The Kent News.

SATURDAY - - - APRIL 20, 1878.

Ex-Gov. Moses, of South Carolina, has been delivered up to the officers of South Carolina, and is now on his way from New York to that State for trial.

There is no appreciable change in the Eastern war situation. Great tension continues upon the public mind, but continued hope is also expressed of an ultimate settlement of pending issues without further war.

The House of Representatives, on Saturday last, patriotically observed the birthday of Thomas Jefferson by voting an appropriation of $5,000 for the erection of a monument over the grave of the deceased statesman at Monticello, near Charlottesville, Va.

The Blair Resolution in the Senate—*Remarks of Senator Dennis on the Subject.*—Senator Dennis presented in the Senate on the 11th instant the Blair resolution, as passed by the Maryland Legislature, to test the title of Mr. Hayes to the presidency, and it was on his motion referred to the judiciary committee. In presenting the resolution Senator Dennis took the occasion to express, in a few earnest sentences, his disapprobation of the movement of Mr. Blair, and his purpose to use whatever influence he possessed to thwart it. When he concluded his remarks he was surrounded by all the prominent Senators of both parties and congratulated in the warmest terms on the spirit in which he had spoken. In the House on Monday Mr. Kimmell, of Maryland, introduced a bill providing a mode for trying the title of the President and Vice-President, which was referred to the judiciary committee, and Mr. Swann presented the resolution of the Maryland Legislature, similar to that presented in the Senate by Mr. Dennis. The movement is ridiculed by the leading members of both political parties, and it is said that if any report is made by the committee it will be adverse to re-opening the presidential muddle.

Later information in regard to the matter is to the effect that "a member of the House Judiciary Committee, to which the question was referred, says that he has made careful inquiry of the members of the committee, and not a single one favors the measure. The bill will never see light again."

When the silver bill was before Congress its opponents prophesied all sorts of evils to result from its passage. Gold was then quoted at 106@7. The prophets foretold a rise to at least 110 as a result of *silver inflation*, &c. But what has been the result? From the very day the silver bill passed gold began to fall, until now the news comes to us from different sections that *specie payments have been resumed!*—and this in consequence of the fact that gold has altogether lost its premium. Now, in the light of such results what are we to conclude? Either that the opponents of silver remonetization were bad logicians and totally ignorant of the laws of supply and demand, or that selfish considerations only prompted the opposition. The charge has been made over and over again that the legislation of the nation has been directed and controlled in the interest of capital and the monopolists and bondholders, to the utter disregard of the masses. Whether this charge be true or not certain it is that the bond-holding capitalists were signally defeated in the silver "bout" and the result seems to be redounding to the advantage of the whole people.

Resumption.—Singularly enough Ohio, which may be regarded as the fountain of all the financial heresies, is the first State to resume specie payments. The Third National Bank of Cincinnati gives notice that it is prepared to redeem all its outstanding circulation in gold. It is the second largest bank in the city, having a capital of a million dollars. The other Cincinnati banks, it is said, are preparing to pursue the same course.

We find the above announcement in the New York *Herald*, and yet that paper lauds the bargain made by John Sherman with the New York brokers, by which that financial luminary agreed to pay 101½ cents for gold for a year to come, although gold had been selling at 100⅝, and is now selling for 100¼. But this action puts about $5,000,000 into the pockets of the Wall street brokers, and as they own the principal New York and Philadelphia papers, the action of Sherman is lauded. The St. Louis *Republican* says Secretary Sherman's contract is such a flagrant sacrifice of the public interests entrusted to his care that Congress ought to proceed at once to make a searching investigation of the whole matter.

Sam Steenburgh, executed yesterday (19th instant) for the murder of Jacob S. Parker, at Amsterdam, N. Y., November 17, made a full confession. He states that he has committed eleven different murders, the first when he was only 14 years old, also to innumerable burglaries, robberies and incendiary fires in and around Amsterdam. The confession is horrible in the extreme, and nearly all of it is corroborated. He says he murdered Parker.

Major Harry Gilmor has resigned his office of a police commissioner for Baltimore city, and the Governor has commissioned Mr. John Milroy to succeed him. After serving out the unexpired term of Major Gilmor, ending March, 1879, Mr. Milroy will continue to serve for six years, for which he was elected by the last Legislature. Mr. Gilmor gives as the cause of his resignation a contract to furnish a large amount of stone from his quarry in Baltimore county, which will require his personal supervision.

A tornado Sunday at Cottonwood, Kansas, blew an entire train of forty-five cars off the track. A stock train was also wrecked near Emporia. Several houses were demolished and some lives lost.

The New Jury Law.—The amended jury law passed by the Legislature at its late session, which was approved April 1, 1878, taking effect from the date of its passage, is now in force. It repeals and re-enacts section 9, chapter 329, of the jury law of 1867. The act is a general one, and applies to the courts of all the counties. Its provisions are as follows:

"From the forty-eight jurors drawn and summoned, the court, at the beginning of the term for which they were drawn and summoned, shall select and appoint one who shall be the foreman of the grand jury, and shall direct the clerk of said court to legibly write upon ballots the names of the remaining forty-seven jurors, and after carefully folding said ballots separately to place them in a box with a sliding top, and said clerk shall draw said ballots therefrom, one at a time, without looking into said box, and the first twenty-two names drawn, with the foreman previously appointed, shall constitute the grand jury, and the remaining twenty-five names shall constitute the petit jury for said term of said court."

It will be observed that this act does not effect the original drawing of forty-eight names from the one hundred and fifty required to be placed in the box. Under the previous law the first twenty-three names drawn constituted the grand jury, from which the court was compelled to select a foreman. Under the present law a wider range is given for the selection of a foreman, and the grand jury, not being drawn until "at the beginning of the term," none but the officers of the court know who they are until the jury is impaneled. On the whole we consider the amendment a good one.

Mrs. Tilton's Final Confession.—It is to be regretted on all grounds that the nauseous Beecher scandal is again revived by a letter from Mrs. Tilton, retracting her often asseverated innocence and reaffirming the truth of the confession which she made to her husband in the earliest stage of the scandal. Mrs. Tilton's statements have been so contradictory that nothing she can say will be deemed worthy of belief, except so far as it may be corroborated by other and better evidence. Her letter is as follows:

Mr. Ira B. Wheeler—*My Dear Sir:*—A few weeks since, after long months of mental anguish, I told, as you know, a few friends whom I had bitterly deceived that the charge brought by my husband of adultery between myself and the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher was true, and the lie which I had lived so well the last four years had become intolerable to me.

That statement I now solemnly reaffirm, and leave the truth to God, to whom I also commit myself, my children and all who must suffer. I know full well the explanations that will be sought by many for this acknowledgment—a desire to return to my husband, insanity, malice, everything save the true and only one, my quickened conscience, and a sense of what is due to the cause of truth and justice. During all the complications of these years you have been my confidential friend, and therefore I address this letter to you, authorizing and requesting you to secure its publication.

Elizabeth R. Tilton.

Brooklyn, April 13, 1878.

To which Mr. Beecher replies:

I confront Mrs. Tilton's confession with an explicit and absolute denial. The testimony to her own innocence and to mine which for four years she had made to hundreds in private and public, before the court in writing and orally, I declare to be true. And the allegations now made in contradiction of her uniform, solemn and unvarying statements hitherto made I utterly deny. I declare her to be innocent of the great transgression.

Henry Ward Beecher.

The Public Schools of Washington county closed on the 12th instant, and in Frederick county want of funds compelled the closing on Monday last till September. The matter is causing very great complaint. In one or two other counties of the State also there is talk of closing the schools early for want of funds. In Kent county there is no lack of funds for school purposes, and the deficiency in the counties referred to must be the result of bad management on the part of the school officials or penuriousness of the county commissioners in failing to make ample provision for the purpose.

William M. Tweed, better known as "Boss" Tweed, died in Ludlow Street Jail, New York, at precisely 11 o'clock, on the 12th inst.. He had been dangerously ill for some days. His death resulted from a complication of disorders, but was caused directly from nervous exhaustion and a clogging of the action of the heart.

In Philadelphia last Saturday the motion for a new trial in the case of Blasius Pistorius, the ex-priest convicted of the murder of Isaac Jacquette, was overruled and he was sentenced to be executed. He has been twice convicted, and the application overruled was for a third trial. When the decision was announced the prisoner arose in a rage and accused his lawyers of bad faith, and denounced the Judge as a murderer of justice. His counsel will carry the case to the Supreme Court

Hazelett C. Touchstone was killed at Port Deposit on the 12th inst., during a furious storm of wind. He had taken shelter behind a pile of boards, but the force of the wind was so great that it lifted the boards and whirled them with terrible force through the air, one of the boards striking him on the back of the head, breaking his neck and crushing the bones. Mr. Touchstone was a brother of Mr. J. M. Touchstone, member of the late House from Cecil, and was himself well known throughout the State, having served one term as messenger in the House of Delegates and one term in the Senate in the same capacity. He was about twenty-six years of age.

Kate Waddle, the woman suspected of having murdered the two old people, parents of ex-Sheriff Fitzjarrel, in Talbot county, last fall, has been discharged for want of testimony, and the murder is still a profound mystery. The suspicion which at one time attached to the son of the murdered people had no foundation and is entirely discredited now. The most careful and vigilant investigation has failed to unearth any clue to the terrible deed, and the excitement over it has calmed down.

Linen Wedding.—Quite a delightful time was had at the M. E. parsonage, Cecilton, on Wednesday, April 3d. The occasion was the celebration of the twelfth anniversary ("Linen Wedding") of the marriage of the pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Aldred. It is thought that over one hundred of their friends gathered and spent the evening, providing an extremely handsome entertainment.

Mr. Stubb's Success.—It is stated that there is a great revival in the Central M. E. Church, Philadelphia, of which Rev. E. Stubbs is pastor, and that the church is so thronged that numbers have to go away.

The Bill repealing the Bankrupt act received an overwhelming vote in the Senate. Only six Senators placed themselves on record against it. It had previously passed the House.

Circuit Court.—The Circuit Court for Kent county began on Monday last, his Honor Judge Wickes on the bench. When the names of the grand jurymen were called the court informed them that a new jury law had been passed by the recent Legislature of the State, but as a certified copy of the same had not been received, the jury would be discharged until Wednesday morning. The Court also explained the provisions of the new act, and in what respects it differed from that recently in force. [It will be found in another column.]

Upon reassembling on Wednesday morning Judge Stump took his seat on the bench, and the Court announced that an official copy of the new jury law had been received. The juries were then redrawn and the names appeared as follows, the foreman of the grand jury having been previously selected by the court:

Grand Jury.—John F. Beeks, foreman, James H. Gale, S. L. Blackiston, Wm. Hepbron, John T. Skirven, Wm. W. Stephens, S. W. Aldridge, R. T. Turner, Jr., H. A. Kraft, L. J. Handy, J. P. Nicholson, T. B. Sutton, J. P. DeCorse, Geo. W. T. Perkins, N. G. Westcott, Thos. A. Jacobs, John W. Morgan, J. F. M. Woodall, J. S. Hurlock, David Stewart, Jos. E. Weer, R. S. Griffith, Richard H. Corbaley.

Petit Jury.—Isaiah C. Taylor, Edwin S. Morris, Samuel Todd, Norris Barnard, George W. Howard, B. J. McCauley, R. E. Knighton, Jas. Rankin, Edward B. Woodall, Alfred Chrisfield, John A. Rollison, J. H. Simpers, Henry J. Gray, Wm. A. Taylor, Lewin Usilton, S. Sparklin, H. M. Stuart, Samuel A. Merritt, Isaac S. Rogers, Thomas Gale of John, George E. Leary, Geo. R. Reed, Wm. Thomas of Wm., Bartus Trew, Henry M. Thomas.

The following cases have been tried:

Geo. W. E. Purnell vs. Bevins Morris. Appeal. Appellant not appearing, case tried ex parte before the court. Judgment affirmed with costs. Blackiston for app't, H. W. Vickers for app'ee.

Fred. Gerker, lessee Kent Co. Railroad, vs. H. C. Layman. Appeal. Action for recovery of value of merchandise stolen from Lambson's Station. Tried before the court. Held *sub curia.* Slay for appellant, H. W. Vickers for appellee.

John Schwatka vs. J. C. Slaughter, use Harrison & Bro. Appeal. Judgment affirmed with costs.

J. C. McNaughton & Co. vs. C. H. Smith. Jury trial. Not concluded at time of going to press. H. W. Vickers for plt'ff, Pearce for def't.

There being an unusual amount of criminal business in court, and the grand jury not having been impaneled until Wednesday, it is probable that they will not be discharged before Tuesday next, and the session of court may continue the whole of next week.

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, April 16.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. The release of Mary W. Greenwood to James T. Pennington, her late guardian, was received and ordered to be recorded. On application of D. Jas. Blackiston (by letter), he was relieved from the further administration of the estate of the Rev. C. F. Jones, late of South Carolina, dec'd; his order was directed to be filed. Jas. B. Willson, adm'r of the late Henrietta E. Willson, returned an account of sales of the personal estate of said dec'd, which was examined by the court and ordered to be recorded.

Committed on a Charge of Rape.—On Sunday last, about eleven o'clock, as Mrs. Mary L. Golt, wife of Thos. Golt, was going from her residence on the T. C. Lynch farm to her father's, above Morris' Station, she was attacked in the public road at the branch near E. S. Morris' by a white man, pulled down in the road, and afterwards carried over the fence into a field behind a pile of stumps, where she alleges he accomplished his purpose. Constable G. W. Jacoby being advised of the facts and given a description of the guilty party, on Tuesday arrested two brothers named John and Jas. C. Moffett and took them to the residence of the injured woman for identification, when John Moffett was first brought before her, whom she accused of being the offender; but afterwards Jas. C. Moffett was brought into her presence, when she confessed her mistake and fully identified the latter as the guilty party. The brothers very much resemble each other in appearance, only Jas. C. has a mustache and John has none; and when the latter was brought before her she charged him with having shaved off his mustache and changed his voice—but when the former, with the mustache and natural voice, and other evidences of identity, was confronted with her, she confessed her mistake and said she knew he was the man. The accused was then carried before justice Wm. A. Miller, when Mrs. Golt made oath that James C. Moffett was the individual who had committed the outrage upon her person, whereupon he was committed to jail for the action of the grand jury. Mrs. Golt is said to be a woman of excellent character. The case will probably be disposed of during the present term of court.

The Mails.—In consequence of the recent change in the Kent County Railroad time table the mails leaving Chestertown on Wednesday and Saturday will close at 10 o'clock the previous evenings. On these two days the mail arrives here about two o'clock P. M., some three or four hours earlier than on other days, while our mail reaches Baltimore and is delivered about noon. Our people duly appreciate this concession of the railroad officials, whereby we are thus accommodated two days in the week. We must be content to await their pleasure for a further concession. It only takes *two days* to get letters and papers *by rail* from Chestertown to parties in Baltimore, other than on the days named.

New Post Office.—A new Post Office has been establ shed at Bakerville, in Quaker Neck, to be called "Pomona," with Capt. Wm. Scone, P. M. It will be supplied by the contractor of the route from Chestertown to Rock Hall.

Where does the *Smyrna Times* get its authority for the statement that "there are now more persons out of employment in Kent county (Md.) than at any former period"? Such is not the fact. We have heard nothing of the kind, and believe that our people generally have employment.

We notice that T. R. Hubbard & Son are daily shipping their Standard Phosphate to all parts of the county, both by rail and steamboat. We also learn that a sloop was fully laden from their factory a few days since for the lower part of Queen Anne's co. Their sales have been much larger up to this time than last spring. The Standard is highly recommended by many of our best farmers. *

A Great Benefit

To the people in want of reliable and stylish Clothing. Chas. N. Oehm & Son, Clothiers, 230 W. Pratt St., near Hanover, have adopted the cash system, thereby insuring to those that buy of them the lowest cash prices. They have on display for the present season a larger and more select stock for Men's, Boys' and Children's wear than ever before, and since they have decreased their margin of profit expect greatly to increase patronage. We recommend everybody to visit their new establishment and see their vast assortment and astonishingly low prices. It costs nothing to give them a call, and we think it will prove to the interest of those in need of clothing, ready-made and made to order. *

J. Frank Turner, Esq., of Easton, has accepted an invitation to deliver the annual address before The Mount Vernon Literary Society of Washington College, Chestertown, in July next.

Queen Anne's and Talbot counties are going to law in consequence of the latter refusing to pay what is claimed to be her just proportion for building the bridge over Kent Narrows.

The foundation for the new Catholic Church in this town has been commenced, and the corner-stone will be laid on Sunday afternoon, April 28.

The murderer, as he is called, is quickly made an example of by the law, but the man who neglects his health and thereby jeopardizes his own life, is allowed to go free. If you are troubled with Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Indigestion, Constipation, Biliousness or Liver Complaint, invest 50 cents in a bottle of Keller's Vegetable Life Drops, and thereby do your duty.

The State Tax Commissioner.—The republican papers, following the lead of the Baltimore *American*, are quite bitter in their censures upon the last Legislature for creating the office of State Tax Commissioner, and denounce it as a useless office and are free to declare that it was made expressly to provide a place for Colonel Levin Woolford, of Somorset county, late Comptroller of the Treasury. The following article from the Princess Anne *True Marylander* (whose editor, Mr. Polk, was a member of the Legislature and does not affiliate with what some persons are pleased to style "the ring") gives a view of the "other side," and is a full reply to the strictures that have been uttered on the office and the gentleman who is to fill it. The *True Marylander* says:

Nothing could be more conclusive of the wisdom of the Legislature in providing the office of State Tax Commissioner than the strictures of the Baltimore *American* in regard to that measure.

That the late assessment, as other similar assessments, especially in the City of Baltimore, and the populous counties, has been excessively unsatisfactory, is universally acknowledged. While the small properties have been assessed at an extravagant rate, so much so in many instances as to be intolerable, it is a well known fact that the large properties involving very heavy expenditures in their construction and yielding high revenues, are many of them rated at hardly a fourth of their actual value. Apart from the fact, that we never supposed for a moment, that any useful measure originated by the Democrats, would receive anything but abuse from the principal organ of the radical party, the arguments used, emanating from that source, are more than usually suggestive. That journal sets out with the assumption, (for the discovery of which it arrogates credit to itself,) that the late Comptroller of the Treasury will be the appointee of the newly created office. We think there is hardly a doubt but that the position will be tendered to Col. Woolford from his known fitness and capacity for the position, and we doubt exceedingly if the bill could have passed by so large a vote if this opinion had not been entertained. This decided avowal by us, we think, will be ample to do away with any credit for remarkable sagacity, which that journal can claim in making this prediction. We are not only satisfied from these strictures and the peculiar suggestions of the *American*, that such an office is absolutely needed, but the feeling that the proper man is likely to be selected is shared by that paper with ourselves. The evil to be remedied is by the correction of the assessment, the lowering of those valuations which have been made too high, and the increasing of those which have been made too low, so as to do justice to the whole community—to make this successful, that paper is aware of the appointment of an officer of the sternest integrity, and who cannot be forced or frightened from his position, by the threats of interested parties, is the thing most to be feared by those for whom the *American* is especially desirous to speak. Hence the annoyance that the fear of such an appointment gives to that paper. The mild suggestion, that if Col. Woolford will draw his salary in peace, and make no effort to discover the inequalities in taxation, he will be permitted to pass without antagonism, is likely we think, to be wasted on that gentleman. The threats of antagonism from such a source have no terror for him. He has had the whole pack of yelping curs barking at him at once, too frequently to be dismayed by any threat of that sort at this time. Any man who has been as constantly abused for his efforts to sustain the rights of the people and of the State, against the encroachments of those who are anxious to profit by the undermining of both, and who, notwithstanding the noise and clatter of his opponents, has uniformly commanded the firm support of the people and the Legislature, may well afford to smile at the threats, while he is indignant at the terms of conciliation. We therefore say to the *American*, that from our knowledge of the man, we feel perfectly assured that no efforts of immunity from abuse, will be any temptation to him to refuse to do his whole duty, whether the performance of that duty involves the displeasure of the wealthy and powerful of the opposition, or even of his own party, (if such there be who desire to evade their just proportion of the burdens of the government), or merely elicits the scurrilous abuse of the radical organs. The latter he has a right to expect in any event, if he does his duty, and the former he must brave if necessary to do so. That journal may as well be assured that no considerations of personal comfort will prevent him from doing his duty to the State and to the people. He has the confidence of the people in an exceptional degree, and in the position to which he is likely to be called, he will require and use all the boldness and determination to stand by the interests of the commonwealth, which he has shown on former occasions of trial and vexation. We predict that, if he accepts the position, he will perform the duties without dismay from the threats of the radical thunderer, and that he will spurn the proffered offer to sleep on his post and permit injustice to be done by the powerful, in order that he may thereby enjoy immunity from that vexation which every faithful officer in such a situation must expect from such sources.

Letter from Rock Hall.

Editors Kent News:—Sunday we had an enthusiastic meeting at the church, the object being to petition the Grand Jury not to grant liquor license within two miles of Rock Hall. Several home-spun speeches were made, which, if not eloquent, were thoroughly in earnest, and listened to with kindly interest by a crowded audience, who appeared to feel that they each had something to do in suppressing the damning sin of the nineteenth century. We most sincerely hope and trust that the Honorable Body will see the propriety of giving us their protection against the most terrible nuisance of the age. If none but those who have already acquired the habit were to come under its influence we should care less, but we have a set of young boys growing up. They are just as good and bad as boys have always been, irrepressibly mischievous and scampish. Our great wish is to keep them out of the way of temptation; and yet we owe much to some of our worst drinkers who last fall voted for local option, with the avowed object of keeping liquor out of their own reach, not having self-control enough to let it alone when they can obtain it. The petition was numerously signed by many of the ladies, who, feeling that they were the real sufferers by intemperance, had the courage to join their names with the sterner sex, by which we mean to triumph, if not now, in the near future, if "a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether" has not lost its efficacy. We have had no licensed groggery in the neighborhood the last year, and the writer cannot call to mind a single case of intoxication that has come under his notice; whereas heretofore scarcely a week passed that some—often as many as twenty—went by his door "roarin' on." There have been cases of downright beastly drunkenness, but the number has decreased at least 75 per cent. The remaining are cases that the best thing to be done would be to shut them up with a barrel of whiskey each and drink themselves to death, which they will be sure to do, sooner or later.

Our Lyceum is getting into good working order, and well attended. There is already a perceptible elevation in the tone of the membership. The inquiry after knowledge with them is fast taking the place of the ribald jest. We have quite a respectable library, and all seem to evince an eagerness to read, which takes the place of lounging around the stores, ejecting tobacco juice into the eyes of dogs during leisure hours. In the hall we have just quarreling enough to make things spicy. One pretty good fellow got a bug in his ear three weeks ago from some remarks of the observer, and has not been back since; but we hope he will see the folly of making himself a "dog with a sore head in fly time," and come back and we will give him a chance to pay back in the same coin. One got mad at the last meeting, but he is too good a fellow to hate himself more than a week at a time, so we expect to see him at the next meeting prepared to take a joke. Considering the earnestness which our coming men now evince in the pursuit of knowledge, it seems a cruelty which no jury will be guilty of to permit a grog shop to be re-established among us, especially when none even hint at opening a house of entertainment for strangers whom business or pleasure may bring to our neighborhood.

April 10, 1878. Scrutator.

Letter from a School-Boy.

Lambson's Station, April 16, 1878.

Messrs. Editors:—As I have never seen a letter in your paper from Lambson's Station, I thought I would give you a few items concerning our school. We have an excellent teacher, Mr. F. Hall, and we all like him very much, for he gives us so much instruction and explains all to us that we need. We have a nice book now introduced into our school—the new School History of the United States; it is so full of instruction, and tells us of the father of our country, George Washington, and of all the leading statesmen.

It is my chief delight to study and to learn all I can, so that when I get to be a man I will understand what is going on in our own and in foreign countries. We all like to have our Examiner come around and see how we are progressing. This is my first attempt at writing for your good paper, but if these few lines are not beneath your notice you shall hear from me again.

A School-Boy.

Baltimore's "New York One-Price Cash Clothing House" has gained a sterling reputation, and as a consequence is successful. In these times of low fare on the steamboats, there is a great deal of going to Baltimore. Those who go there to buy clothes may save money by calling and making their purchases at the New York One Price Clothing Store, 184 West Baltimore street. *

DIED:

Suddenly, in Still Pond, April 13th, CECILIA A., wife of John F. Moffett, and daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Bassford.

At the residence of his parents near Millington, of Croup, on the 22d of March, JESSE GIBSON, aged 2 years, 1 month and 16 days.

A PROTEST FROM MR. GEEKIE.

SHALL IT BE SHEEP or SHALL IT BE DOGS?

To the Editors of the Kent News—Sirs: I desire to make, through the medium of your columns, a temperate and respectful appeal to the better and more manly feeling of that portion of the public with which I am personally concerned as a neighbor. I thought fit to abandon a respectable and profitable business, which happened to be uncongenial to my taste, and to come to Kent county, Md., designing to return, as it were, to first principles, and become a tiller of the soil. I brought my money here with me, and I invested it in this garden spot of our State, seeking, as a man generally does under such circumstances, the establishment of a cheerful and happy home for myself and family. I have my own ideas about agriculture, and I presume that as long as I entertain my own ideas at my own expense I might be permitted to do so in peace, or at least with immunity. It would appear, sirs, that a large class here prefer to regard a man with ideas of his own as a criminal and an interloper. I choose to devote my property to the raising of sheep, and I do so for what seem to be good and sufficient reasons. It never occurred to me, sirs, when I undertook to do so that my sheep were to become mutton for everybody's worthless dogs within miles of me. I have lost by these dogs no fewer than one hundred and five sheep and lambs within three years, and the only fault that I have committed, so far as I know, has been that I have drawn too wide a distinction between some worthless hounds that have been killed upon my farm and their masters. There is a certain legendary and traditionary respectability about fox-hunting, which is susceptible of being honestly admired where it really exists. It is a quality that poorly comports with the pork-lined viscera of impoverished mortgagee; it is a quality inconsistent with agrarian outrages in Chestertown, at the door of the court house itself, and with the connivance and encouragement of an officer sworn to protect the peace; it is a quality barely reconcilable with the gross insults that I and my family have been subjected to, or the brutal threats that have been uttered against us and applauded in the presence of justice itself; in fine, it is a quality consistent with the character of a gentleman and one having a decent regard for his neighbor, and it consequently has no existence here.

There is a broad sheet of water between me and some of these neighbors—"save the mark!" I would to Heaven it were miles wider. There are honest and sterling gentlemen here, sirs,—as good men and true as one could wish to meet, and I have their sympathy and encouragement as far as they can show either; but they and I plainly see that this is a conspiracy to drive me from the Eastern Shore, which is no place for a man to assert a proprietary interest in his own sheep. Of the others, many have been to my house and have eaten salt at my table. They have been good enough to smack their lips over different varieties of it that I have always set out for them on my sideboard; and you would be astonished, sirs, at the heartiness, the readiness and the velocity with which they could prepare themselves to give an opinion of its quality. One of them, who spoke in thoughtful praise of what had been in his glass, was the counsel subsequently of the persons opposed to me in my recent case at Chestertown. Yet he could find no words too strong to express his approval of the speech of a gentleman who, though no fox-hunter, would bring a pack of hounds on my estate and take them off again, or "die in his tracks."

Am I to understand, sirs, that I am to be driven out of all the fair prospect of my home? That I am to be compelled, as have been others before me, to fly the country with a pack of hounds, fattened on my sheep and lambs, yelping derisively at my heels? I came here to enjoy an estate I bought; to cultivate it peaceably and make it a homestead for my family. I designed to introduce a profitable branch of agriculture too long neglected in this part of the country. I asked no odds, no favors of any one. My house has always been open to my neighbors of any degree, and no one could leave it hungry or athirst. All I have wished was to be allowed to live in peace, and enjoy that protection of my property that civilized communities are supposed to confer. Is it possible, sirs, that there is not sufficient decent feeling and honest sentiment in the public that I address to sustain me? Is there no element in it to which I can turn for encouragement and support, and that will not silently and unprotectingly see a man wronged and grossly outraged? I believe there is, sirs, and I shall endeavor to solicit and to deserve its sympathy.

Your obedient servant,
CHAS. W. GEEKIE.

STEEL BARB FENCE WIRE for sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.

WHITE WASH BRUSHES—a large assortment for sale very cheap by
April 20, 1878. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

ATTENTION FARMERS and STOCK RAISERS!
The Improved WEANER for Cows, Calves and Colts.
For sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.
April 20, 1878.

THE CORNER STONE of the new Catholic Church in Chestertown will be laid SUNDAY, April 28, at 3 o'clock, P. M. apr20-2t.

TO THE LADIES.
I am prepared to give personal attention to MANTUA-MAKING in all its branches. Satisfaction guaranteed in Cutting and Fitting.
JOSEPHINE DAVIS,
Main St., opp. Gen. Vickers' residence.
April 20, 1878—3t.

FOR SALE,
A FARM of 150 ACRES,
beautifully located on the road nearly opposite Washington College, ½ mile from Chestertown. C. H. BAKER, Att'y,
a20-3t. Chestertown, Md.

KENT CO., SMYRNA,
And DELAWARE BAY R. R.
$50 REWARD!
The above reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person found PLACING ANY OBSTRUCTION of any kind on the above named Railroad, or *Breaking Glasses or interfering in any way with the Telegraph Line.*
FRED. GERKER, Lessee.
April 20, 1878—3t.

A LARGE and FINE ASSORTMENT of
SPRING CLOTHING
Just Received at
T. S. BORDLEY'S
POPULAR CLOTHING STORE.
☞ Regular half-column advertisement will appear next week. 1t.

NOTICE! NOTICE!
Fine Seed SWEET POTATOES for sale either at my house, or the Seed Store of C. F. STAM, Chestertown.
a6-3t.* EDW. SLAUGHTER.

FOR SALE.
MY HOUSE AND LOT, in Galena.
For terms, &c., apply to C. T. WESTCOTT, Att'y at Law, Chestertown, Md.
apr6-4t. WM. K. SUTTON.

LOST, on the 28th ult., between Chestertown and Worton Station, a double, black plaid SHAWL, cherry ground. The finder by returning said shawl to the subscriber, or leaving it at the Kent News office, will be liberally rewarded.
MRS. THOS. W. HYNSON,
a6-3t near Chestertown.

$50,000 TO LOAN in sums to suit, on good farms in Kent county.
THOS. HILL,
Fayette and St. Paul St.,
mh30m. Baltimore, Md.

FOR SALE.
A Fine Size MILCH COW, five years old, fresh, with calf by her side. Milking qualities and gentleness guaranteed. S. H. CRAWFORD,
apr13-4t. Fairlee, Md.

WANTED, A PURCHASER
For a first-class stand in Dry Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes. Determination of sale will be satisfactorily explained by applying to JOSEPH ROSE,
Bordley's Corner, No. 1.
mh23-6t. Chestertown, Md.

DRIED APPLES and PEACHES, the best in the market, at
apr13. ELLIOTT'S, Up Town.

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

PLOW CASTINGS

OF all the approved and desirable patterns, MINOR & HORTON, HECKENDORN, CONCAVE and WILEY, besides other makes; a large stock now being received by
THOMAS S. WICKES.
April 17, 1878.

Plow Bridles, A. L. Scotch Collars,
And other PLOW GEARING,
of superior grades, and cheap, for sale by
April 17, 1878. T. S. WICKES.

HE-NO TEA!
A mixed Tea of really fine quality, and for sale at an extremely low figure considering its value.
THOMAS S. WICKES.
Chestertown, April 17, 1878.

NEW GOODS
JUST RECEIVED AT
BURGESS'
Opposite the Bank, CHESTERTOWN.
A splendid assortment of Illustrated Mottoes; Mottoes in black mats; Floral panel Mottoes and Chromos. White and black perforated Mottoes. Motto and Picture Frames.
Stereoscopes, Centennial Views, Oleographs, Paper Mache Card Frames.
Children's Carriages and Wagons,
Gum Balls, all sizes, Base Balls and Bats,
TOBACCO and CIGARS.
FRESH SWEET ORANGES,
COCOANUTS and LEMONS,
French and Common CANDIES.
Prunes, Figs, Nuts of all kinds.
Lamp Chimneys and Wick, Soap, Starch, Blueing, &c.
Window Polish, the best thing out for cleaning glass.
Butter and Eggs taken in exchange for goods. April 20—3t.

SOUTHERN STATES AGENCY
For WATERS' *World Renowned*
Organs & Pianos.
ALL Ministers, Music & School Teachers supplied with instruments at confidential prices. These ORGANS are acknowledged by all competent judges to be the King of Organs. Illus. catalogues, testimonials and advice to purchasers sent free. ☞ Exceeding low prices to clubs, and persons who will introduce them in new places. For my part credit prices, &c. Will give every possible inducement to buyers. New styles and latest reduced prices just out. Orders can be left with Mr. H. RICKEY, at the Bank, or addressed to WM. K. JUDEFIND,
Edesville, Kent county, Md.,
Gen'l Agent for the Southern States.
☞ All kinds Sheet and Book Music at one-third off publisher's prices. Refer to M. P. Ministry generally.
☞ Instruments shipped direct from factory in N. Y., each warranted 5 years.
April 20, 1878.

Commissions Received.

NOTICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICERS.

THE COMMISSIONS for JUSTICES OF THE PEACE and other local officers, recently appointed for Kent county, whose term of office will commence on the FIRST DAY OF MAY proximo, were received at the Clerk's Office, Chestertown, on the

15th of April, 1878.

Said appointees are hereby notified

TO QUALIFY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS,

from the said date, otherwise their places will be vacated, as provided by law.

D. C. BLACKISTON.
Clerk Circuit Court for Kent Co.
April 20, 1878—2t.

☞ A Grand Spring OPENING.—*A Beautiful Stock of Men's, Youth's and Boys' CLOTHING.* It is an undeniable fact that S. MERRITT has the largest, best and cheapest stock of SPRING CLOTHING in Kent county.
He is offering an entire new stock just received. Call early.
S. MERRITT,
Apr. 13. Adjoin'g J. K. Aldridge's.

FINAL NOTICE.

TAX-PAYERS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT indebted to me for 1876 or 1877 are notified that I am compelled to close my books at once, and all Taxes not settled by the first day of June next will be collected in the shortest manner by due process of law.

F. H. BOULDEN,
apr13-7t. Coll. 2d Dist.

NOTICE

U. S. Internal Revenue
SPECIAL TAXES.

UNDER the Revised Statutes of the United States, Sections 3232, 3237, 3238, and 3239, every person engaged in any business, avocation or employment, which renders him liable to a special tax, is required to *procure and place and keep conspicuously in his establishment or place of business* a STAMP denoting the payment of said special tax for the special-tax year beginning May 1, 1878. Section 3244, Revised Statutes, designates who are liable to special tax. A return, as prescribed on Form 11, is also *required by law* of every person liable to special tax as above.

Severe penalties are prescribed for non-compliance with the foregoing requirements, or for continuing in business after April 30, 1878, without payment of tax.

For Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Accomac & Northampton, application should be made to L. A. C. GERRY, Dep. Coll. Internal Revenue at Port Deposit, Md. Office at Wooters' Drug Store, Centreville, Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, May 7 and 8. At Court House, CHESTERTOWN, Friday & Saturday, May 10 & 11.

JAMES McINTIRE,
apr6-4t. *Collector.*

SURVEYING.
THE undersigned offers his services as
LAND SURVEYOR
to the citizens of Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Special attention given to laying out and dividing land and drawing plots. Orders left with C. H. BAKER, Att'y at Law, Chestertown, Md., will be promptly attended to. May be seen in Chestertown Saturday afternoons.
Or address COMEGYS BROWN,
apr13. Chestertown, Md.

PLANTS! PLANTS!
On the 6th I bedded fifty baskets of the very best SWEET POTATOES, the earliest known, Pale red Chunks and Yellow Nansemond. By the 10th of May you can call on us, if you have your plants to buy, and we gaurantee good count and good plants, raised without glass. In a few weeks we shall have Cabbage Plants for $1.25 per thousand. J. R. BECK,
apr13-3t. *near Lynch's.*

Oysters! Oysters!
LARGE STEWS will be served at the Restaurant of the undersigned during Court at 40 cts. per plate. JOHN ARMSTRONG.
April 13—2t.

ON EXHIBITION! *The FINEST set of HARNESS* ever made on the Peninsula; gold mounted, and of Moffatt's best leather. Call and examine before they are taken away, at WM. W. COPPER'S
apr13. Harness Shop, Chestertown.

Spring and Summer!
1878.

Important Announcement!

"PRO BONO PUBLICO."

J. FRANK CONNELLY
Having just returned from the "Monumental City," is able to offer to the citizens of Kent and adjoining counties the
FINEST, BEST and CHEAPEST STOCK OF
CLOTHING
ever before on exhibition, and at prices that are surprising.

We are selling

BOYS' SUITS	worth $7.00	at $5.50
YOUTHS'	" $14.00	$11.00
MEN'S	" $10.00	$8.00

Gents' Furnishing Goods.
We flatter ourselves to say that we have the finest and best selected stock of Gents' Furnishing Goods ever before offered to the public.
We are selling the celebrated CROWN SHIRT at $1.25.

BOOTS and SHOES.
We have added to our stock of Clothing a fine stock of BOOTS AND SHOES for Spring and Summer wear.
☞ Don't fail to visit our establishment before purchasing, as an examination of our stock will convince that what we say is not to be doubted, as we are determined not to be undersold.
☞ No trouble to show goods.
Most respectfully,
J. FRANK CONNELLY,
Apr. 20, 1878. CHESTERTOWN.

NEW STORE!
Corner Queen & High Sts.
I WOULD most respectfully inform the public that I have just opened a NEW and well selected Stock of Goods in the store corner Queen and High Sts., Chestertown, opposite A. J. Cahall's, where I will be pleased to wait upon them with anything in my line of business.
I keep a GENERAL STOCK, embracing
DRY GOODS,
NOTIONS, GROCERIES,
TOBACCO, CIGARS,
BOOTS, SHOES,
Wood and Willow-ware, &c.
Our GROCERIES include
White and Brown SUGARS, COFFEES, TEAS, FLOUR, MOLASSES, SYRUP, HAMS, BACON, LARD, SALT, PEPPER, COAL OIL, &c.
We sell the celebrated PEARL SHIRT, the best and most perfect fitting Shirt made.
☞ The public are invited to call and examine our goods. Our motto is
'Quick Sales & Small Profits'
☞ Call and see me one and all. You are welcome at all times. This is the place to buy good and cheap goods.
Produce taken and highest market price paid in goods.
Public's obd't serv't,
J. STAFFORD, JR.
April 13.

KENNEDYVILLE SHOPS.
SHAFER & MEDDERS.
BLACKSMITHING and WHEELWRIGHTING.
All kinds of Machinery Repaired.
Mowers, Reapers and Farming Utensils a specialty.
We are now prepared to do all kinds work in our line. Make to order
FARM WAGONS.
PEACH DEARBORNS,
CARTS, TRUCKS,
Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, &c., &c.
Cultivator Teeth of two different styles, best steel.
Particular attention given to HORSE SHOEING.
☞ We keep on hand a large stock of the best and well seasoned material, thereby guaranteeing satisfaction. We hope to receive a good share of patronage.
We are also agents for Buckeye Mower & Reaper; Monitor and Eclipse Engines and Sweepstake Thresher & Horse Rakes.
☞ Send your Reapers and Machines out early for repairs.
SHAFER & MEDDERS,
April 13. KENNEDYVILLE.

Special Notice!
READ! READ!
S. MERRITT
Has on hand the FINEST STOCK of
SPRING HATS,
Scarfs, Ties, Bows, &c.,
ever offered in Kent county, at the very lowest prices.
Also, a full line of Gentlemen's Shirts, Gloves, Collars, Cuffs, Hose, Suspenders, fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, &c., of various qualities and prices.
A large stock of Over-alls and Shirts for laboring men at prices to please all.
He is offering the above named articles cheaper than can be purchased elsewhere.
☞ Give me a call soon.
S. MERRITT,
Between Aldridge's and Burchinal's.
April 6, 1878.

SUN GUANO.
SUN GUANO.
The above goods has been on this market for several years as a Corn Fertilizer, and in neighborhoods where it has been well tested it is generally regarded as second to none.
FOR SALE BY
T. W. ELIASON, JR.,
At the LOW PRICE of
$32 PER TON,
on 10 months time, delivered here or on board of vessel in Baltimore.

Black Residuum,
Guaranteed to Prevent Corn from Frenching.
Will pay the Farmer whose land generally frenches the Corn two or three hundred per cent.
☞ Have yet to hear of the first failure where a fair trial was made.
☞ For sale at the low price of
$12.50 Per Ton,
By T. W. ELIASON, JR.
April 6—tf.

HORNER'S
Ammo. Super Phosphate.
Soluble S. Carolina Phosphate,
TWO GRADES.
For sale by T. W. ELIASON, JR.
apr13-tf.

WHITELOCK
VEGETATOR!
For OATS, CORN, GRASS, POTATOES and other Vegetables.
Dissolved Bones,
Warranted entirely pure.
W. WHITELOCK,
a6-2m. 44 South St., Baltimore.

Attention, Farmers!
I HAVE just made arrangements with the United States Fertilizing and Chemical Co., of Philadelphia, which will enable me to furnish their
Philadelphia Standard Phosphate,
FROM THE CARS AT THIS STATION, FOR
$30 per Ton.
This Phosphate is said to be second to none for application to corn, wheat, &c. Farmers will do well to give it a trial. It will be sold on as liberal terms as any other Fertilizer offered in this market. Call and examine the analysis and sample.
JOS. E. WEER, Agt.,
apr13-3t. Kennedyville.

NEW GOODS!
THE subscriber has just returned from the city with a
FULL LINE of NEW GOODS,
which he offers at bottom prices for cash or trade. Call at the
POST OFFICE in KENNEDYVILLE,
and satisfy yourselves that goods are Cheaper than ever.
April 13, 1878. JOS. E. WEER.

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, Boots and Shoes, cheap, at the Post Office.
Kennedyville, Md. *Jos. E. Weer.*

A FRESH STOCK of Groceries, Confectionery, Fruits, &c., for sale by
April 13, 1878. *Jos. E. Weer.*

LANDRETH'S and Ferry's Garden Seeds for sale by *Jos. E. Weer.*

DRUGS, Medicine, Paints, Glass, Putty, Oil, &c., for sale by
April 13. *Jos. E. Weer.*

PHYSICIANS' Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours, and at lowest rates, by *Jos. E. Weer.*

THE ALLEN Cultivators, Teeth and Plates for do., by *Jos. E. Weer,*
April 13, 1878. Kennedyville, Md.

BUILDING HARDWARE, very low; also, Shovels, Forks, Spades, at very reduced prices, by *Jos. E. Weer.*

BROOMS, Brushes, Buckets and Tubs, Plow Traces, Lines, &c., for sale by
April 13. *Jos. E. Weer.*

TOBACCO, CIGARS, SNUFF, &c., for sale by *Jos. E. Weer.*

BRIDLES, Collars, Halters, Hitching Straps, Back Bands, & Hame Straps, for sale by *Jos. E. Weer.*

CUCUMBER PUMPS furnished to order by *Jos. E. Weer,*
April 13, 1878. Kennedyville.

ROWLAND & WAY,
Lumber Dealers,
PORT DEPOSIT, MD.,
Respectfully invite the attention of Builders, Farmers and others in want of Lumber, to an examination of their stock.
They have a full and varied assortment of
WHITE PINE PLANK, BOARDS and FENCING.
HEMLOCK PLANK, BOARDS and FENCING.
JOISTS, SCANTLING & BILL STUFF.
WHITE AND YELLOW PINE AND HEMLOCK FLOORING.
¼ and ⅜ INCH WHITE PINE SIDING.
WHITE PINE AND CYPRESS GERMAN SIDING.
DRESSED WHITE PINE LUMBER FOR FINISHING.
White Pine and Cypress SHINGLES.
White Pine and Hemlock PICKETS, LATHS, &c., &c.
All of which they propose to sell at prices corresponding with the present depression, as their advantages for securing Lumber at the most favorable rates are not excelled by any.
ROWLAND & WAY,
mh30-3m. PORT DEPOSIT, MD.

THE TIME to Buy BOOTS and SHOES:
NOW.
The PLACE to buy:
JOS. H. THOMPSON'S,
under Kent News office.
☞ I am engaged exclusively in the Boot and Shoe business, and Ladies and others in want of nice goods and lowest prices will find it to their interest to call and see me before purchasing elsewhere.
JOS. H. THOMPSON,
mh23. Boot and Shoe store.

WHITEWASH BRUSHES, all sizes and prices, for sale cheap.
mar2. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.