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The Kent News.

SATURDAY - - - - - DEC. 14, 1878.

GEORGE DRAPER, colored, convicted at New Castle, Del., of murder in the second degree, having killed his landlord, John Wilson, at Middletown, with an ax on the 22d of September, was sentenced on Monday to pay a fine of $1,000, to stand one hour in the pillory, to receive 60 lashes and to be imprisoned for life.

CONGRESSMAN COX, of Ohio, favors running Vice President William A. Wheeler as the Republican candidate for President in 1880. Bob Ingersoll says Blaine is the man to lubricate the Republican machine in 1880. Senator Conkling's friends are pressing his claims, and Conkling will not give in without a strong fight. The Wheeler movement is evidently aimed at Conkling, they both being New York men, and no doubt Blaine is at the bottom of it.

THE New Jersey Court of Appeals decided on Saturday the question of jurisdiction involved in the case of Hunter, convicted of the murder of Jas. M. Armstrong, and confirmed the action of the Camden court. The execution is fixed for the 10th day of January. It is reported that there will be an appeal to the United States Supreme Court on the question of jurisdiction.

THE jury in the case Harley G. Brown, on trial at New Castle, Del., on the charge of wrecking a passenger train on Delaware railroad in June last, whereby four lives were lost, on Saturday rendered a verdict of man slaughter. In passing sentence the court said that in his case there was no excuse, and, in view of all the circumstances, the utmost penalty would be imposed. Sentence, $4,000 fine and five years' imprisonment. The Wilmington *Morning Herald* is dissatisfied with the verdict and thinks the prisoner should have been convicted of a higher grade of crime.

GOV. HAMPTON, of S. C., who received such serious injuries to one of his legs some time ago by being thrown from a mule while hunting, had the wounded limb amputated Tuesday below the knee. His system is believed to be in such condition as to promise hopeful results. The incident was not unaccompanied by other encouraging circumstances. The Legislature on Tuesday elected him to the United States Senate. He received the unanimous vote of the Senate, Republican as well as Democratic. In the House he received the votes of all except two colored members, who voted for Mackey.

WORTHY OF NOTE.—The Hon. Pinkney Whyte, U. S. Senator, was right in saying, that "there is less to complain of in the management of the executive, judicial and financial departments of this State than of any State in the Union." No man can deny the truth of this statement, and we are gratified in recording the fact that we have no defaulting State officers. We have an honorable and upright Governor; a pure and spotless Judiciary, and a Comptroller and Treasurer capable and trustworthy to guard the finances of the State; all of whom in their different and responsible positions reflect the highest credit upon the State, and all Marylanders may well feel proud of them. The financial affairs of the State present a most healthy condition, and the State is at all times prepared to meet her obligations and with a surplus in the treasury. This is the fruits of Democratic rule.

FATAL RESULT OF SHOOTING IN POCOMOKE CITY, MD.—Miss Ella Hearn, who was shot in the head, November 5, by Miss Lizzie Duer, at Pocomoke City, Worcester county, Md., died on Friday evening, December 6. The young ladies were intimate friends. The shooting, which was ascribed to accident at the time of its occurrence, happened at the house of Miss Hearn. It is insisted upon by her friends that the shooting was accidental, but there is a story going the rounds that Miss Hearn had been threatened before the shooting, and that Miss Duer had became jealous of another young lady, for whom Miss Hearn had exhibited marked affection. Both the young ladies are respectably connected, and Miss Duer is reported to be intelligent and strikingly handsome. It is very probable that a coroner's investigation will bring out the truth of the unfortunate affair.

THE Trustees of the Queen Anne's Almshouse have awarded the contract for furnishing 5,000 lbs., pork to J. A. Bennett and Jas. T. Earle at 3.97 per hundred lbs. The contract for furnishing 40 cords of wood was awarded to J. B. Kline at $1.96 per cord delivered.

THERE are gloomy reports from the low lands of Dorchester and Somerset counties. The high tides last fall having inundated the farm lands, all traces of fertility in most of the farms have been destroyed.

A WELL-KNOWN Cecil county farmer, who is able to pay for half a dozen first class funerals, has ordered a cheap coffin and given particular directions to his relatives not to put on any style at his funeral.

ON Saturday last Hon. Wm. J. Leib, member of the last Legislature for Frederick county, fell from the Monocacy bridge, a distance of 35 feet. He escaped with a few slight bruises.

DR. STUMP, of Perryville, recently killed sixteen canvass-back ducks at one shot from the shore of the farm of John Stump, Esq., on the Susquehanna river.

THE application of Thomas A. Edison for a patent for his electric light has been favorably passed upon by the patent office, at Washington.

A WORKINGMAN of Snow Hill, while repairing his roof last week, found an old buckskin purse containing sixteen dollars in gold.

PRINCE, the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Boston was elected on Tuesday, having a plurality of 1,537.

A LADY in Somerset county is just finishing a bed quilt which she began 52 years ago. It contains 6,000 pieces.

A NEW ZEALANDER has invented a gun for driving nails, which can do the work of a dozen men.

ONE of Milford's sportsmen gets $30 per head for training young dogs for parties in Philadelphia.

EASTON has decided to purchase another hand engine instead of getting a steam engine.

MR. JOSEPH THOMPSON, of Baltimore city, delivered his lecture on "Opportunities" last Tuesday evening at the Town Hall. The number of persons present was few, owing to the inclemency of the weather. The speaker said that his subject was a marginal one—like Mr. J. B. Gough's "Blunders"—into which a writer might throw a little of everything, and he had profited by his opinion. By way of preface he said opportunities were only opportunities when we avail ourselves of them. He compared them as to a flower upon a stalk; they bloom and deaden, but the stalk of Time ever stands. He told several amusing stories of intemperance. He did not, as he said, wish to deliver a temperance lecture, but only to show that more opportunities were lost by gratifying the passion for drink than any other. His audience was very generally pleased, and it is to be regretted that the night should have proved so stormy that but a few had the opportunity to hear him.

ROBBERY OF A CHESTERTOWN MERCHANT.—Mr. N. G. Westcott, a merchant of this town, was robbed at Barnum's Hotel, Baltimore, on Wednesday night, of $210 in money and a gold watch and chain valued at $140. The thief effected an entrance to his room while he was asleep. Some bank checks and other valuables in his pocket-book were left undisturbed, and nothing but money was taken. Mr. Westcott had settled bills the previous afternoon amounting to upwards of $600. The case has been put in the hands of the detectives, and if nothing is recovered it is understood the loss will be indemnified by the hotel proprietors.

LECTURE AT MASSEYS.—As will be seen by notice in another column, Mr. Geo. Colton, the intelligent, genial and humorous editor of the *Maryland Republican*, will deliver a lecture at Masseys on Tuesday evening next, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the benefit of the P. E. Church at that place. We hope our friends will turn out in force and give him a proper reception. A few weeks ago he delivared this lecture at Catonsville, Baltimore county, for the benefit of the library of the literary association at that place, and a writer in the *Maryland Journal*, published at Towsontown, in speaking of it says "that to be appreciated it must be heard; and that for more than an hour Mr. Colton held the large audience, consisting of more than four hundred people, spell-bound, and his eloquence and humor kept them in a constant roar of laughter and applause." As Mr. Colton charges nothing for his services and pays his own expenses, and the cause is a charitable one, we hope to see a large attendance.

REVIVAL IN THE MATRIMONIAL MARKET.—Several recent marriages in town have afforded our eligible bachelors and maidens subjects for comment and *encouragement*. In our last issue we published the *fate* of our esteemed friend and down-town merchant, Mr. A. J. Cahall. He "went off" so quietly that his nearest friends were taken by surprise. Miss Moody, his selected bride, is a most estimable young lady.

On Tuesday morning Mr. James S. Bradley, one of our grocery merchants, took to himself a wife in the person of Miss Joe. Davis. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride on High Street, by Rev. Mr. Hutchin, and the happy couple took passage on the morning train for Philadelphia on a brief wedding tour.

On Wednesday morning, in the M. P. Church, a large company gathered to witness the marriage of T. A. Newman, Esq., of Georgetown, D. C., and Miss Celeno V. Jessop, of this county. Rev. Dr. J. T. Murray, of the former place, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Mr. McClintock, of the M. E. Church, a brother-in-law of the bride. Two little girls, nieces of the bride, "stood up" with her and did the honors of bridesmaids. It is said this is the "latest style." We can't say that we like it. It might be better under such a trying ordeal to have the *big* sister near by to assist in steadying the nerves! The work was well done, however, on this occasion, though the bride *did* look a little frightened when she consented to "obey" her future liege lord—which, by the way, is a part of the ceremony our facetious friend has often been heard to say she *never would* say "yes" to. The wedding party left immediately after the marriage on the steamer "Ford" and a reception in their honor was given in Congress street M. P. Church, Georgetown, the same evening.

THE BIGGEST HOGS.—An unusual number of large porkers have been slaughtered in town this fall, though the heaviest does not reach that of former years, and several country "pens" that we have heard of beat them a long ways. Mr. E. S. Clothier, of Poplar Neck, killed three which weighed 1,894 pounds—an average of 631 pounds each! If anybody in Kent can beat this we'd like to hear from him. Mr. Frank Baker, at Bakerville, killed three which aggregated 1,490 lbs., and we think Mr. B. will be entitled to the second prize. Mr. Joseph Rasin, near the Trappe, killed thirteen weighing 4,043; largest 413, average 311. John N. Usilton, Esq., near this town, had four to weigh something over 1,600 lbs., and the following are some of the heaviest in town: Mrs. D. Gruber, 485; Milton Baker, 466; Wm. Perkins, four, 459, 423, 387, 381; J. W. Carroll, 453; Kitty Toomey, 429; Sheriff Davis, two, 409, 404; Capt. Thompson, 396; A. P. Carroll, two, 336, 346; J. F. Howard, 325; Wm. Burk, 324; J. W. Parsons, 309; Henry Thompson, 306½; Dan. Brown, 376; Tom Wright, 336.

NEWSPAPER WAR.—The Centreville *Record* having reduced its subscription to one dollar a year, the *Observer* has retaliated by coming down to seventy-five cents. This is a suicidal policy on the part of both publishers, and can only result in pecuniary loss. Persons who want a good country paper are willing to pay a fair price for it, and it is questionable whether a circulation can be materially increased by reducing the price below the cost of publication. We advise the publishers to cease hostilities and go back to former rates.

REOPENING.—The M. E. Church, at Sassafras, having undergone thorough repair, was reopened last Sabbath. Rev. J. B. Mann, of Union M. E. Church, Wilmington, preached both morning and night. The building being of brick, the walls were very damp, but this has been remedied by studding and lathing. The walls have been nicely papered, and the whole interior repainted. The whole cost was $350, which was secured by cash and subscriptions at the morning and night collections.

THE DODSON TRIAL—*Acquittal of the Prisoners.*—The trial of Mrs. Dodson, Newcomb and Vincent was commenced at New Castle on Tuesday, and concluded the following evening by the jury rendering a verdict of not guilty. An alibi was was clearly established by the evidence of the Dodson children. A report of the case will be found on the next page.

A HANDSOME PRESENT.—Mr. C. F. Stam, druggist and stationer, has presented us with a magnificent gold pen, of the manufacture of Aiken, Lambert & Co., New York. These pens are sold at a reduced price, and besides the pleasure of writing with them, are much cheaper in the long run than the ordinary steel pen. It is claimed that they never wear out.

ONE of the best assortments of Christmas goods in Chestertown is to be found at the Drug Store of T. W. Wickes. Persons contemplating making presents can find numerous suitable articles in his beautiful collection.

S. M. REYNOLDS & Co.'s "holiday announcement" was received too late for insertion this week. It includes great attractions at THREE STORES: Dry Goods, No. 1 Cochran Square; Clothing, No. 2 Cochran Square; Grocery, No. 2 South Broad street, Middletown, Del. A full line in each department; beautiful, good, and at astonishingly low figures.

VENDUE.—On Wednesday next H. W. Vickers, Esq., attorney for Mrs. Susan Sparklin, will sell her property at her residence near Goose Hill.

THE Church South at Chesterville will begin a series of extra meetings on Sunday night, Dec. 15.

READ C. F. STAM'S Christmas advertisement.

THE NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH up town, which is being rapidly completed, will be dedicated on tomorrow week, 22d inst., by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Becker, D. D., of Wilmington; Rev. Father Curtis, of Baltimore, will preach the dedicatory sermon. The church is a handsome one, of Gothic design, planned by F. Baldwin, architect, of Baltimore. The foundation was laid in April by Mr. B. H. Gardner, at which time the intention was to build a frame church; after some delay it was decided to build of brick. Mr. Robert R. Calder's estimate being the lowest, he was engaged to do the brick work, and quite creditably completed it; he is a son of ex-sheriff Calder, of this county. Mr. H. M. Stuart, of this town, a builder of no mean order, did the carpenter work. He has given entire satisfaction to all concerned and his work reflects credit on our mechanics. Mr. Charles H. Taylor, who plastered the building, leaves a standing monument of his skill as a plasterer, and those who admire white-coating cannot refrain from expressing their admiration at the hardness and snow appearance of the walls. Mr. John Davis did the painting, and his work displays beauty and taste. The building contains a basement and an audience room; the basement, a very large and airy room, will be used as a Sunday School room, and for various entertainments. In this room the annual fair, which opens on Thursday after Christmas, will be held. Two heaters in the basement warm the audience room. This room has a seating capacity of about 250, and the gallery about 75. The altar is very handsomely carved; it was made by Messrs. Duker & Co., of Baltimore, as were also the frames, pews, etc.—The stained glass windows of rich and varied hues, made by Messrs. Morgan & Bro., of New York, set off the audience room, and we are inclined to believe that when finished it will be difficult to find a handsomer or more tasty room on the Eastern Shore. The front of the lot is to be adorned with a neat iron railing. The builder made especial efforts to procure home workmen wherever possible, and our mechanics have here a piece of work that they can look upon with pride.

Rev. G. S. Bradford, the pastor, has displayed indomitable zeal and energy in the prosecution of the work, and from a very small beginning he has erected a church which is an ornament to the town and a monument to his untiring industry.

That Big Tree.

Messrs. Editors Kent News:—In your columns of the 7th I notice an extract taken from *Lippincott's Magazine*, entitled "Big Trees." You wish to know about one spoken of as having been in this neighborhood. It grew on the farm now owned by C. I. B. Mitchell, Esq., on East Neck Island. It was about sixteen feet in diameter. In its hollow, before it was burned, several gentlemen dined, and a horse was ridden into the hollow, turned around and ridden out. It was burned by some coon hunters about twenty or thirty years ago. The stump remained until about fifteen years ago. Nothing now remains of this giant. There are very few persons in the Neck but who can point out the spot where it stood. READER.

Mr. R. Bennett Willson, one of the Judges of our Orphans' Court, informs us that he has rode in and out the hollow of this tree, and that it was unintentionally burned by his brother John a number of years ago in attempting to smoke out some coons. So it appears the magazine writer was correct after all.

Bishop Lay's Farewell.

Bishop Lay, Mrs. Lay and Miss Louisa Lay left Easton on Wednesday of last week for New York, and sailed thence for Europe in the steamer Wyoming. The Bishop publishes the following farewell letter in the *Easton Star*:

Allow me, Mr. Editor, the use of your columns to say something to the many friends to whom I am unable to write private letters.

First of all, I am profoundly grateful for many expressions of sympathy and affection, both in word and deed, and especially for the interest taken and the aid afforded in arrangements for going abroad.

These things remind one very impressively of his shortcomings, and cause him to regret that he has not been more deserving of such good will.

And in the next place let me say that I am very hopeful of recovery after a few months' absence.

It is true that the effort to keep up last summer reduced me to a point at which any effort at all was followed by prostration and by some painful and agitating symptoms. But I have improved already since the frosts, and I have every confidence in the assurances of my tried and skillful physicians, that by putting an interval, for a season, between myself and my accustomed responsibilities, I may hope to return in good health.

We propose to leave home on Wednesday, the 4th instant, on our way to New York, and to embark for Liverpool on the Wyoming, of the Guion line, which sails on Dec. 10.

After reaching England we expect to choose some convenient place of residence in Southern France or in Italy, where we may spend a quiet winter.

My address, while abroad, will be to the care of the Rev. F. W. Tremlett, The Parsonage, Belsize Square, London, N. W., England.

Yours, very respectfully,
HENRY C. LAY.

THE Baltimore "One-Price Original New York Clothing House," No. 184 W. Balt. street, declare that never before in the experience of all Trades has such a sacrifice been offered like the one they now make! Good Cass. Pants at $3 worth $8, Black and Blue Cheviot Suits, best quality, $15! Overcoats, splendid goods, at $6! Boys and Children's Suits at $4, worth $8; $8 worth $18, etc. The recent award to this house of a Government contract proves conclusively their ability to do exactly what they say.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Dec. 8.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. R. Hynson, exec'r of John L. Bowers, returned an inventory of the personal estate of said deceased, and received an order for sale of same. A power of attorney from Milnor Jones to Wilmer & Wirt, of Baltimore city, was received and ordered to be recorded.

THE census of the town of Centreville, taken last week, makes the entire population 1,152—751 while and 401 colored. This census, as compared with the official census of 1870, shows a gain of 237 since that period, or about 20 per ct.

A LAW OF A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.—In 1770 an act was passed by the English Parliament which provided, That all women of whatever age, rank or profession, whether virgins, maids or widows, who shall, after this act, impose upon, seduce and betray into matrimony any of his majesty's subjects, by virtue of scents, paints, cosmetics, washes, artificial teeth, Spanish wool, iron stays, bolstered hips or high heeled shoes, shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors, and the marriage under such circumstances, upon conviction of the offending party, shall be null and void.—*Maryland Law Record.*

Should such a law be put in force at this time, how many widows there would be no one can tell.

SALE OF TROTTERS.—The following trotting horses have recently been sold from the Hambleton Park training course, Mr. W. R. Merryfield, Manager: Charles E. Bowdle's chestnut mare, Mattie Kirby, to a gentleman in Philadelphia for $1,500; T. T. Seymour's gray gelding, Careless Boy, to Wm. Pollard, of Baltimore, for $600; J. K. Caulk's brown gelding, Potato Bug, to a gentleman in Baltimore, for $500; Chas. W. Bennett's bay mare, Lady May, to Luther M. Reynolds, Esq., of Baltimore, for $400; W. R. Merryfield's chestnut gelding colt, Elmo, to Mr. Jos. Halsted, of Baltimore, for $375. The net sales of the five horses, $3,525.—*Easton Star.*

THIS is the season when we all feel a renewed vigor, as it were. The boy who was too weak to walk to the corn field two weeks ago can now shoulder a gun and chase a rabbit seventeen miles before dinner.

HON. B. T. BIGGS has been in Queen Anne's county recently superintending the planting of several peach orchards on his farms, to the number of 7,000 trees. So, you see, we have not yet all lost faith in peaches.

THE basement of the new African Church, Rev. W. H. Chambers, pastor, will be dedicated tomorrow afternoon. The presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Handy, will officiate.

SNOW HILL has now four telegraph offices.—*Shield.* That beats Chestertown by three, but some persons charge that we can make up for the deficiency in *tattlers.*

REV. F. T. LITTLE, of Cumberland, Md., has received a call to an M. P. Church at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

THE directors of the Centreville bank have determined to abolish the system of renewing notes after January 1st.

REV. JAMES A. MCKENNY, D. D., a prominent clergyman of the Episcopal Church, has taken up his residence in Centreville.

W. SCOTT ROBERTS, Esq., of the Centreville *Record* was in town last week, and paid us a call.

Letter to the Kent News.

Messrs. Editors:—I have no doubt that your intelligent readers will most heartily endorse your remarks in relation to that great social nuisance, sensational reporting. I could quite easily, at any time within the current year, have sent you items "to wake up the natives" and set the whole community by the ears, and given them, too, a better foundation than forms the basis of the city reports of the Jones-Dodson yarns. It is not easy to see what good can come from printing such a mass of trash, the only tendency of which is to foster a depraved taste and lead to similar acts. The lack of news, local or general, can be no valid excuse, and the only motive which prompts the city papers to dabble in this social mire is mercenary—to increase their sales and augment their circulation. It is a matter of congratulation that the country press generally stands aloof from this degradiug course.

A protracted meeting commenced at Salem M. E. Church, under the management of the pastors, Jewell and Brewington, on the 1st instant, and is still in progress, but so far with no decided results on the outside world.

Capt. A. L. Corey has recently added a tasty and commodious room to his dwelling. The work was done by Capt. F. Wing. Bro. James Kendall, having nearly finished his new house, will soon move in. Mr. W. E. Keyser will occupy the house Mr. Kendall leaves, and Mr. J. F. Lamb will take that Mr. Keyser now occupies. Mrs. H. M. Smyth goes home to keep house for her father, and Mr. J. A. Skirven will take her residence.

Among the profitable enterprises of the vicinity is a singing school for children conducted by Mrs. A. S. Skirven in her own parlor. Mrs. S. being a thorough musician, and, what is of equal importance, an exacting teacher, the lessons are not slurred over, as is too often the case in singing schools, and if her pupils do not learn it must be from irregularity of attendance or from natural incapacity. A gentleman, who is a good musician and entirely competent to judge, has said that there is more musical talent within five miles of the village of Fairlee than in any place of the same extent known to him.

Our quiet citizens generally feel entirely safe in their homes and possessions, but a late attempt to break into the meat house of Mrs. Belle Smyth has made them a little more vigilant. Mrs. S. had just had her hogs butchered, but fortunately her pork was stored elsewhere.

Our neighborhood is infested, perhaps, in common with other localities, but here in an uncommon degree, with a horde of vile curs, making night hideous with their barking, howling, snarling and fighting. A few nights since a pack of them gathered on your friend's porch and organized a kind of Austerlitz or Waterloo engagement. Two pet calves, housed in a yard adjoining, panic stricken, broke out and fled, not stopping until they had put a good mile between them and the disturbers of their peace. The canine nuisance should be abated in the shortest way possible. What right has any part of the community to break the rest and endanger the health of the other part by their roving brutes? A dog that will not stay at home is of no use to his owner, and does not deserve to live.

I send a *needle* recently taken from the kidneys of a hog slaughtered near by. The animal was fat and healthy.—[The needle is about 1½ inches long; jet black, sharp and perfect in every respect.—Eds.]

On Monday, 9th, Major E. F. Perkins visited our public school and found it in excellent condition, and making good progress in the studies prescribed. SIMON SHARP.

Letter from Massey's.

Messrs. Editors:—Jack Darrell was shot and wounded in the arm and shoulder on last Sunday night, near Masseys, by two young men named Woods and Bailey. Darrell assaulted them with a knife and the shooting was in self-defence. His wounds are not serious.

Our farmers are very despondent over the low price of grain, yet they are selling very rapidly. Our grain merchants are very busy, and our town is made quite lively with grain wagons.

Mr. George Colton, of Annapolis, will lecture at this place on Tuesday, 17th of December, for the benefit of the Episcopal Church. His reputation as a lecturer is first-class, and we hope he may have a full house. Would be glad to welcome you, Messrs. Editors, and can assure you a hearty welcome from the ladies and gentlemen of North Kent Parish.

"Moving day" is pretty close at hand, and many of our citizens are preparing to change quarters. Will let you hear from us again.

OCCASIONAL.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

FAIR GROUNDS, Dec. 9, 1878.

Messrs. Editors:—We met earlier to-day than usual, and the whole of the afternoon was spent in the trials of different plows. The weather was unfavorable and the ground quite wet. The trials were as follows: Advance Chilled Plow, No. 17, two or three horses; when turning a furrow 14½ inches wide and 6 inches deep it drew 461 lbs. The same plow, only smaller, 13 inch furrow, 5¾ depth, drew 380 lbs. Each of these plows had what is called the jointer; it is a little mould in front, which seems to do the work well. Then a trial was made without the jointer or front mould, and it run lighter. These plows were brought out by Mr. John Bell, the agent in town. Mr. W. W. Stephens brought out two of his farm plows to test them. First came the old favorite plow, the Concave; when turning 12½ inches and 5½ depth, it drew 357¼ lbs. Next the Acme plow; 11½ inch furrow, 5¾ depth, and drew 403¾ lbs.; this plow did not seem to be in order. With this we closed, to meet next Monday, to discuss the railroad profit or loss.

Shortly after the fair some kind friend in the lower district hopped in on the association about Mr. Strong's colt, saying that it was no use for him to exhibit the colt unless he was a member of the association. We have never learned who this friend was, but we did not get insulted at all, for after the first of next May we do not believe he will talk so, and possibly he may become a member and then he will know better. Mr. Strong seemed to be sorry for the article. One of the rules of the association is that in no case is a majority of the awarding committees allowed to be members of the association, and it would be strange for outsiders to act in this way. Mr. Strong had a talk with one of the executive committee, and then the matter was taken up. His colt, through a mistake, was entered in quick draft. There was no such place for two-year olds, but we find, upon examination, that Mr. Strong's colt was well worthy of a premium. On next Monday the treasurer of the fair expects to make his final report, and then we will learn what measure of success attended it financially. Come out. M.

LUTHER MARTIN was one of the most distinguished lawyers that ever practiced at the Maryland bar. He was twice Attorney General of Maryland, and a member from our State that assisted in the Convention to form the Constitution of the United States, in 1787. He defended Aaron Burr in the celebrated trial for treason in Richmond, in 1807; in 1605 he defended Judge Chase on his impeachment trial, and in 1803 was Chief Judge of the Court of Oyer and Terminer in the city of Baltimore. The Rev. Thos. McCormick, 57 Preston St., Baltimore, has presented us with an engraved likeness of Mr. Martin, with a facsimile of his hand writing and a brief printed biographical sketch. He is prepared to furnish similar ones to order for $1 for a single copy, or three for $2, or ten for $5. He will furnish a glass and plain frame for a single copy for $1.25. L. Martin was born in 1748 and died in New York in 1826. The likeness is a marked and handsome one, and the library of every attorney, citizen and school should be furnished with it. Mr. McC. will give prompt attention to all applications.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW-YEAR is fast approaching, and every one will have some gift to bestow. We invite the attention and would direct all those in search of a useful present to the large and well known establishment of C. N. OHIM & SON, 230 W. Pratt St., near Hanover, Baltimore, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods and Clothing House, where will be found a line of overcoats—over 1300—together with their complete assortment of suits. The grandest stock of piece goods for garments to measure for everybody to select from, at greatly reduced prices. See their adv.

A CARD.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—I would most respectfully beg leave through your most valuable paper to inform all persons to whom I am indebted of my total inability to pay just now, and may not for a short time. Through no fault of mine, however, but owing to the ingratitude of one from whom I had every reason to expect treatment of a far different character. I will do the very best I can by the closest economy to pay to the last cent, for the Great Searcher of all hearts knows I have no intention of trying to defraud any one. S. W. COMEGYS.
dec14—1t. MASSEYS.

THE undersigned invites the attention of Farmers to the celebrated

Advance Chilled Plough.

This Plough was tested at the Kent Fair Ground last Monday. Also, for sale the "Big Giant" Corn and Cob Crusher, and the Improved American Fodder Cutter. Call and see samples.
JOHN BELL, Agent,
dec14. opposite the Bank.

NO. 2 Ducking Powder, Shot Gun Caps, Seine Twine and Gilling Thread, at prices as low as the lowest, at
dec14. J. B. SAPPINGTON'S.

WANTED—1,000 bushels CORN in exchange for store goods, at best market prices.
dec14. J. B. SAPPINGTON.

TRY that good BUCKWHEAT, best and purest made, only 75c. per sack of 25 lbs., at KENNARD'S.

MARRIED:

In Chestertown on Tuesday morning last, by Rev. W. H. Hutchin, Mr. JAMES S. BRADLEY and Miss M. JOSEPHINE DAVIS.

At the Methodist Protestant Church in Chestertown, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 11th, by Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Murray, THOS. ALFRED NEWMAN, Esq., of Georgetown, D. C., and Miss CELENO VICKERS JESSOP, of Kent.

At the M. E. Parsonage, Millington, Dec. 11, by Rev. T. J. Williams, Mr. JONATHAN C. MOORE to Miss SALLIE DILL, both of Millington, Kent county.

DIED:

In Swan Creek on the 9th instant, JAMES M. AYRES, aged about 64 years.

On the 9th instant, in Wyoming, Del., of Consumption, Mrs. ANNIE L. McINTYRE, wife of Rev. D. W. C. McIntyre, and daughter of James Benson, Esq., of St. Michaels, aged 27 years and 11 months.

In Broad Neck, Nov. 21st, of Pneumonia, WM. J. DICKINSON, aged 39 years.

In this county, on the 3d instant, ISAAC B. GALE, son of Isaac Gale, aged about 29 years.

At her late residence in Eastern Neck, after a long illness, Mrs. SUSAN T. COPPER, beloved wife of Mr. Samuel G. Copper, aged 67 years and 9 months. Her long affliction was sanctified to her spiritual good; she had a bright evidence of her acceptance with her Saviour. When asked by her physician if she had any preparation to make, her answer was: "All ready; waiting the Master's call." She gave directions concerning her funeral and selected the hymn to be sung.—Towards the close she said that she had not a pain—that her Saviour had made her "dying bed feel soft as downy pillows are." M. C.

Dearest mother thou hast left us,
We thy joy would gladly feel;
When on the bed of sore affliction,
God was ever near to heal. HER SON.

RELIGIOUS.—Rev. J. B. JONES being confined to his bed by sickness, there will be no preaching at the M. P. Church in Chestertown to-morrow (SUNDAY) MORNING. Preaching at the usual hour at St. James' and Kennedyville, and at night in Chestertown. 1t.

SHREWSBURY CHURCH will be opened for Divine Service third Sunday in Advent, Dec. 15. Morning service 10½ a. m., night do. at 7. 2t.

LECTURE.—HON. GEORGE COLTON, of Annapolis, will lecture at Masseys on Tuesday evening next, for the benefit of St. Clements Epis. Church. A Supper will be given after the lecture by the Ladies of the Parish. Tickets for the lecture 25c.; Supper 50c. 1t.

LOST, on Sunday night last, on the street in Chestertown, a large Carved GOLD EAR-RING DROP. The finder will be suitably rewarded on leaving at MRS. D. GRUBER'S, up town. d14-3t.

FOR RENT,
A good sized STORE ROOM, with a room attached, and Cellar, on the front street, in the business portion of Chestertown.
dec14-tf. JAS. M. VANDYKE.

NOTICE.

MY FATHER'S BOOKS are now in my hands, and they are GOING TO BE CLOSED *SURE*.

All accounts standing for more than a year will be proceeded upon after the 1st January, 1879.
AL. C. WHALAND, Att'y
d14-3t. for T. H. Whaland.

FAIR! FAIR!

THE Catholics of Chestertown will hold their ANNUAL FAIR in the Basement of their new Church, commencing on THURSDAY, Dec. 26th.

Among the many valuable things to be disposed of at Chances, there will be

Handsome Walnut marble-top Bureau.
A Gold Watch;
A set of Ladies' Jewelry;
A Barrel of Flour; a Gold Ring;
A Buffalo Robe; Lap Blanket, and many other handsome and valuable articles.
Dec. 14—2t.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale at his residence on the T. C. Meginniss farm, near Masseys, on

FRIDAY, Dec. 27th, 1878,

The following property:

8 Good Work Horses,

Among them are some fine young horses;

3 MILCH COWS,

1 FARM WAGON, nearly new; Ox-Cart; 1 Family Carriage, 1 Buckeye Reaper and Mower, nearly new;
1 Bickford & Huffman Drill, nearly new;
1 Two-horse Power, Hyland make, nearly new; 1 Hyland Corn Sheller with Fan attachment, nearly new; 1 Hand Sheller;
1 Grain Fan; about 5 Tons of Hay, Clover and Timothy; 1 set of Wagon Harness;
1 set of Carriage Harness; Plow Gears; Grind Stone, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Shovels, Hoes, Forks, Scyths, and other Farming Implements.

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

TERMS OF SALE:—All sums of $10 and under cash; all sums over that amount a credit of twelve months on note with approved security.
WM. T. MILLER, of John.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auct'r.
Dec. 14, 1878—ts.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at public sale at her residence in Quaker Neck, on

MONDAY, December 23d,

The following property:

Four Head of HORSES

3 MILCH COWS, 2 HEIFERS one and two years old;
1 YOKE of OXEN, 1 DURHAM BULL;

9 HEAD of SHOATS,

TWO SOWS and 11 PIGS.

1 TOP BUGGY and Harness;
2 HORSE CARTS and Harness;
1 OX-CART, 1 Dray, 1 Dearborn;
1 WOODS' REAPER;
1 CHAMPION REAPER and MOWER combined;
1 WHEAT RAKE,
1 GRAIN FAN, 1 Corn Sheller;
2 Scythes and Cradles;

Also, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, and other

FARMING UTENSILS.

About 3 Tons of Clover Hay, and 3 Tons Corn Blades.

Sale to commence at 10½ A. M.

TERMS:—All purchases of $10 and under, cash. All over that amount a credit of nine months, with note and approved security. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with.
ANN R. MASLIN.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auct'r.
Dec. 14—ts.

PURE Buckwheat Flour, as cheap as the adulterated article is sold elsewhere. Hominy, Beans, Dried Fruits, and Canned Goods, for sale cheap at
dec14. J. B. SAPPINGTON'S.

CURRANTS—four lbs. for 25c. Raisins, Citron, Mince Meat, Apple Butter, Peach Butter, Jellies, Chow Chow, for sale low by the lb. Lay in your stock for Christmas now, and buy at
d7. KENNARD'S.

NEW CURRANTS at 8c. lb, at HUDGINS' BAKERY.

NEW RAISINS at 8, 9, 10 and 12c. lb. at HUDGINS' BAKERY.

HO! FOR

Christmas!!

Grand Opening of Christmas Goods!

THE FINEST STOCK OF CHRISTMAS GOODS ever seen in CHESTERTOWN, will be OPENED THIS DAY at

C. F. STAM'S

DRUG STORE.

BOHEMIA TOILET SETS,
Ancient and Modern VASES,
FANCY GLASSWARE,
Beautiful Flower Stands,
FERN VASES,
Ladies' Work Baskets, Card Receivers, Cigar Cases, Japanese Goods, Jewel Cases,
GOLD PENS—Aiken, Lambert & Co.'s;
GOLD PENCILS;
MAGIC CHARMS;
LADIES' WRITING DESKS of various kinds.

BOOKS! BOOKS!

FOR CHRISTMAS!

THE CHOICEST LITERATURE OF THE PAST AND PRESENT.

Shakspeare Complete,
Dickens Complete,
Scott Complete,
Byron Complete;
Tennyson, Longfellow, Burns Complete, Bryant, Pope and Meredith.

Fiction:—Marian Harland's Works; Mrs. Holme's & Mrs. Evan's Works; Roe's new Book, "A Face Illumined."

Travel:—*STANLEY'S GREAT WORK on AFRICA*, the most interesting work of the age; "Cruise of the Yacht Sunbeam" intensely Fascinating.

Books of Travel and Adventure—For BOYS—Floating Island; Boy Emigrants; Journey to the Sun; Mayne Reid's Books, and others too numerous to mention.

BIBLES! BIBLES!

One Large Family Bible, bound in Turkey of the choicest print and superbly illustrated will be sold at a great sacrifice; other Famly Bibles at low rates.

PRAYER BOOKS and HYMNALS of many styles.

The new Methodist Hymnal set to music; also a number without music, very low.

Children's Books—Chatterbox, cheaper than ever; Little Wide Awake; Fancy Picture Books; Toy Books, and hundreds of others.

Stationery! Stationery!

In bright and beautiful boxes, far surpassing last season's display.

POCKET BOOKS, the finest and cheapest stock ever shown in this town.

PERFUMERY,

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

Fancy Colognes, Extracts in beautiful fancy boxes; Genuine German Farina Cologne in wicker; Pomades & Dressings for the hair; Toilet Waters & Toilet Powders; a large stock of the above offered at very low prices.

HAIR BRUSHES—Celluloid Back inlaid with pearl; Fine Dressing Combs, and English & American Mirrors.

☞ All the above goods have been selected with the greatest care and purchased very close, consequently they are offered at the lowest prices.

☞ ALL WE ASK is an EXAMINATION of our goods, and feel confident we can please the most fastidious.

COLIN F. STAM,
Corner Drug Store.
Dec. 14, 1878.

New Goods! New Goods!

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

I HAVE just returned from the city with a well selected stock of Goods suitable for the season, especially such as are wanted about Christmas.

Those wishing to make presents can find something that would please their friends by calling and examining my carefully selected stock of

Handkerchiefs, Collars and Cuffs,

Pictures, Picture Frames, Oil Chromos,

MOTTOES in great variety, and very beautiful.

A large stock of

Zephyrs and Card Board,

and many other things that you may see by calling. Goods bought low and sold at small profits. Come and see.

MRS. E. N. MELVIN,
d14. Opposite the Bank.

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

RAISINS, CURRANTS, CITRON,
And all kinds of CHRISTMAS GOODS, as cheap as the cheapest, to be had at
SHAW'S, Court St.
☞ Call and examine his stock and prices.
Dec. 7, 1878.

THE GRAIN

Commission Business

OF THE LATE

WM. K. MERRITT

will be continued under the same style and title as heretofore by Mr. JAMES A. REA, who has been with him for nearly sixteen years. Mr. Rea is thoroughly conversant with the business and expects to conduct it satisfactorily as heretofore.
nov30-6m. MRS. WM. K.