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The Kent News.

SATURDAY - - - - - - FEB. 16, 1878.

HON. GIDEON WELLS, ex-Secretary of the Navy, died Monday evening, at his residence in Hartford, Conn., from the effects of carbuncle.

MR. THOMAS B. FERGUSON, Fish Commissioner of Maryland, has been appointed one of the Honorary Commissioners to the Paris Exposition.

HON. D. M. HENRY, M. C., will please accept our thanks for the regular daily issues of the *Congressional Record*, which contains all the debates and proceedings of both Houses of Congress.

ON Saturday last Charles Baker, a seafaring man, residing in South Baltimore, while laboring under a fit of jealousy, shot his wife twice, inflicting dangerous wounds, and then turning the muzzle of the pistol towards his own breast, fired, killing himself instantly.

ALL the testimony so far taken goes to show that the wrecked Metropolis was a rotten hulk that should never have been given a certificate by the government inspectors. It is upon them that a large share of the responsibility for her loss must finally rest.

MR. WM. WELSH, brother of the American minister to the Court of St. James, fell dead of heart disease at Wills' Hospital, Philadelphia, Monday, at which place he was visiting at the time. At the time of his death Mr. Welsh was president of Girard College, and was identified with many benevolent institutions.

POPE PIUS IX died at Rome on Thursday afternoon, 7th instant, in the 86th year of his age, and the 32d of his pontificate. Cardinal McCloskey sailed in the steamship City of New York on Saturday on his journey to Rome to take part in the Papal Conclave for the election of a new Pope. Cardinal Luigui de Canossa is said to be the favorite candidate.

THE United States Senate, in executive session on Tuesday, confirmed Col. Geo. W. F. Vernon to be surveyor of customs at Baltimore, vice Col. Charles Gilpin, whose term of appointment has expired. Col. Vernon belongs to Frederick county. The salary is $4,500 a year.

A WRITER in the St. Michaels *Comet* names Hon. Richard C. Hollyday, Secretary of State, for Governor, to succeed Gov. Carroll, and says he will be pressed by his friends, who are legion throughout the State, for the Democratic nomination. Col. Hollyday is well qualified for the office, and would doubtless make an excellent Governor.

ARCHBISHOP GIBBONS, the new Archbishop of Baltimore, was on Sunday invested at the Cathedral with the pallium, the distinctive emblem of his office. Although the ceremony, in consequence of the death of the Pontiff, was shorn of many of the surroundings which usually accompany such an occasion, still it was of a very imposing character, and many dignitaries of the church from various parts of the country were present.

GEORGE ROBINSON, Esq., Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore, died suddenly of heart disease, at his residence in that city, on Friday morning of last week. He was elected clerk in 1867 for six years, and at the expiration of his term of office was re-elected in 1873. Mr. Robinson was 46 years of age at the time of his death, and leaves a widow and one son, thirteen years of age.

MR. ROBERT W. RASIN, a well known and highly respected citizen of Baltimore, died on Friday of last week, in the 72d year of his age. Mr. Rasin was engaged in the real estate business, and leaves two sons, Mr. I. Freeman Rasin, clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, and Mr. R. W. L. Rasin, fertilizer manufacturer.—Deceased was born at Old Field Point, Kent county, Maryland, and was well known and highly respected in Baltimore and on the Eastern Shore.

CONGRESS is still discussing the financial problem, and no one can tell when the question will be definitely settled, though a vote on the Bland bill, which has passed the House, is expected in the Senate this week. Senator Blaine made a speech Thursday week on the siver bill. He had been claimed by the "gold men," but astonished them by taking the *silver side* of the question. He contended, and proved, too, beyond controversy, that the bonds issued prior to 1873 are payable in coin, either silver or gold; only he wants a silver dollar of 425 grains.—Blaine is a "trimmer," and wants to conciliate both sides. He is evidently thinking more about the next Presidency than about the currency.

THE WAR NEWS is portentious. There is an armistice between the Russian and Turkish armies pending a conference for peace, but the British fleet has passed through the Dardanelles, and is going direct to Constantinople. The course of England has led Russia to announce that she, like England, will protect her own interests in Constantinople, and will do this by its occupation by her troops. It would even seem possible that Turkey and Russia are coming to an understanding. It is not improbable that war between England and Russia may ensue, and the former is making every preparation for such an emergency. Such a catastrophe would greatly enure to the benefit of this country.

REV. J. M. WILLIAMS, A. M. principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy, has resigned. He proposes to return to the ministry.

ABOUT three hundred feet of the west end of the South street bridge over the Schuylkill river at Philadelphia fell last Sunday. It will cost one hundred thousand dollars to repair the damage.

Insurance Department.

We are in receipt of a copy of a bill now before the Legislature to incorporate a new Department of State, to be known as the "Insurance Department." Upon a careful perusal of the bill we find it to contain many new and important features over the old system, for heretofore it has been a bureau in the Treasury Department and under the supervision of the Comptroller. This bill provides that the department shall be under the control of an officer to be styled the Insurance Commissioner, whose term of office shall be for four years, and who shall be appointed by the Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller. The original object of this department was to protect our citizens from incurring risks in weak and badly conducted insurance companies, which of late years have proved a source of great loss to the citizens of many of the States, including our own.

The causes for the inauguration of a new Department of Insurance are principally from an increased business in the bureau, as at present constituted, and the limited scope for watchfulness on the part of the Commissioner. It is also the purpose of the bill to increase the facilities by which this insurance business (which has grown to immense proportions, as shown by Commissioner Hines' late report) can be regulated so as by increasing the costs to the agencies of the foreign companies, who do business in this State, to allow the State to derive a considerable revenue therefrom; for the greater portion of the expense heretofore incurred in the examinations made of the affairs of the various companies have been borne by the State. In this bill it is provided that the expense of such examinations to show stability and solvency shall be paid by the individual company. Upon the failure of any company to show a satisfactory exhibit of affairs, or upon declining to allow the books and affairs of the company to be examined by the Commissioner of Insurance, or an expert under his supervision, then the bill provides that the Commissioner shall forthwith order the said company or its agent to cease doing business within this State, and upon failure to do so it shall be the duty of the Commissioner to give public notice in at least two newspapers published within this State of his action in the premises; and in either event to take immediate legal steps to protect the interests of all citizens of Maryland insured in such company, be it life, fire or marine.

The bill has been carefully prepared, and if passed and carried into full force and effect, ought to afford a sure protection to persons insured in either foreign or domestic companies.

CONVICTION OF RETURNING BOARD ANDERSON.—The jury in the case of General Anderson, of the Louisiana Returning board, on trial before the Criminal Court at New Orleans for his connection with Wells, Kenner and Casenave in making a false return of the vote of the State in November, 1876, brought in a verdict of guilty. Anderson was deadly pale when the verdict was rendered, and nervously twisted the head of his cane between his fingers. The jury, two of which were negroes, were out about forty minutes. He was remanded to jail for sentence.—The punishment is fixed by law at from two to fourteen years imprisonment, according to the judgment of the court.

A motion has been made for a new trial on the ground that one of the negro jurors was not twenty-one years of age, and other frivolous pretexts.

The conviction has excited the wrath of Secretary Sherman and other "visiting statesmen," and they are in high dudgeon over the matter. Sherman has talked extravagantly about the affair, and a telegram has been sent by him, Stanley Matthews, Garfield and others, to Anderson, assuring him of their belief in his innocence, expressing the belief that he is "falsely accused and maliciously persecuted," and tendering their "earnest sympathies," etc. All this is very natural, and, as a cotemporary very appropriately remarks, "it must be very consoling to Thomas C. Anderson, a convict waiting sentence, to have the personal assurance of his fellow conspirators that they love him still the same as they loved him, they love him still the same."

The Cabinet, it would seem, is also alarmed, and disposed to take some action in regard to the matter. The majority are of opinion that the prosecutions are a violation of good faith. The President has addressed a letter to the Attorney General, requesting him to make a suggestion as to any action which it may be deemed pertinent for the government to take. Hayes seems to be just waking up to the fact that he was not elected!

CAPT. ANDREW CONROY, of the oyster dredger Maid of Erin, who was shot by one of the crew of the oyster police sloop Nannie Merryman, Capt. Lemuel Mitchell, some weeks since, off Thomas' Point, died in Baltimore Monday evening at the City Hospital, North Calvert street. An examination of his condition by the faculty developed the fact that he had received a fatal wound, the bullet having fractured the spine as well as caused other injury. His sufferings were intense, and he was kept under the influence of opiates to relieve pain.

DURING the pontification of Pius IX. the Catholic church in America increased in membership from two to six million souls, from two archbishops to six, and from twenty-four bishops to sixty-three, and now for the first time this country is represented in a papal conclave. Cardinal McCloskey will hardly be chosen Pope, but who has better claims upon the college?

MR. HENRY M. STANLEY has been invited by the King of Belgium to visit him at Brussels, and he is expected there after his visit to England.

MR. W. R. JOHNSON, of No. 44 S. Charles street, Baltimore, suffered for years with Dyspepsia, until cured by one bottle of Keller's Life Drops.

HAVE things come to such a pass in this country that a State can't bring her thieves to justice without running the risk of federal interference?

THE Governor of Kentucky sets a free lunch daily while the Legislature is in session.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Captain John Whittington, residing on Queen street, in this town, died suddenly of apoplexy about seven o'clock on Tuesday morning last. His housekeeper heard a slight noise in his room about the time she was arising, but supposed it signified nothing, as she had frequently heard the like before. She went down and prepared breakfast, and upon calling him received no response, when she approached the bed and found him dead. His head was slightly removed from the pillow, and the clothing was found in regular order upon the bed, indicating that he died without much of a struggle. Dr. Houston was sent for, and after examining the body pronounced that death resulted from apoplexy. The Captain had had several strokes of paralysis, and frequently said that he expected to die suddenly. He formerly owned and lived on what is known as Northwest Point, a favorite resort on the east side of Chester river about six miles below Chestertown, which, after his health became impaired, he sold to Captain France, of Baltimore, who now resides upon it.—Captain Whittington was in comfortable circumstances, and leaves a widow and four grown children.

THE DOG CASE COMPROMISED.—The suit for damages for killing the hounds, growing out of the late fox-hunting case, has been compromised by Mr. Geckie agreeing to pay ten dollars apiece for the dogs killed and the cost of the suit.—This is a happy termination of what might have been another exciting trial.

THE "DASHAWAY" Temperance movement is still progressing in this county under the energetic direction of Mr. W. A. Mensch, of Baltimore. A large meeting was held at the Town Hall last Saturday evening, and a "Dashaway Club" organized with the following officers:—President, Capt. J. H. Thompson; Vice-President, D. P. Cox; Secretary, T. W. Dugan; Treas'r, G. W. Parks; Marshal, Major B. B. Wroth; assis't do., John H. McKenzie; Chaplain, A. W. Sparks.—Standing committee: John Bordley, Jno. W. Parsons, Simon Welch, Washington Hudgins and Wm. H. Byron.

RUNAWAY.—On Wednesday morning, while Messrs. Hubbard, fertilizer dealers, were sitting in a carriage in front of their office, their horse, recently purchased in Baltimore, suddenly became unruly and started to run and kick. Fortunately the horse soon detached himself from the carriage, but not before one of the occupants had jumped out, and the other, in attempting to do so, had got himself in a dangerous position between the wheels. Nobody seriously hurt.

THE Cecil *Democrat* of last Saturday says: "Bad show for the Elkton and Middletown railroad. Not a dollar was subscribed towards the enterprise, either in Baltimore or Elkton, last Monday.—Well, if Baltimore can stand it Elkton can." But Baltimore can't afford to stand it. That city is to be mainly benefitted by the road, and must contribute the bulk of subscriptions.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Feb. 12.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. The last will and testament of Mary S. Walley, col'd, was filed. The last will and testament of Thomas W. Hynson was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary on the estate of said deceased were granted unto Mary S. Hynson; Wm. H. Stewart and Wm. Morris were appointed to appraise the personal estate of said deceased and the usual notice to creditors ordered. James W. Ivens, administrator of Samuel H. Timms, returned an inventory of the personal estate of said deceased and received an order for the sale thereof. Hannah A. Benjamin, administratrix of D. A. Benjamin, returned a list of sales of the personal estate of said deceased; also her first adm'r account, and ordered to give notice that a dividend on the personal estate of said deceased will be made on Tuesday, March 12th.

ANOTHER PAPER.—The Centreville *Observer* says: Arrangements are being perfected for the issue at an early day of the *Maryland Citizen*, for several years the Republican paper of this county. The *Citizen* suspended sometime since for the want of a proper support, but its friends have never been satisfied without a paper here to represent their views. John T. Hand, Esq., who was the former editor, is to be the editor of the new publication.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.—Charles W. Clements, who recently sold his farm of 100 acres, near Chester river bridge, in Queen Anne's county, to Capt. B. S. Ford for $86 per acre, has purchased through John B. Brown, Esq., trustee, the farm of Samuel L. Pratt, at Sudlersville, containing 180 acres, for $9,500. This also includes the growing crop of wheat. Mr. Clements will take possession March 1st. Joel Clements has purchased the Farris farm near I. B., containing 190 acres.—Price not stated.

THE communication of "J. C. S." is crowded out this week. It will appear in our next issue.

BEECHER MEETS MOULTON.—At the the Grand Pacific Moulton and Beecher were assigned apartments in the opposite corners of the hotel on the parlor floor. On Saturday evening Beecher entered the ordinary first, and was, of course, the observed of everybody at the tables. He had given his order and was addressing some remark to his agent, Mr. Pond, who occupied a seat beside him, when Frank Moulton, accompanied by his friend Reall, of Pennsylvania, entered the room. The guests had been expecting some such scene, and were evidently on the qui vive. The head waiter, unmindful of the peculiar relation existing between the great preacher and his almost as famous enemy, struck out boldly for the table where Beecher sat, intending to seat Moulton and his companion vis-a-vis with the other two. Moulton, shrewdly suspecting that it had been planned to seat them together, turned away to another table. All eyes were riveted on the two men. While dining neither looked at the other. Sunday they passed each other in the main hallway, carrying very high heads.—*Chicago Times.*

THE LEGISLATURE.

TAX ON MORTGAGES.

The Senate refused Tuesday to pass an order offered by Mr. Sulivane calling on the finance committee to report the mortgage tax bill it has under consideration. It is believed there is a very strong opposition in the committee to taxation of mortgages, and it is inferred that the ways and means committee of the House are not wholly in favor of the measure, as ex-Governor Thomas, the chairman, on Tuesday simply reported the mortgage tax bill without recommendation favorable or unfavorable.

TEMPERANCE.

The joint temperance committee of the Senate and House of Delegates, composed of extreme liquor and temperance men, have unanimously agreed to report favorably a bill introduced to their body by Senator Sulivane, of Dorchester county, to regulate the local option question for the future. It provides that at the next Congressional election there shall be an election for and against license in every election district of the several counties and legislative districts of the city of Baltimore, and the result proclaimed by the several clerks of the Court. If a majority of votes shall be cast against license, where license now exists, there shall be no more liquor sold after May 1st, 1879, the end of the license year, except by druggists on physicians' prescriptions. If a majority of votes be cast for license, where prohibition now exists, license can be taken out under the license laws for the balance of the license year, and thence on regularly, until and unless the law should be changed by a subsequent vote of the people of the district. And thereafter, every second year, if one fourth of the number of registered votes cast at the preceding general election shall petition the Court of any county, &c., for a new election, the Court shall order one at the following Congressional election, which shall decide the *status* of such election district for the ensuing two years, and so on. The present *status* of every district stands until and unless changed in the manner provided in the bill. This bill is based on the doctrine that each district shall always decide for itself whether they shall have liquor or not, and removes the question from the halls of legislation. The State Temperance Alliance has examined and highly approves the bill, and the liquor sellers say it gives them all they can reasonably ask, as they have as good a chance under the bill as anybody else.

THE PROPOSED STATE ELEVATOR.

There is a great diversity of opinion among the members of both houses in regard to the proposed State Elevator. General Hardcastle, chairman of the committee to which the matter was referred, has proposed a bill, which provides for a State loan of five hundred thousand dollars for the purpose, the site to be selected and the buildings erected by commissioners. Although it is not stated in the bill, it is understood that the site is to be on the Canton water front. In order to meet the interest upon the loan and create a sinking fund for its retirement at maturity, it is provided that all grain arriving in the city of Baltimore shall be weighed by a State weigher at a cost of one quarter of a cent per bushel. It is calculated that the revenue from this will be large enough to defray the salaries of the necessary officials and supply the State with a revenue sufficient to carry the loan and finally extinguish it. The bill meets with sternuous opposition on the ground that it lays a tax upon the whole grain trade of Baltimore for the benefit of one particular interest; and the establishment of a State pier for produce also meets with great opposition, because it proposes to remove to another locality the trade which has always centered in the basin.

MR. BLAIN'S MEMORIAL.

The Committee on Federal Relations in the House of Delegates has reported unfavorably on Mr. Blair's memorial, praying Congress to reopen the Presidential electoral count, to ascertain who was really elected, Tilden or Hayes. The committee wisely conclude that the country will not be the gainer by further agitation of the question. Everybody knows well enough now that Mr. Tilden was, and Mr. Hayes was not, elected.

THE COLOR LINE IN MARYLAND.

Col. Scharf, of the city delegation, has asked leave to introduce a bill to "amend article 1, section 1, of the constitution of Maryland, by striking out the word "white," so as to make it conform to the constitution of the United States, which guarantees to every citizen, irrespective of race or previous condition of servitude, the right of the elective franchise." Colored citizens already have the privilege of voting in common with other citizens of Maryland, so that the proposed amendment virtually amounts to nothing.

OTHER LEGISLATION.

On motion of Mr. Hepbron, leave has been granted the committee on finance to introduce a bill for the relief of J. W. Howard and Wm. Hepbron, late collectors of 3rd district of Kent county, for taxes paid in error. Also to the committee on inspections to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to require the fertilizers sold in the State to be of an analysis equal to the brand placed on the same, and to require such fertilizers to be branded with the true analysis thereof.

In the Senate there has been an unfavorable report on the bill to abolish the office of State weigher of grain.

The bill to authorize Robert S. Emory to fill up a dock at Chestertown has passed both Houses.

THIS country is moving along at a dizzy rate of speed in some respects. Here comes the colored literary society of a Methodist Church in Altoona, and debates a question like this: *Resolved*, That it would benefit the colored man to vote the Democratic ticket. There was no lack of speakers on the affirmative side of this great question, but there are not returns enough in to determine the result.

WELLS, of Louisiana Returning Board notoriety, is still in jail. He denies having boasted of being able to get any amount of bail, and has written a pitiful letter to his counsel referring to his impaired health and beseeching him to continue his efforts to get him out.

THE Fruit growers down the Peninsula express great fear that the open winter will do much injury to the peach crop. The buds are prematurely swelled, and if severe frosts follow they say the fruit will be completely destroyed.

A VOTE was taken recently in the annual convention of Montgomery county, Md., farmers on the comparative profits of stock and dairy cattle, when the vote was unanimous in favor of the dairy.

AN OLD WOMAN.—Mrs. Eulalia Perez of Los Angeles, Cal., is described as the oldest woman in the world, numbering at present 140 years. Her age is said to be well authenticated.

THE Fifth Regiment M. N. G. propose to erect a monument to the memory of Col. S. S. Mills, captain of company D, and late Sheriff of Baltimore.

THE New York *Sun* pronounces the attempt made in Congress to revive the income tax a movement to encourage perjury. It should not be imposed.

JOHN W. MACKEY, who is credited with being the richest man in the world, is after a senatorship from Nevada.

Chesterville and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—A somewhat novel entertainment, for this ancient village, will take place on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday next, 19th and 20th inst. The ladies of the Church South, of this place, have determined to hold a "Neck-Bow Festival" on these evenings, the proceeds to be judiciously expended. As we have said, such an entertainment will be somewhat novel here—indeed, it has been so long a time since a festival of any kind has been held in Chesterville, that such a feast, without the novelty "Bow," would itself prove surprisingly new. But about that *Bow*. It is presumed that every lady knows all about that, but there may be some gentlemen who are not quite so familiar with it. For their enlightenment, then, let us say that every lady attending will take with her two neck-bows exactly alike, (many of the single ladies will take a *third*) one of which she will wear, and the other present to the door-keeper upon entering.—Each guest admitted draws one of these bows without cost, which he immediately puts on, and then at once institutes a search for the fair lady who has its counterpart. Once found, a short promenade is taken, when it becomes the duty of the gentleman to cake and ice-cream the lady—"proceeds for the benefit of the church." Here this engagement ends, but by paying five cents he can draw another bow, and repeat the programme as often as he chooses. Query: Where there are so many bows ought there not to be some *ties?* The supper will be served on the first floor of the K. of P. hall, and the refreshments on the second floor. If the weather proves good, we think the thing will be a decided "go."

A festival was held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of the present week at Crumpton, for the benefit of the new cemetery.

The Episcopalians of Galena also held a festival and promenade concert on the same evenings, for the benefit of their church, we believe. From the attendance the first evening, we think it proved a success.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bryan, residing on Dr. Sheppard's farm, near Crumpton, lost their youngest child last week under distressing circumstances. The babe being a little sick, Mrs. B. called to a servant to bring her some sweet oil. Bringing a vial, she poured out a teaspoonful, which the mother at once gave the child. The act was hardly done before Mrs. B. discovered that she had made a fearful mistake—instead of sweet oil it proved to be croton oil. Mr. Bryan being absent, she took the child in her arms and ran to Crumpton for medical aid. Not finding any, Dr. Nowland, of this village, was summoned; but the case proved beyond medical skill; after living twelve hours the child died. It could not have lived so long after taking the fatal dose, had the oil been right fresh. WALTER.

Another Nuisance.

Messrs. Editors:—A correspondent of your valuable paper complains—and very justly, too, from what we know of it—of a "drunken nuisance" which your citizens have suffered to continue so long. I wish to call attention to another. On most any pleasant afternoon the walk between the head of town and Chester cemetery is rendered in some places almost impassible by the presence of large numbers of colored people indulging in various sports, such as pitching quoits, dice, &c. As the spring approaches the nuisance increases. My horse on several occasions, when riding by, has been frightened, and ladies are debarred the privilege of using the walk. Now, I want to know, Messrs. Editors, if such an insufferable nuisance cannot be abated? Your bailiff claims to have no authority in the matter, as it is outside the town limits; but some officer must certainly has, and we ask a place for this in your columns to find out upon *whom* or where this authority rests. R.

SOCIABLE.

On the evening of the 13th inst., about seventy of the good people of Still Pond and of the region round about came to the Parsonage and made themselves at home. Word was brought to the pastor and his wife who were supping not far away, that a couple wished to see him at once. "Who is the couple?" was the query. The answer was, "A widower and old maid." We hastened home supposing of course a wedding on hand. A barrow at the gateway suggested a new conveyance for brides, but the messenger was silent when asked "Did the widower bring the old maid in the barrow?" Seeing that there was no satisfaction from him, we crossed the threshold to be greeted by as merry a throng as ever met together in a parsonage. At the table, richly spread, we met *a face we shall never forget*—it impressed us deeply—we hope to see its like again—it was the face of a porker from the pen of our good commissioner. Several hours were spent in social communion; and when the good people left for their homes, they left not a larder filled with good gifts only, but also two hearts full of gratitude. The preacher and his companion were each constrained to say, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea I have a goodly heritage." "PASTOR NEWMAN."

Hope Grange.

Messrs. Editors:—We had the pleasure of witnessing the installation of the officers of Hope Grange, No. 13, Thursday, Feb. 5th, to which the public were invited, and a pleasant evening was spent at their place of meeting (Hanesville.) The following officers were installed for the year 1878, Mr. J. W. Crew acting as installing officer: Sam'l Vannort, W. Master; Dr. F. Worrell, Overseer; W. C. Stephens, Lecturer; W. T. Nicholson, Steward; C. H. Stephens, Ass't; G. R. Beck, Chap.; Wm. W. Stephens, Treas.; R. G. Nicholson, Sec; W. T. Anderson, G. R.; Mrs. Wm. H Stewart, Ceres. The other officers were not present. They intend holding a public meeting Thursday, 21st inst. at 2 o'clock P. M.; (if stormy the first fair Thursday.) The entertainment is to be composed of music and addresses. The adjoining Granges and public are cordially invited to attend. N.

A BOLD CHALLENGE FROM A STRONG MAN.—Henry Thruston, of Missouri, now residing in Titus co., Texas, has issued a challenge to wrestle any man in the world, back hold, side hold, square hold, or catch as catch can, best three in five fair back falls, for $1,000 to $2,000 aside, and offers to allow McLaughlin, of Detroit, McMahon, of San Francisco, Owens, of Vermont, or any of the chapions, expenses to meet him in a contest. Thurston stands 7 feet 6 inches in his stocking feet and weighs 310 pounds. He is about 36 years of age and lifts 1,500 dead weight. It is a comparatively easy matter for him to lift a barrel of salt and place it in a farm wagon.

THE winter of 1829-30 surpassed the present one in mildness. Farmers plowed every month of the season, and no snow fell until February 2d. It was followed, however, by a cold, backward spring with a snow storm in May, which killed the returning swallows.—*Fredericksburg News.*

MARRIED:

On the 12th instant, by Rev. E. P. Aldred, Mr. THOMAS VANDYKE, of Cecil county, and Mrs. ABIGAL WELLS, of Kent county, Md.

At Crumpton, on the 5th inst., by Rev. Chas. Hill, Rev. ALBERT CHANDLER, junior minister of Sudlersville circuit, and Miss MOLLIE, daughter of Mr. Wm. L. Godwin, of Crumpton.

DIED:

In Chestertown, suddenly, of apoplexy, on Tuesday morning last, Captain JOHN WHITTINGTON, in the 73d year of his age.

At the residence of her parents near Millington, of "St. Anthony's fire," MARY E. MOFFETT, daughter of E. J. and Harriett R. Moffett, on the 3rd of February, aged 12 years, 11 months and 10 days.

In Baltimore, on the evening of Feb. 8, CATHARINE M. SPENCER, in the 72d year of her age, widow of the late Col. Wm. A. Spencer, of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

In Baltimore on the morning of Feb. 10, 1878, Miss REBECCA WILMER, in her 88th year.

In Crumpton, Feb. 7th, ANNA MAY, infant daughter of Richard M. and Anna R. Bryan, aged 7 months and 29 days.

The Saviour has taken our darling little lamb
And placed it in the tender Shepherd's care;
May he heal our bleeding hearts
And help us at last to meet her there. MAMA.

The angels have taken her from her mother's breast,
And placed her in that Heavenly rest;
She's a happy little angel now
And yet we do in sorrow bow. PAPA.

OBITUARY.—On Wednesday night, Jan. 23, 1878, THOMAS W. USILTON passed from death unto life eternal. Sick but a few days, the news of his death came suddenly to his many friends; indeed it seemed hard to realize that one who had been among them not a week ago, was lying cold in death; but they had the consciousness that their loss was his eternal gain. He died as he had lived. A conscientious Christian boy, he held his principles to the last, even refusing the needed stimulant, fearing lest he should "die drunk."—He was one who tried to live up to his profession at home and abroad. A dutiful son, affectionate brother, an obedient scholar. He will be missed many times: at home, when they gather round the evening meal; at Church when the pastor looks over the numbers assembled he will miss the bright appreciative face; at school, no more will the little ones take their troubles to "Tom"—their kind friend is gone, he has been their peace maker for the last time; well was it said, "their leader was gone;" but, as he said himself, the Lord knows best. He has called his young servant home early, e'er the heat of the day.

To his parents I would say, "Sorrow not as those who have no hope," he has gone before but a little while; he cannot come back to you, but you can go to him. I would say to his brothers, sisters and friends, even as you followed his leading in earthly things, so follow him in eternal things; let not his influence fade. So shall we all meet in Heaven. M.

GOLD AND SILVER WIRE PICTURE CORD, Porcelain Head Picture Nails, Screw Eyes, and Brass Screw Rings.
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PERCH and Shad Net CORKS, Cotton Rope, all sizes, Seine Twine, &c.
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FOR SALE.
AN ALDERNEY BULL, rising two years old, well grown, of the stock of the late Wm. Welsh.
Also, CEDAR POSTS.
Feb. 16—3t. WM. WATTS, Still Pond.

VERY DESIRABLE Town Property with IMPROVEMENTS, FOR SALE.
For further particulars apply to JOHN N. DODD, or R. HYNSON, Att'y.
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STRAYED or stolen from near Chestertown, Feb. 9th, a DARK BAY MARE, with saddle and bridle on; has a mark from a gall on her left shoulder. Any information of her whereabouts will be rewarded.
fe16-3t. WM. A. THOMAS.

SCHOOL NOTICE.

THE County School Commissioners have determined that the practice of *barring out* teachers on SHROVE TUESDAY, commonly called "Pancake-day" must be discontinued.

Pupils of the Public Schools are hereby warned that the *law* will be enforced against all offenders.

Trustees are requested to see this resolution enforced, and teachers to read the notice three different days in their school.

By order of the Board.
fe16-3t. E. F. PERKINS, Sec.

FARMERS
CALL and purchase one of our Original Packages of CARRIAGE BOLTS.
One hundred Bolts for the small sum of Two Dollars.
½ in.; 5-16 and ⅜ inch in diameter, 2 inches to 6 inches long inclusive, at
feb16. J. K. ALDRIDGE'S.

TO FARMERS!
Shell LIME!
Four and six months credit given when desired on Lime, if applied for before April.
BOWEN & MERCER,
fe16-m. Baltimore, Md.

Dramatic Entertainment!

THE Ladies and Gentlemen of Galena will give a Dramatic entertainment for the benefit of St. Dennis' Church, at the Town Hall in Galena, on FRIDAY NEXT, Feb. 22d.

PROGRAMME:

"The Drunkard's Warning."

A TEMPERANCE DRAMA IN THREE ACTS.

Mr. Granville.....A Wealthy Merchant.
Edw. Mordaunt.....His Son-in-law.
Geo. Seymour.....Clerk to Granville.
Tipton.....A confirmed inebriate.
Smasher.....His companion.
Howard.....A temperance landlord.
Louise Mordaunt.....Emma Granville.
Laura Howard.....Bertie Mordaunt.

The evening's entertainment to conclude with the laughable farce:

"HER BABIES."

Admission 25c. Reserved seats 50c. 1t.

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*

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,
fe9-3t. 133 Market st., Philadelphia.

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

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.

A FULL STOCK of W. W. BRUSHES, LIME and HAIR, *At THOMPSON'S, Up Town.*
Feb. 16, 1878.

FINE Sugar-cured HAMS and Broiling Beef,
fe16. at THOMPSON'S, Up Town.

Personal Property AT PUBLIC SALE.
UNDER and by virtue of a Bill of Sale from William H. Aiken and wife to Charles T. Westcott, Attorney, the undersigned will offer at Public Sale, on
Saturday, March 2d, 1878,
at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the Market House in Chestertown, the following
Household Furniture:
Bedstead, Bureau, Marble-top Washstand, Rocking Chair, Sofa, half a dozen fine Chairs, Mattrass, Feather Bed, Carpet, Crib, &c. Also, a good Canvas Tent.
Terms to be stated on day of sale.
CHARLES T. WESTCOTT, *Attorney.*
S. L. RAWLEIGH, Auct'r. fe16ts.

FOR SALE.
Farm of 300 Acres,
In Caroline County, Maryland.
Three miles from Ridgely Station, on Md. and Del. Railroad. One-half cleared and fenced. Timber chiefly oak and chestnut. A good barn, stable, etc. A peach orchard of 2,000 trees, good varieties. Good neighborhood. Sold because it has passed into the hands of a lady in Philadelphia, who cannot give it attention. Terms very reasonable. WM. S. RIDGELY, Attorney,
16-4t. Denton, Caroline co., Md.

NEWS FROM THE Cheap Store!
WE ARE SELLING OUT OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF
WINTER GOODS
AT and BELOW COST!
TO MAKE ROOM FOR OUR SPRING STOCK.
CALL EARLY AND BE CONVINCED OF THE FACT
AT
JOSEPH ROSE'S.
CHEAP DRY GOODS and BOOT & SHOE HOUSE.
BORDLEY'S CORNER No. 1,
Adjoining the Cheap Clothing Store of THOS. S. BORDLEY.
A CARD.—MR. CLARENCE DYOTT, with his usual affable manners, will be pleased to receive his friends and the public in general. Feb. 16, 1878.

Notice of Application for a Bridge.

THE undersigned, tax-payers of the Third Election District Kent county, hereby give notice that, thirty days after the date of this notice, they intend to make application to the County Commissioners to

Build a Substantial Bridge

WITH STONE ABUTMENTS,

across "Witchcote" Run, between the lands of Wm. W. Stephens and Robert Nicholson, Esqs., on the road from Worton Heights to Fairlee, in said District.

RICHARD C. SMYTH,
EDW. J. WATSON,
JOSIAH LUSBY,
Feb. 16, 1878—5t. and others.

IF YOU WISH TO OBTAIN THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE FOR YOUR FRESH FISH, GAME & POULTRY

Wholesale Commission Merchants,
27 & 28 DOCK ST. FISH MARKET,
PHILADELPHIA.
The ONLY parties having REFRIGERATORS in this business.
REFERENCE—1st. Book of Northern Liberties of Phila., or any Wholesale Fresh Fish House in the U. S.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

ESTATE OF DAVID A. BENJAMIN.

On application ordered, that Hannah A. Benjamin, administratrix of David A. Benjamin, late of Kent county, deceased, give notice by advertisement, that a dividend on the personal estate of said deceased will be made in this Court on TUESDAY, March 12, 1878.

Test: WM. STEVENS, Register of Wills.

NOTICE.—Creditors of David A. Benjamin are notified and requested to file their claims, properly authenticated, with the Register of Wills, on or before Tuesday, the 5th of March, 1878, or they will be excluded from the dividend in the personal estate.

HANNAH A. BENJAMIN,
Feb. 16, 1878—4t. Adm'x.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

THOMAS W. HYNSON,

late of said 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 13th day of August, 1878, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under my hand this 12th day of February, 1878.

MARY S. HYNSON,
Feb. 16, 1878—4t. Executrix.

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
feb2. JAMES A. SHAW.

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, follos 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 we