positive, without regard to weather. J. A. SKIRVEN. J. W. CARROLL, Auct'r. 1t.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at PUBLIC SALE, on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 26, 1877, at his residence near Worton Heights, the following Personal Property:

4 OR 5 GOOD FARM HORSES, 1 Yoke Large, Superior Oxen, Six Good Milch Cows, ONE BULL, good stock; SIX LARGE CHESTER SHOTES, fat; WAGON AND HARNESS, Ox-Cart and Yoke, 1 Roller, 1 Bickford & Huffman Drill, nearly new; 1 Grain Fan, Corn Sheller and Wheat Rake, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Plow Gears, Double Trees, Spades and Shovels, Forks and Hoes. A LOT OF CLOVER HAY, &c.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS.—All purchases of $10 and under cash; all over that amount a credit of 9 months, with note and approved security. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with. JAMES BECK, (of Geo.) U. A. C. GARRETT, Auct'r. dec15-ts.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will offer at Public Sale at his residence, near Grey's Inn Creek Wharf, in Eastern Neck, on FRIDAY, December 28, 1877, The following property:

4 GOOD HORSES, 1 COLT, two years old. ONE MILCH COW. 20 Head SHEEP, lot good SHOATS, *TWO YOKE OF OXEN,* FARMING IMPLEMENTS 2 Ox-Carts, 1 Corn Dray, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Forks, Shovels, Hoes, Gears, Collars, Bridles, &c.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS.—All purchases of $10 or less cash; all over that amount a credit of nine months on note with approved security. No property to be removed till the terms are complied with. JOHN R. PEARCE. U. A. C. GARRETT, Auct. d15-ts.

Notice to Tax Payers!

THIS is to give notice to all persons in this District that their taxes for the year 1877 are now due, and I am particularly anxious that every one that owes taxes for this year should be very prompt, so that the first day of January, 1878, shall find every tax account on my book squared. ☞ Those who have failed to pay their taxes for 1876 had better beware, as their day of grace will very soon be gone. JAMES A. SHAW, Collector Fourth District. Nov. 24, 1877—tf.

Our Last Appeal.

NOTICE is now given to all persons indebted to us, that if their accounts or notes are not settled *On or before Jan. 1st, 1878,* these claims will certainly be put in the hands of an attorney for collection. We wish to save you cost if you will let us do so. d8-tf. S. MERRITT & CO.

FOR SALE—A BUILDING LOT on Mill st., Chestertown, adjoining Milton Baker, and opposite residence of H. W. Vickers, Esq.; a most eligible site for a dwelling. Apply at Kent News office.

LADIES' CLOAKS—large assortment n24. at T. W. ELIASON, JR'S.

CYPRESS FENCING, a superior lot for sale by T. W. ELIASON, JR.

REYNOLDS & Co. No. 3 COCHRAN SQUARE, Middletown, Delaware DEALERS IN CLOTHING CLOTHS, CAS