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The Kent News.

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THE county commissioners of Talbot county have abandoned the attempt to work the public roads by contract, and have appointed supervisors under the old rules and regulations.

REV. BISHOP SIMPSON, of the M. E. Church, preached at St. Michaels Sunday week, and after the sermon subscriptions were opened, and the church debt of $2,-500 was liquidated.

WELLS, the "walking arsenal" of the Louisiana Returning Board, is in jail at New Orleans in default of $20,000 bail for his appearance for trial on the charge of manipulating the electoral returns. It is said his trial will take place in March.

THOMAS GIFFORD, for many years identified with the police and detective force of Baltimore, and for the last ten years a member of the Appeal Tax Court of that city, died last Sunday, in the seventy-second year of his age.

THE great storm of wind, snow and rain which swept over the Atlantic States on Thursday and Friday of last week was especially severe in the North and East. In some localities snow felt to the depth of eighteen inches. There was considerable delay to trains centering at New York, and some loss of life is reported by railroad accident. On the coast wrecks are reported and part of Coney Island, N. Y., was swept by tidal waves which carried away several small houses, drowning eight women and children, and perhaps others.

THE House Committee on the Judiciary took a vote on the female suffrage amendment to the Constitution on Tuesday. There was a tie, five for and five against, Mr. Harris, of Virginia, who is opposed to the project, being absent.—Who would have supposed that the representatives of the people were so evenly divided on this subject? The extremists will never be satisfied until negro women are given the ballot. When white women have a right to vote negro women of course will be necessarily entitled to the same privilege.

THE Peninsula Agricultural and Pomological Association held their annual meeting at Middletown recently, when the following board of managers were elected for the ensuing year: William R. Cochran, E. W. Lockwood, M. E. Walker, D. W. Corbit, R. A. Cochran, Jr., L. P. McDowell, E. C. Fennimore, Tho. J. Craven, J. H. Walker, Arthur Johns, Joseph Biggs. Wm. R. Cochran, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President.—The next annual fair will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 2d, 3d and 4th days of October.

THE DEMERARA BOY SENSATION FULLY EXPLODED.—*Not Charlie Ross.*—Mr. Christian K. Ross, father of the little long lost Charlie Ross, arrived in Baltimore Tuesday morning, and after seeing the Demerara boy who has been at the Home of the Friendless since his arrival there some three weeks since on the brig Potomac, was at once satisfied that the lad was not his son, and so telegraphed to his family in Philadelphia. Mr. Ross was satisfied before he went to Baltimore that the lad was not his son, having heard about a year ago of the same boy through a gentleman in St. Louis, but in order to satisfy public curiosity he concluded to go to Baltimore and see him.

THE SPECIAL ELECTION for two members of the Maryland House of Delegates, one from the first legislative district of Baltimore city, and the other from the second district, to fill vacancies caused by the death of Messrs. S. S. Mills and John F. Wiley, came off Jan. 31. Levin F. Morris, of the seventh ward, and John S. Hunichenn, of the tenth ward, democratic nominees, had no opposition, and they received all the votes cast except a few, which were cast scatteringly. Mr. Morris is a real estate agent, and Mr. Hunichenn is in the claims office of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. They took their seats in the House Tuesday.

THE EASTERN WAR.—It is reported that the Russian army has entered Constantinople, and the statement creates much excitement in London. Russia agrees to a conference of the powers looking to peace, and all of them are preparing to make a show of their readiness for war. Germany is always ready; Austria has a large part of her army near the Servian frontier; Russian troops are still pouring into Roumania, and the French and Italian governments hold their armies in readiness. The British government is about to secure a special war grant of six millions sterling, and the fleet is not far from the Bosphorus. All the members of the conference will represent powers that are fully armed and prepared to strike at any moment. It is probable that there may yet be a general European war.

THE DOUBLE STANDARD.—The advocates of a single gold standard would not prejudice their case in the slightest, says a cotemporary, if they would cease to denounce all those in favor of adhering to a gold and silver standard as "swindlers," "repudiators" and "robbers." These epithets are false in fact, and so far from being arguments, they are but evidence of the ill manners and vulgarity of those who use them. It is folly to call the policy of the government which constituted our coin a bi-metalic one, composed of both gold and silver, a system of robbery, repudiation and swindling. That policy continued from the beginning until 1873, when the dual standard was surreptitiously destroyed. It is now simply proposed to restore the coin to what it was before this unwarrantable interference with it of the gold gamblers of the country.

CONGRESS is still hammering away at the finances.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Feb. 5.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. The last will and testament of Thomas W. Hynson was filed. Wm. J. Wilson, exec'r of Alex. Wilson, returned an additional list of sales of personal estate of said deceased, also his final administration account. S. J. Wickes, adm'r of John C. Hynson, returned his first administration account. Benj. F. H. Caulk, exec'r of Hannah E. Frazier, returned an inventory of the personal estate of said deceased, and received an order for the sale thereof. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Samuel H. Timms were granted unto J. W. Ivens; John Duyer and Dulaney Rasin were appointed to appraise said estate.

THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The meetings of the County Teachers' Association, which were formerly very profitably attended by many persons besides the teachers have, we understand, latterly become almost a dead letter. A meeting of the kind was quietly held in Chestertown on the first instant, at which, we learn, Mr. E. P. Janvier, of Still Pond, delivered an address; but nothing has been said about it, and no report has been furnished for the papers. It is a pity that the finances of the board have become so low that it is deemed improvident to expend a dollar to let the public know when the meetings are to be held. If the board is not able to pay we will publish the notices gratis.

THE "DASHAWAYS."—This new temperance organization now numbers nearly five hundred in this county, including white and colored. The movement here is under the direction of W. A. Mensch, Esq., of Baltimore, and the first meeting was held on Saturday evening last in the Chapel of the M. P. Church. On Sunday another meeting was held at the M. E. Church, and was addressed by Rev. Mr. Hutchin and C. H. Baker, Esq., of Chestertown, and a Mr. Shaw, of Baltimore. A club was also formed in Quaker Neck on Wednesday evening, with twenty-six members. Another meeting is announced to be held in the Town Hall this evening.

THE FOX-HUNTING CASE.—The second trial growing out of this exciting case—that for damages for killing the hounds—which was to have taken place before Esquire Johnson on Thursday, has been postponed until next Thursday, on account of the absence of counsel. A movement is on foot to compromise the case, which may be successful.

REAPPOINTED.—The name of C. W. C. Johnson as a Justice of the Peace for the 4th District of this county, which was from some cause omitted in the late appointments, was sent to the Senate Tuesday by Gov. Carroll and confirmed.

WM. H. ANTHONY, formerly of Chestertown, is now conducting the National Hotel at Middletown for Mr. Alexander Maxwell, and we have no doubt that under his management it will prove a success.

M. P. CONFERENCE.—Mr. Sam'l Vannort has been selected to represent Kent circuit in the Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, which meets at Easton on the 13th of March next. Mr. Isaac Parsons is the alternate.

A PROLIFIC EWE.—Mr. Benj. F. H. Caulk, residing near Sassafras in this county, informs us that he has a ewe which recently gave birth to *five lambs*, two of which are living and three died. This is the most prolific animal of its kind we have ever heard of.

MR. W. HUDGINS has purchased of Messrs. Chapman & Lambert for $1,200 the property formerly occupied as a carriage factory by Mr. Geo. E. Lambert. He intends erecting on the lot two dwellings and a store room and bakery.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Mr. Hepbron, of the Senate, and Messrs. Spencer and Thompson, of the House of Delegates, will accept our thanks for valuable legislative documents.

ANDREW CONROY, who was shot by Captain Mitchell, late commander of the oyster-police sloop Nannie Merryman, while engaged in illegal dredging, has been removed from Annapolis to his home in Baltimore. It is now thought he will recover.

GONE TO FLORIDA.—Two young men of this town, Wm. F. Ringgold and Wm. G. Russell, left here on Monday, their objective point being Florida, where they think of going into business.

THOMAS E. NORRIS has been appointed freight and ticket agent at Still Pond.

A "DAILY PROTESTANT" size 13x20, 16 columns, will be published during the session of the M. P. Conference at Easton. Terms 25 cents.

A NUISANCE.

Messrs. Editors:—For several years an old drunken negro has been permitted, unmolested by the bailiff, to expose his intoxication, and to halloo and make a noise in the public streets to the annoyance of every one within hearing. He has a vote and may be of service to the candidate who may want his support.

Chestertown. A CITIZEN.

OUR FRUIT CROPS.—The value of fruit crops in the United States is estimated by the government statistician at $140,000,-000 annually, or about half the value of the wheat crop. The value of the annual crop of Michigan is put down at $4,000,-000. California has 60,000 acres of vineyards, producing 10,000,000 gallons of wine annually, besides vinegar, raisins, brandy and fresh grapes. The other States produce 5,000,000 gallons of wine annually. The single port of Norfolk, Va., reported 3,000,000 quarts of strawberries this year. Illinois, whose fruit growing is of recent origin, now has 320,-000 acres of orchards.

A NEGRO abused the jail keeper at Memphis for refusing to admit him to see a prisoner. The keeper drew a revolver and fired, but missing the negro the ball killed the keeper of a grocery two hundred yards distant.

A "MIRACLE" is wanted very badly in New Orleans just now. Apply at once to J. Madison Wells, cell No. —, Louisiana jail.

THE LEGISLATURE.

THE SCHOOL LAW.

The joint committee on education, Senator Stump presiding, held a meeting at Annapolis on the 31st ultimo and heard the views of a committee of the State Association of County School Commissioners and Examiners. The committee was composed of James Anderson, examiner, Montgomery county; James M. Newson, of Carroll, and Sewell Hepbron, of Kent. Mr. Anderson stated that they had been unanimously instructed by their convention to ask that no change whatever should be made in the school law. While the system may not be perfect, it is satisfactory and works harmoniously, and it was feared that if any changes were made they would not be as good as what we now have. If the law does not do all it is expected to do, it is rather the fault of imperfect administration. At any rate they did not want any change in the mode of appointing county school commissioners by the circuit judges. The local boards in turn appoint the examiner, who is the treasurer, and the only salaried officer. Mr. Williams, chairman of the House committee—The judges ask to be relieved of this duty, and some refuse to make the appointments, claiming that it is unconstitutional. Should the judges refuse, there is no power to compel them to act in the premises. Mr. Hepbron—In Kent county, Judge Wickes, though admitting these facts, was not averse to continue to perform the duties. Indeed, he thought it would be showing a deficiency of patriotism not to perform a duty of the kind, tending to keep the public school system apart from politics. Mr. Williams—Judge Alvey last session asked to be relieved of this duty, and as the pressure of politicians for the appointments is crowding the judges, there is an increasing opposition from the bench to the exercise of the function. It certainly drags the bench down into politics. Judges have had slates presented to them and influences brought to bear in political interests to which they do not wish longer to be subjected. It is very evident that this mode of appointing county school commissioners must be done away with. Now the question is, what is the next best mode of appointment? A gentleman suggested that the judges of the Orphans' Courts would be the next choice. Senator Stump—Another proposition is for the Governor to appoint a board of public education, dropping from it the principal of the Normal School, who is an interested party. Mr. Williams—A variation of this is for the appointment of one educated idler, or a man of leisure willing to serve without pay, for each of the congressional districts. Objections were raised to all these modes by the school commissioners, who wanted to be appointed only by the judges. Finally the committee resolved to report to their convention and have another interview with the committee on education. [So far as Kent county is concerned our people want no change in the manner of appointing commissioners, if, indeed, in the law at all. Our schools are prospering finely, and their management seems to give entire satisfaction.—Eds.]

THE BELL PUNCH.

The *American's* Annapolis correspondent says: There is a great deal of excitement among the liquor dealers over the bell-punch law. When it was first introduced by Mr. Bannon it was generally regarded as a joke, but it is now being discovered that it is no joking matter. Some county members state that there is very little opposition to it among the liquor dealers, as the tax, if imposed, must be borne by the consumer. Mr. Bannon has received a letter from the Rev. Thomas L. Poulson, well known as a temperance advocate, commending the measure, but urging its passage in conjunction with the local option law, so that every election district in the counties and ward in the city of Baltimore can choose between entire prohibition and the merit of a heavy tax upon the sale of liquor. All the temperance men in the Legislature seem disposed to favor the bill, and there is a strong likelihood of its passage.

BANNON ON CHANCELLOR.

There was a lively debate in the Senate on Tuesday over the bill compensating Dr. Chancellor for his services as Secretary of the State Board of Health. Mr. Bannon moved to strike out the enacting clause of the bill, and made a long speech denouncing Dr. Chancellor's report on the public institutions of the State as false and slanderous, and characterized the State board of health as a fifth wheel, without power to carry into effect any of its recommendations, though if it had its way a young man could not speak to a young woman without its assent. He was in favor of wiping out the State board of health, and defended Anne Arundel alms-house from the aspersions cast upon it. He said his people were charitable in the extreme. He had known them for twenty years, since he first settled among them, and yet they are slandered by this gentleman of truth, by this gentleman of honor, by this gentleman of chivalry, who threatened to come down here and club me with a hickory stick, saying that the privileges of the Senate and the protections guaranteed thereby afforded a shield for the present, but he would wait and it would be no George Kane matter. Now this is very serious business when you are threatened with a hickory at your back, and the privileges of the Senate are no protection. The motion to strike out was voted down, and the bill passed to a second reading.

MR. HENDRICKS ON SILVER MONEY.—Ex-Gov. Hendricks, of Indiana, has written a letter in reply to Mr. Belmont's letter in relation to the silver question, in which he says he thinks that silver money should be restored. He says the pledge of 1869 of payment in coin, and the assurance in the act of 1870 of payment in coin at the then standard value, would seem to authorize, almost to require it. Compliance with the contract cannot be a breach of public faith. Our country is a large producer of silver. The quality of money is important to its value. Mr. Hendricks thinks that when restored, silver will approach and perhaps reach gold in value; but should experience prove that it must remain below gold because of its greater production, Congress has ample powers to provide against any evil likely to follow.

NEAL DOW'S new liquor bill, just introduced into the Maine Legislature, punishes "drummers" for liquor houses by a fine of $1,000 and imprisonment for one year. The other clauses of the bill are proportionately severe, and yet statistics show that the number of arrests for drunkenness in Bangor, Neal Dow's home, have increased from 222 at the passage of the Maine law to 770. In the last seven years, notwithstanding the stringent efforts of the prohibitionists, the arrests for this cause have more than doubled.

FEMALE OFFICE-HOLDING.—The conferment of office upon women could scarcely have been expected in Kentucky, yet the position of State librarian is occupied by a lady, and she had a severe contest for re-election with another lady, widow of a distinguished Confederate officer whose public services were relied upon to oust the present incumbent, and were very near doing it.

WRECK OF THE METROPOLIS.

STRANDING OF A STEAMSHIP WITH TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT PASSENGERS.

The steamship Metropolis, the second steamer dispatched by the contractors for the Medeira railroad in Brazil, which left Philadelphia on Tuesday, Jan. 29, with 200 laborers, 48 passengers and crew, 500 tons of iron and special mails, was wrecked on Currituck beach on the North Carolina coast, Jan. 31. The wreck occurred three miles south of Currituck light, about 20 miles north of Kittyhawk, and the vessel is a total loss. Fifty of the persons on board plunged into the water and swam ashore, and the remainder, except about eighty, were rescued by the boats at the life saving stations. About sixty bodies have been recovered.

A statement by Captain Ankers of the ill-fated steamer is given, in which he avers that the Metropolis was not unseaworthy, but that the disaster was due entirely to the violence of the gale. Owing to the fury of the gale and the roaring of the surf the orders of the officers could not be heard. The vessel swung broadside to the surf, which made a complete break over her and washed many of the people overboard into the sea. First Mate Dickinson testified that the vessel was in good condition and perfectly seaworthy; that the whole trouble was caused by the unskillful loading of the railroad iron. Capt. J. H. Merryman, of the revenue marine service, however, who was sent to the scene of the Metropolis wreck to investigate the circumstances, telegraphs that the Metropolis was rotten and her fragments are smaller than even those of the schooner Maggie and Lucy, which went ashore on the New Jersey coast about a year ago, and which quickly went to pieces.

ANOTHER WRECK.

The brig C. C. Overton was totally wrecked in the same storm on the North Carolina coast, and the wreck is lying, keel upwards, near Ocracoke. From her log-book it appears that she was commanded by Capt. Harry Allen, and loaded with coal at Hoboken, N. Y., for Nassau, West Indies, sailing on January 26th. A hat and other articles picked up had several marks of blood on them.

PHILADELPHIA'S MIRACLE—*The Clever Trick of a Man Whose Past Career has been one of Fraud.*—The story of the dead man who came to life in Philadelphia, published in the *News* last week, turns out to be a first class hoax. The *Times* says people who formerly spoke of the Schrack affair as a miracle now denounce it as an admirably executed fraud, of which the hanging of crape from the door, the sending for an undertaker, and the announcement in church of his death were part and parcel. A gentleman who has known him intimately all his life says that Schrack is the biggest liar on the face of the earth. This suspended animation is only another one of his tricks that he has been at all his life. When his mysteriously obtained wealth suddenly left him Schrack went on the religious lay. He joined the Spring Garden Baptist Church and became very devout. He never missed service, and was considered a very exemplary member, having the confidence of Pastor McCain and the congregation. As he was without money or work he borrowed as long as he could, and, when that avenue was closed against him, he started his little game of further fleecing the members of the church. During the services on Sunday the congregation were startled by Schrack's falling to the floor with hemmorrhage of the lungs. He ejected whole mouthfuls of blood, and was removed to his home and tenderly cared by the ladies of the congregation. His rent was payed and money furnished him for living expenses. Schrack had several of these attacks, but played once too often. The pastor was suspicious and set a watch on the invalid's movements, and he was detected in the very act of cutting his gums to produce the fraudulent hemmorrhages, and was openly denounced as a fraud and driven from the church. The same performance was gone through with in other churches, and through the sympathy excited Schrack was enabled to live without doing a single day's honest work." Dr. Dantrell says: "I have visited this man Schrack, and found him to be a perfectly healthy man, and I believe him to be an imposter, a scoundrel, and a dangerous man to the community. Concerning his trance, I really and honestly believe that he carried this thing too far; that it was a real partial suspension of animation beyond his control, and that had it not been that the cold air was allowed to circulate around the body and shock the nervous system, producing reaction, he would probably have never recovered, and it would have been a good thing for the community if he had not."

FIGHT BETWEEN A SNAKE AND A HENHAWK.—The Easton *Gazette* is responsible for the following capital snake story:

On Tuesday, January 22, the weather was mild and bright and the sun appeared to have withdrawn from a summer day and planted itself in the midst of January. This being the case a tremendous snake, known as the "Cow-Sucker," came from his hiding place on the farm of Mr. Edward Woodall, near Royal Oak, and no doubt was basking in the sunshine, when a huge henhawk espied him and thinking it a rare chance for a hearty meal he would demolish Mr. Snake at a single swoop. But Mr. Snake was not to be trifled with thusly. The hawk went for his prey, when the snake embraced him with a death-like grip. The hawk flapped and squeaked, but the snake held him fast until a man, in Mr. Woodall's employ was attracted by the noise. The hawk was held fast until killed, and of course the snake afterwards shared a like fate, as it appears to be the duty of every one to kill a snake when in reach.

SCHOOL RIGHTS.—The Supreme Court of Illinois has lately decided the question how far parents may be allowed to prescribe the course of study pursued by their children in public schools in a way rather at variance with common usage. A child in Lake View was refused admission to the high school because it was his parents' wish that he should not study grammar. The Supreme Court before which the matter finally came, has ordered the school authorities to admit the child, basing its decision on the ground that parents have a right to select the studies their children shall follow, so long as this does not interfere with the prescribed system of instruction or with the interests of other pupils. It is justly remarked that the great trouble, of course, will be in deciding the scope of these conditions in any particular case.

THERE is likely to be a contest over Brigham Young's will. One of the chief Mormons offers to show how the prophet took from the Church $2,500,000, one of which was when he charged in a lump $50,000 a year for eighteen years' services as prophet, seer and revelator.

THERE are 50,000 hogsheads of tobacco stored in the Maryland warehouses, Baltimore, and 120,000 hogsheads at Louisville, Kentucky.

Letter from Rock Hall.

Editors Kent News:—The oyster, to be such a calm, innocent thing, has kicked up a big rumpus among us the last few months, one of the most reprehensible features of which is the removal of so energetic an officer as Captain Mitchell from the police force. The plea of the representatives of the dredging interest against him in that he did not use due discretion in the use of arms when enforcing the law and in not waiting until it was necessary to use them in self-defense, is an interpretation of common law as unique as it is new. The idea of placing the *officer of the law* instead of the *criminal* on the defensive, seems to be an emanation from some addled brain, whose reading of the New Testament would work backward, saying: "Evil doers are a terror to the law." The fact of arms being put into his hands as an officer of the State, implies not only his right, but his duty, to use them when necessary in the execution of his duty—not only to prevent dredging on reserved grounds, but to capture and bring to punishment those he finds in the act of doing so. The plea that his boat was the fastest sailer and that he could soon have overtaken and captured his man, without violence, is, to say the least, assertion without proof. While it is admitted he was using every effort to escape, hoping for some accident to enable him to succeed—to prevent which, in any case, justifies prompt action.

The effort being now made to open to dredgers all heretofore reserved ground on the bay—if it will save the expense of a virtually useless police force—would certainly be preferable to such a state of things. But do gentlemen at the capital ever ask themselves if this will not put them in the position of the boy who killed his goose in his eager haste to get her eggs. The fact of their having exhausted the large proportion of ground heretofore allotted to them as dredgers, would seem a sufficient answer. It is as certain as two from two leaves nothing that in a very short time our beautiful Chesapeake Bay, the pride and source of wealth of Maryland, will be depleted of both its fish and oysters if some efficient means are not soon instituted for their protection This is no morbid outcry of hard times. coming. Whoever will observe the annual falling off in each will see that the wolf is very near the door. It would be much more reasonable to prohibit dredging entirely for a length of time sufficient to let the oysters recuperate on the grounds they have exhausted, than to allow the dredgers to break up the few remaining beds, which are now our only source of supply. It is said the first roast pig was taken from a house which had been burned by accident, and it was thought very fine eating; but as there was no other way known to roast grunter but to shut him in a house and burn it down over him, it was a luxury in which none but the most wealthy could indulge. And such a luxury will be the oyster in Maryland not many years hence if the present murderous system of catching is permitted to continue.

We have plenty of tattling gossip at Rock Hall, but honest news is exceedingly rare and reduced to the one item of this being a remarkably fine winter, which you are told every day and by every one you meet, unless you are sharp enough to tell them first, which in some degree breaks the monotony. Even last Thursday, as I went to feed my cattle, the east wind carrying rain, snow and hail pell-mell at the rate of a thousand miles an hour, I found five fellows trying to shelter their dogs and guns under my hay stack, and one of them had the cheek to tell me it was a fine winter.

Rock Hall mercantile hive has let off a swarm in the shape of S. Ayres, who is about to establish himself at Sandy Bottom, where we hope he will meet with the success his good natured efforts to please customers will deserve. We congratulate the Sandy Bottomers in that they will find him a capital fellow, who never will tire in selling them anything they may desire. SCRUTATOR.

Letter from Middletown.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., Feb. 5, '78.

Messrs. Editors:—Have you ever visited Middletown and surrounding country? If not, do so, and see one of the most thrifty villages and beautiful sections of country on the Peninsula. This is the grain and peach shipping depot of the Delaware Railroad. It is the best and busiest market for grain and produce south of Philadelphia. This being the case farmers, for many miles around, come here to trade, making the general merchandise business here the best for the population south of Wilmington. In spring and summer the surrounding country is lovely to behold. The well kept farms, with their beautiful osage orange hedges, always kept well trimmed, and the gothic style of farm dwellings and general beauty of yards and out-buildings, make the country pleasant to behold. A stranger cannot but be impressed favorably, whether visiting for business or pleasure. The hotels are always well patronized by persons of this sort.

I find two or three of our old Chestertown residents here, and let me say I find they are quite a credit to the place. A. H. Russell, Esq., has one of the handsomest and best stocked harness stores I ever saw in a country town, indeed it would do credit to a city. Our popular friend, W. H. Anthony, (brother of the jolly "Jack," first officer of the B. S. Ford) has assumed the management of the National Hotel, in the interest of Alex. Maxwell, Esq. We cannot help saying just here that with such a clever, pleasant gentleman at the head as Mr. Anthony, the house cannot but be a place of popular resort for persons stopping in the town. Middletown has much to be proud of in the personal and business management of Chestertownians who have adopted her as a home. As I shall drop you an occasional letter during my stop here, I will not tire you longer. Don't forget! If you have never been here [we've been there--Eds.] come this spring. The National will hold you, and "Billy" don't forget old Chestertown.

A LOOKER ON.

THE handsome cottage section of Long Branch has been damaged to at least a quarter of a million by the late storm. With the exception of the Howland House, not one of the large hotels escaped uninjured. Between the Highland Station and Sebright the waves have washed out the narrow belt of land separating the ocean and the Shrewsbury river, upon which the New Jersey Southern Railway runs, and the break form a wide and deep inlet. All railroad travel on the Southern has been abandoned, and the laborers are attempting to fill up and repair the break.

WM. J. JONES, Esq., of Elkton, gave a reception to Senator-elect Groome, on Thursday evening of last week. A number of friends were present.

THE Sheriff's office in New Castle co. Del., is worth $15,000 per annum, and there are a number of applicants for it.

KELLER'S VEGETABLE LIVE DROPS are a specific for Dyspepsia, Heartburn, Hypochondria, and all diseases arising from Indigestion.

DOG OR MAN?—The Newspapers of New England are circulating the remark of the late Ashbel Buckland, of Chicopee, in view of his approaching death from hydrophobia: "It seems hard that a strong, well man should have to go for a dog." This is putting the anti-dog argument pithily and pathetically. The frequency of deaths from hydrophobia is creating much excitement in New England. A bill to make the tax $10 and $20 on male and female dogs has already been introduced in the Cincinnati Legislature.

THE wife of a French Canadian laborer in the village of St. Benoit, county of Two Mountains, about thirty miles west of Montreal, has given birth to a pair of children united together like the Siamese twins. Both mother and infants are doing well.

GRANT AND HAYES.—A friend of Gen. Grant, who has been travelling with him abroad, reports that he entirely approves of President Hayes' Southern policy as both judicious and necessary, and has no doubt of its complete success.

Various Causes—

Advancing years, care, sickness, disappointment, and hereditary predisposition—all operate to turn the hair gray, and either of them inclines it to shed prematurely. AYER'S HAIR VIGOR will restore faded or gray, light and red hair to a rich brown or deep black, as may be desired. It softens and cleanses the scalp, giving it a healthy action, and removes and cures dandruff and humors. By its use falling hair is checked, and a new growth will be produced in all cases where the follicles are not destroyed or glands decayed. Its effects are beautifully shown on brashy, weak, or sickly hair, to which a few applications will produce the gloss and freshness of youth. Harmless and sure in its operation, it is incomparable as a dressing, and is especially valued for the soft lustre and richness of tone it imparts. It contains neither oil nor dye, and will not soil or color white cambric; yet it lasts long on the hair, and keeps it fresh and vigorous.

FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS. 3

MARRIED:

March 20, 1877, at the residence of the bride's father, near Smyrna, by the Rev. Chas. Thomas, Mr. S. GORMAN to Mrs. SARAH CARTY, both of Chestertown.

DIED:

In Worton on Monday last, JOHN IVEY.

In Baltimore, Feb. 2d, MARY C. ALCOCK, in the 69th year of her age, wife of William H. D. Alcock, and daughter of the late Campbell Chambers.

OBITUARY.—On Wednesday, January 23d, 1878, Mrs. B. MEGINNISS departed this life in her 84th year. She died as she lived, in the triumph of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. For the last sixty years she was a member of the M. E. Church, and lived a devoted Christian. About 12 years ago she was sorely afflicted by blindness, but her faith never failed her; by this affliction she was drawn closer to the cross, and ever since then she has been able to trust Him to whom she had committed her soul. And up to the time of her death she still trusted Him. On Sunday she had the 14th chapter of John's Gospel read to her, and while being read she was heard to say: "Oh how comforting!" May it be the happy lot of her children thus to live and be able to meet her where parting shall be no more. R.

EXTRA EARLY and Marrowfat Peas, Canada grown of the best quality. CLOVER, Timothy, Orchard and Herd Grass Seeds, and a general assortment of Garden, Field and Flower Seeds, of the purest and finest quality at low prices. C. B. ROGERS,
feb9-3t. 133 Market st., Philadelphia.

CLOVER, TIMOTHY, HUNGARIAN AND Orchard Grass Seed.
For sale by S. B. FOARD,
fe9-3t. Chestertown.

A Promenade Concert With SUPPER,
Will be given for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of Shrewsbury, in the Hall in GALENA, on the evenings of the 13th and 14th of February. Concert free Supper 50c. Door open at 7 o'clock. It.

STRAYED or Stolen from my premises, on or about the 13th January, a SETTER DOG, answering to the name of "Bruce;" color white, ears yellow, several yellow spots on sides and back; tail slightly bobbed. On his neck was a collar numbered 117. Any information which will lead to his return will be thankfully received.
fe9-3t. GEORGE VICKERS.

Entertainment!
AT FLORAL HALL, Worton Fair Grounds,
FRIDAY, Feb. 22d,
beginning at 7 P. M. No efforts spared to make the evening one of the most pleasant of the season. The programme consists of Dramas, Recitations, Choice Humorous Selections, &c. Reading by prominent Baltimoreans. Music by the Kent Cornet Band. Admission 25c. Children 15 cts. feb9-2t*

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

JAMES J. GOODMAN and others,
versus
MARY A. GODWIN and others.

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity, February 6, 1878.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by WM. M. SLAY and BENJ. F. SAPPINGTON, Trustees for the sale of the Real Estate decreed to be sold in this cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the eleventh day of April 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 eleventh day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1065.00.

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.

True copy,—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
Feb. 9, 1878—4t.

12 HEAD of Draft and Driving Horses for sale at Worton Station (Fair grounds.) Terms cash, or note with approved indorser. Prices low. Will have some in Chestertown Saturday and Tuesdays.
feb2-3t* C. W. KENNARD.

$10,000 — $4,000 — $2,000 — $800 TO LOAN.
Apply to C. T. WESTCOTT, Att'y,
feb2-3t. Chestertown, Md.

$30,000 TO LOAN IN SUMS TO SUIT, on good farms in Kent or Queen Anne's counties. THOMAS HILL,
Fayette & St. Paul sts.,
jan5-m. Baltimore, Md.

CABBAGE. A lot of good CABBAGE for sale.
Address S. J. ROSEBERRY,
j26-3t. Kennedyville.

FOR SALE.
A GILLING SKIFF,
about 21 feet long and 7 feet beam, lying in Still Pond Creek. Price $30 cash.
Apply or address CHAS. G. STRADLEY,
jan26-3t Kennedyville, Md.

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.

LARGE lot of Evaporated PEACHES for sale cheap by JAMES A. SHAW.
feb2.

BLACKWELL'S Pure Durham TOBACCO.
For sale by JAS. A. SHAW.

GO TO VANDYKE'S for your Canned Vegetables and Dried Fruit.
feb2.

SUGAR CURED HAMS and Broiling Beef, at VANDYKE'S.
feb2.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE
—OF—
Mortgaged Property.

BY VIRTUE of a Mortgage from William Tomlinson and Sarah E. Tomlinson, his wife, dated on the 22d day of December, 1870, and recorded in the Land Records of Kent county, in Liber J. K. H. No. 10, folios 15, 16 and 17, and an assignment of said mortgage from Henry S. Beeler to William H. Bians; the subscriber, as attorney for the mortgagee and assignee, will sell at

PUBLIC AUCTION
At the VOSHELL HOUSE IN CHESTERTOWN, on
SATURDAY, the 9th of March, 1878,
AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, M.,
ALL THAT
TRACT or FARM of LAND
situated in the Third Election District of Kent county, on the public road from Hanesville to Worton Point, containing
305 ACRES of LAND
MORE OR LESS, known as a part of
Worton Manor,
formerly owned by the late Judge James W. Skirven, and now in the occupancy of James Skirven; improved by
GOOD DWELLING
And necessary Out-Buildings
And PEACH ORCHARD.

This Farm is situated about nine miles from Chestertown, and about three miles from a Steamboat Landing, adjoining "Green Point."

TERMS CASH. No postponement on account of weather.

For full particulars apply to
WILLIAM H. BIANS,
Assignee, or
M. BANNON, *Attorney and Agent* of Mortgagee and Assignee,
32 St. Paul St.,
Feb. 9, 1878—ts. Baltimore, Md.

PUBLIC SALE.
The Kent Co. Agricultural Association
WILL HAVE A
LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE SALE
ON THE FAIR GROUNDS,
Worton Station,
WEDNESDAY, March 13th.

Books will be open until TUESDAY, March 6th, for the registration of Stock or other articles for sale by members of the association and others, and a full catalogue published prior to the sale.

Those having stock, &c., to dispose of will therefore not fail to give notice of same before the date named for closing the books.

The charges for selling will be moderate, as the Association is only desirous to act as a medium by which sellers and purchasers may be mutually accommodated.

All communications will be addressed to the Clerk, Dr. F. WORRELL, Chestertown.

W. W. STEPHENS, } COMM.
JAMES BRICE,
J. W. CARROLL, Auct'r. j26-6t

We are now taking orders for CYPRESS FENCING to be delivered, direct from the Mills, in March. We will figure lower now than we will after the vessel has landed her cargo. TURNER BROTHERS.
Feb. 2, 1878.

GALENA
MACHINE SHOPS!
PLOWS, CASTINGS, &c.
Wm. A. Hyland & Co.

WE beg leave to call the attention of the Farmers of Kent and the adjoining counties to our new
COMPETITOR REAPER,
and the many IMPROVEMENTS we have made this year. Our Self-Oiling PITMAN BOX, which will run two hours without stopping to oil; also, case hardened Journals, which we think is a great advantage, preventing the wearing of the Journals, a trouble that all other machines have to contend with. We are now using a Guard with concaved centre, which will PREVENT CHOKING and always present a Sharp Cutting Edge, a thing that must present itself to the farmer at once. Also, a Knife with Steel Back, thereby adding Strength, Lightness and Elasticity; and our PATENT STEEL WIRE DROP, that overcomes all objections to a Dropper, working as well in light as heavy grain, a thing that has been long needed and found at last by us.

We make the Reapers of two sizes, for two and four horses. The four-horse Reaper cuts a Swath of six feet, and will cut from twenty-five to thirty acres of grain per day, and will not work the horses as hard as ordinary farm work. The five foot machine is intended for two horses, and is handled very easily. Farmers, call and see, or write to us and learn what we have for sale.

They are the proprietors of a Corn Sheller with Fan attachment, which with their one and two horse power, will shell and clean seventy-five bushels in one hour, of which fact good reference can be given.

WE GUARANTEE every Machine that leaves our Works.

All persons in need of
Plows, Plow Castings,
HARROWS, CULTIVATORS, and Cultivator TEETH,
will please leave their orders with Mr. C. ESTES, at the old Foundry, in Chestertown. Our Castings are the best we have ever offered.

We give strict attention to all business and guarantee promptness in the execution of all orders.

Farmers will please give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.
Feb 9, 1878—tf.

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

SAMUEL H. TIMMS,

late of Kent county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 6th day of August, 1878; otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 5th day of January, 1878.

JAMES W. IVENS,
Jan. 8, 1878—4t. Adm'r.

TOBACCO, the best 75c. Tobacco in Town. Try it.
j26. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

VALENTINES—a nice assortment at SPARKS' VARIETY STORE.

MEN'S, BOYS' and YOUTH'S
HEAVY
WINTER BOOTS.
GENTS' DOUBLE SOLED SEWED BOOTS, CITY MADE.
WOMEN'S PEGGED BOOTS.
We have now on hand a fine assortment of the above goods—*all first class*—and are offering them at *extremely close figures*, to close them out.
THOMAS S. WICKES.
Chestertown, January 29, 1878.

RUBBER GOODS
FOR the EARLY SPRING FISHING.
HATS. COATS. BOOTS.
We have now in store a full line of RUBBER GOODS, and are offering them to Fishermen and others at LOW CITY RATES.
T. S. WICKES.
January 29.

MANN'S RED AXES
Known as the "Red Mann Axe,"
and claimed to chip more easily than any Axe now in use. All sizes and weights, on hand and for sale by
THOMAS S. WICKES.
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