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The Kent News.

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CHRISTMAS comes next Wednesday.—May it bring joy and gladness to all our readers!

SENATOR CONKLING has declared that he will not again be a candidate for the presidency.

GOVERNOR HAMPTON'S condition is reported as having improved decidedly, and it is supposed the crisis has passed.

THE Snow Hill *Messenger* reports that Miss Lillian Duer, the young woman who shot Miss Hearn, has gone raving mad.

THE Anne Arundel *Advertiser* says that Mr. George Colton will be a candidate for election to the Board of Police Commissioners at the next session of the Legislature.

DOVER, Del., with a population of about 3,000 has a post office building which cost the government $70,000, but Baltimore, one of the largest and most important commercial cities in the whole country, appeals in vain to the government to supply only her actual necessities in this direction.

JACK KEHOE, the notorious chief of the "Mollie Maguires," was hung at Pottsville, Pa., last Wednesday. This makes sixteen of that most infamous secret organization which so long was a terror in the mining regions of Pennsylvania, so far executed, while five others are now in prison awaiting execution.

LONDON dispatches give a gloomy account of the financial troubles prevailing in all sections of Great Britain. Notwithstanding the official assertion, the distress is widespread, and relief funds are being raised to prevent starvation among the unemployed. At Glasgow the streets are swarming with starving men, women and children.

GOLD AT PAR.—For the first time since January 13, 1862, gold was at par in New York on Tuesday, and the United States legal-tender note had to pay no discount. It is understood that the treasury officials are highly pleased at the final results of their positive position, and they have reason to be. It seems to be generally concluded that, while it is quite possible for the dealers in foreign exchange to effect a temporary difference between the value of gold and greenbacks, for speculative purposes, it will be very dangerous for them to attempt it, in the face of the power which the treasury can exert against their operations, and that, if the people will only honestly pin their faith to the entire practicability of resumption, it will be both accomplished and sustained on and after January next. A premium was first established on gold January 13, 1862, when it sold at 103. The highest point reached in that year was 133⅜, on 31st December. It opened 1863 at that figure, and rose to 172½, on 28th February, closing the year at 151⅞. It was at its highest on 11th July, 1864, when sales were at 285, but by the last day of the year the figure recorded is 227⅞. On 4th January, 1865, the rate was 233¾, and was down to 128⅝ on 11th May, but closed the year at 145. On Black Friday (23d September, 1869,) the rate ranged from 133 to 162½, and on the reopening of the Exchange on 30th September, 1869, the figures were 132 and 130⅞. In the next two years gold declined from 122 to 108½, the latter in the last few days of 1871. In 1875, after the passage of the resumption act, it began a gradual fall which resulted Tuesday in the exchange of gold for greenbacks at par.

THE DUER-HEARN SHOOTING CASE, at Pocomoke city, Md., attracts much attention because of its anomalous features. Miss Duer, only 17 years of age, it is alleged, shot Miss Hearn, who was about 18, because the latter repulsed her warm demonstrations of affection and loved another young lady better, it is represented that Miss Duer was fond of pistol practice; that at times she donned male attire, and that Byron was her favorite author, which is not extraordinary in itself, but is suggestive in view of her discovery that the morbid and self-indulgent poet's nature was like her own. Remarking upon these singular pranks of human nature, and the strangeness of the affair, whatever may have been the facts of the shooting, the New York *Herald* well says of the case: "It is not a pleasant one to contemplate in any sense, but when school girls carry pistols and exhibit a passion that, though common to men and women, takes a course contrary to the ordinary rule, it may be set down that nature has departed from the usual nice relations of soul to body, without any tragedy being necessary to make it plain to all the world."

The Sussex *Index* refers to the shooting under the head of "A Strange Freak of Nature," and says that recent developments have disclosed the *funniest* thing of which we have ever heard. It appears from some unaccountable freak of nature, Miss Duer wanted Miss Hearn to marry her, and because she would not consent determined to take her life. Miss Hearn died last week from the effects of the shot, and it is said that her last words, spoken while delirious, were "Lilly, don't shoot me, I will marry you!" Surely a freak of insanity must have seized the mind of the latter lady, as we seldom hear, in these days, of one woman wishing to marry another. It is so unnatural that in spite of the serious circumstances connected with this tragedy, we cannot refrain from a smile at the thought of two women wishing to be yoked together, to draw the car of matrimonial bliss. What will some girls do next?

Miss Duer will be tried at the May Term of Court of Worcester county

A SUCCESSFUL SPORTSMAN.—Lord Falmouth, during the English racing season of 1878, won $193,500. He was unlucky at the beginning of his turf career, but his luck changed in 1869, when Kingcraft won several two-year-old victories. Since then Lord Falmouth's horses have won him about $800,000.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS.—The Belair *Ægis and Intelligencer*, in an article on Maryland Agricultural exhibitions, suggests that hereafter the State society restrict its fairs to every fifth year, on assurance from county societies that they will intermit their local exhibitions for that year and join the general exposition. County fairs, as a stimulus to local competition in raising the best products and diffusing knowledge to the farmers, are of the highest importance. But for the community at large there is no better mode of comparison than that contemplated in State agricultural organizations, the design of which is to bring together in friendly competition the farmers and stock raisers of all the counties, and at the same time promote intercourse between the populations of the city and the rural districts. Unfortunately, however, it has proved too often the case that county fairs have proved superior to the State exhibitions. The Baltimore *Sun* thinks the suggestion of the *Ægis*, in a modified form, might prove more acceptable than it will otherwise. Five years will be generally deemed too long an interval between State fair exhibitions; a period of three years would probably meet with more consideration, and that is the longest period under the charter of the Maryland Mechanical and Agricultural Association during which exhibitions can be pretermitted. The subject will need to be discussed, pro and con, before a deliberate conclusion as to what is best can be reached. The idea in connection with the suggestion made is, that at the State fairs space could be allotted for every county, and even county buildings could be erected, on the principle of the centennial fair and State buildings in the late international exposition at Philadelphia.

BEWARE OF THEM.—Bogus Commission Merchants are reported in some of the cities. The Boston *Herald* says there are several gangs doing business in that city, organized under a leader who furnishes all the capital required. The method is to obtain consignments of all kinds of produce on credit by means of fictitious circulars quoting high prices, and disposing of the same in New York at low rates. More than a million dollars has been realized already, and, as the law does not reach them, the business is still in a thriving condition.

THE GOLD WATCH stolen from N. G. Westcott, Esq., of this town, at Barnum's Hotel, in Baltimore, noticed last week, has been recovered, and a man named J. C. Wilson, the supposed thief, arrested. It is thought the money will also come to light now. On last Sunday night a gentleman at the Carrollton Hotel was robbed of a $200 gold watch and over $300 in money under circumstances similar to that of Mr. Westcott. The same man, Wilson, who was a guest at Barnum's on the night of Mr. Westcott's loss, was registered at the Carrollton and had a room adjoining that of the guest robbed there. He is a fine looking man, of good address, and denies the charge. The Baltimore papers all think that the rooms in question were entered by the use of nippers on the door key. Mr. Westcott does not agree with this theory, but believes the thief was either secreted in the room before he entered, or got in through the transom over the door.

CURE FOR DIPTHERIA.—As this disease prevails to some extent, we give the following cure furnished by a lady, for the benefit of all. Try it, it will do no harm if it does not cure. She says: Take half a teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of pepper, three spoonfuls of vinegar, three quarters of a cup of water. To be used as a gargle every twenty minutes until the patient will experience some relief and after that occasionally.

THE Western farmers are making money. The freight on grain to the seaboard is so low that they clear nearly as much now as they did when the price of grain and the cost of transportation were both much higher. It is said on good authority that the Western farmers are now paying off their Eastern debts, and paying them in many instances before they are due.

THE case of Joseph Morris, charged with violation of the revenue laws by selling whiskey at Morris' Station, Kent county, without having paid the special tax thereon, was again before United States Commissioner Bond on Monday. In default of bail, the accused was committed to answer the charge before Commissioner Rogers on Friday, 20th instant.

EASTON'S biggest hog weighed 625 lbs. The *Star* reports the slaughter of two only twelve months old weighing 555 and 580. These are hard to beat. A *bachelor* down the shore is a contestant for the light weight premium; his pen of 35 hogs aggregated 1,100 lbs!

THE people who bother you and want you to give up work to entertain them when you are busy are the very ones who are crustiest if you ask them a question while they are at work.

JAMES JONES, of the Dodson case notoriety, is turned to commercial account in Wilmington; he is on exhibition at 10 cts. per head.

THE steamer George Law will discontinue her trips after Tuesday, Dec. 24. The Ford will remain and run the same days as at present.

THE PRICE OF CORN.—Owing to the fearful low price of corn and grain generally, Mr. Thos. S. Bordley has marked down to the lowest possible figure every garment in his house; indeed, is selling a great many things at and below cost. We believe he is now recognized as the leading Clothier in our town, and is believed to keep the finest assortment of Men, Youth's and Boy's Clothing ever before exhibited on this Peninsula. Farmers and purchasers generally should take advantage of this opportunity, and by all means give him a call during the holidays. You will receive a cordial welcome and find Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods better and cheaper than ever. Read his adv. in this issue. ‡

SUDDEN DEATH.—Miss Catharine Hollyday, a sister to Mrs. Judge Carmichael, was found dead in bed on Thursday morning of last week. She was at the time on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Carmichael, and on Wednesday night retired in her usual health. She was 77 years of age, and was a lady of many excellent qualities.

SAMUEL R. LUDLAM, formerly proprietor of the Ocean Hotel at Cape May, has been indicted for causing the conflagration of the 9th of November. He will be tried at Cape May court house during the March term.

THE tramps that were put at work sweeping the streets of Cumberland to pay the fines imposed upon them worked one day steadily. The second morning after getting their hot coffee they broke away for other quarters and seem now to avoid Cumberland in their travels.

THE shortest days of the year are the twentieth, twenty-first and twenty-second of December, when we have the solar light but nine hours and sixteen minutes.

JAS. PRICE, a colored lad aged nineteen, is in prison at Elkton, charged with an attempted outrage on Mrs. Sarah E. Walmsley in Price's Neck, Dec. 17th.

CHRISTMAS TRADE AND PRICES.—Our merchants and shop-keepers have been busy during the week supplying customers with Christmas goods. In the matter of toys, confectionery, and articles suitable for presents, buyers can be accommodated in Chestertown at very low prices, in consequence of large stocks and brisk competition, and we advise those needing such things—and who does not?—to refrain as far as possible from sending their money away from home. Buy of your own merchants, mechanics, milliners and dealers, and you will do quite as well in prices, and besides, help your neighbor, and "do as you would be done by.

The prices asked at the stores for poultry and produce is lower than for a long time at this season. Turkeys, of the very nicest quality, bring 10c. per pound; geese and ducks, 8c.; chickens, 10c.; eggs, 22c. per dozen; butter, 20c. per lb.

The Baltimore *Sun* says that rapid transportation, both by rail and water, has in the past few years wrought many changes in trade in that city, but perhaps none so radical as in the business of furnishing table luxuries for the Christmas season. Poultry from the far West competes with that raised at home, and keeps down the price to moderate figures. The same was the case with eggs, partridges and many other things, the Western selling below the home-raised article, but salable nevertheless.

Quotations for job lots of some articles in Baltimore last Wednesday were as follows: Eggs, 26 cents dozen for the best; turkeys, 14 cents; chickens, 12 cents; ducks, 12 to 14 cents; geese, 8 to 10 cents pound by the quantity. Butter plenty and cheap. Wild fowl—$3 pair for canvas-backs, $1.50 for red-heads, 75 to 40 cents for other varieties. Partridges, $1 to $1.50 dozen; wild turkeys, $1 to $2 each; rabbits, $1.50 to $2 dozen; squirrels, 10 to 12 cents each. Diamond-back terrapins, $24 a dozen for 7 to 8 inches; red-fender terrapins, $3 to $6 a dozen.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Dec. 17.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. Letters of administration on the personal estate of James J. Bowie, late of Kent county, were granted unto H. W. Vickers, and Spencer Harris and Samuel J. Wickes were appointed to appraise said estate. Wm. J. Porter, adm'r of John A. Porter, returned his final administration account and distribution. Geo. T. Williams, adm'r of John C. Copper, returned his first and final administration account and dividend. The last will and testament of Susan T. Copper was filed and admitted to probate. Letters of administration on the personal estate of James M. Ayres were granted unto Wesley K. Ayres, and Benj. H. Startt and George W. Walbert were appointed to appraise said estate.

LECTURE AT MASSEYS.—The lecture at Masseys on Tuesday evening, 17th inst., was in every way a great success. The evening was fair and balmy, and a large audience greeted Mr. Colton as he stepped upon the platform. Dr. Power, of Millington, happily introduced him to the assemblage. For over one hour the witty lecturer held his audience in rapt attention. He told them many valuable truths and illustrated them with striking and telling anecdotes. His history of the mule was indeed "inimitable," and contained a valuable lesson. During the evening a splendid cake was presented to Mr. C. by one of the fair ladies of Masseys, a gift which he seemed highly to appreciate. After the lecture a supper such as only the ladies of Masseys can get up, was set out for all who desired thus to regale themselves. If any one desires a square meal, Masseys and its neighborhood is the place to find it. Despite the hard times the ladies reaped a good harvest financially to repay them for their trouble. The memory of the occasion will remain green a long time with those who enjoyed it.

CHRISTMAS WEEK.—The public school of this town will close for the holidays next Monday. Special exercises, consisting of readings, music, &c., will be held, beginning promptly at 3 o'clk. Patrons and friends of the school are invited to attend. The school will reopen Thursday, the 2d of January.

The Catholics of Chestertown will hold a Fair in the basement of their new church, commencing on Thursday night. A number of valuable articles will be disposed of by raffle.

The Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday School will be held at the Town Hall on Thursday evening.

The Methodist Protestant Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas jubilee at the Town Hall on Friday evening. On the following Sunday afternoon this school will have an appropriate Christmas exercise.

KENT COUNTY ALMS HOUSE.—The following named persons have served as Trustees of the Kent County Alms House from 1851 to 1878, during which period Mr. Joshua Copper has been Steward of the institution: Nathan'l Meginniss, George S. Hollyday, James Gale of Thos., Josias Ringgold, Thomas D. Burgess, James B. Ricaud, Thos. J. Mann, Wm. A. Brice, Wm. P. Francis, Samuel E. Baker, Thomas B. Hynson, John Frazier, Jr., George H. Wilson, Robert J. Griffith, Simon Wickes, Nathaniel Wiley, James Spear, John Russell, John Gale, Wm. Morris, Robert Nicholson, Wm. B. Meginniss, Benjamin F. Beck, Lewin Usilton, Aaron L. Gooding, Wm. W. Stephens, Wm. A. Vickers, Sam'l A. Merritt, Jacob Highley, Thomas P. Dixon, John Brice, George W. T. Perkins, James H. Price, Sewell Hepbron, S. A. J. Wickes, Thomas A. Jacobs.

THE IRON FENCE in front of the Court House green has been erected this week. The delay has been caused by the sickness of workmen. W. E. Davis & Co., of Baltimore, are the contractors, and the work was done under the supervision of their foreman, Mr. Herman Meiser. The fence is an exact pattern of the one erected by the same parties around the court-house green in Centreville; is 106½ feet in length; gate 7 feet with two ornamental posts and lamps; the whole of wrought iron 3½ feet high, set in granite bases 8x8, and 20 inches deep; cost $307.75.

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.—Mr. B. B. Adkinson had a flock of 20 sheep almost annihilated by dogs one night last week. Seven were killed outright and five so badly torn that they were not expected to live. The flock was on the Carville Hynson farm, near Edesville, recently purchased by H. W. Vickers, Esq. A number of the worthless curs have since been killed. This is the first loss of the kind we have heard of in that section of the county for a long time.

REAPPOINTED.—Among the nominations sent by the President to the Senate last Wednesday was that of Mr. John W. Collins to be postmaster at this place. This appointment will give universal satisfaction, as Mr. Collins is justly esteemed by men of all parties and all classes.

TO OUR TOWN PATRONS.—We expect to have our usual annual settlement with all our town patrons during the coming week, and hope they will be prepared when called upon for that purpose.

VENDUES NEXT WEEK.—Monday, Mrs. Ann R. Maslin, in Quaker Neck.

Thursday—Geo. Fowler, near Fairlee.

Friday—Wm. T. Miller, of John, near Masseys.

MR. P. HENDRICKSON, Millington, Md., has a calf one week old that weighs 118 pounds, of the Short Horn Durham stock. The average weight of a calf at that age is about 80 pounds.

ADVICE.—Those in want of good Clothing at low prices cannot do better than at S. Merritt's. The largest stock, the best goods, most fashionable, and greatest bargains in all kinds of Clothing and Furnishing Goods can be had of him. His large experience qualifies him to judge of the needs of buyers and of the quality of goods. Be sure and call at S. Merritt's before you purchase. ‡

A GRAND BALL in Centreville on the evening of the 12th exceeded anything in that line "since the incorporation of that venerable and thrifty town." Among the gallants present we notice the names of G. B. Westcott, Jr., and Dr. F. Hines.

A BRIDGE on the public road between the farms of T. P. Dixon and Dr. Whaland is in a dangerous condition. If the supervisor don't mend it soon trouble may ensue.

PERE WILMER, Esq., of Queen Anne's county, is about to remove to Washington to reside.

Lynch's and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—Christmas, the happiest of all days, is most here. Come to think, there is no necessity for telling it. Children all know it. Editors and their devils all know it; in fact, everybody knows it. The Christmas flavor is quite abroad already, and visions of turkeys and other good things too many to mention begin to loom up, and we are all made young again in the memories which this day brings.

Our mail agent must need a new pair of spectacles. Not long ago the *Kent News* bundle for Worton was carried to Clayton, and the bundle for Lynch's was left at Worton. More recently, a letter plainly directed to Lynch's and containing very important information, was carried to Chestertown and delayed. We do not want to be either censorious or "sensational."

Uncle Pompey (colored) says he has given up tobacco; since he voted for local option he could not use tobacco and be consistent. Reader, go thou and do likewise.

Mr. Rodenhizer has left the anvil for the plow, and Mr. Hyrons has taken his place at the station, who is said to be a reliable smith.

Through the kindness of Mr. John Hill, of Philadelphia, and Speaker Randall, your correspondent has received, unsolicited, very valuable public documents.

Some are disposed to fret over the low price of grain. John Wesley said he dare no more fret than to curse and swear. Fretting will not grow meat on anybody's bones.

A coxcomb that can't read cuts a sorry figure in trying to make others the butt of his ignorant ridicule.

We think postal cards are a nuisance, and we hope the present Congress will make the advance, and grant the people a penny postage. If the government can afford to carry postal cards, which are of the same size and weigh nearly as much as a letter, and at the same time furnish the thick, stiff piece of paper, all for one cent, why could it not afford to carry sealed letters for the same price? In a country like ours writing ought to be made almost as cheap as water. The experience of other countries is that every reduction of postage increases the revenue by causing three to write where one did before, and everybody to write three times as much. Much private business is exposed by the use of these cards, and their consignment to oblivion would be hailed with delight. SENTINEL.

What Constitutes a Good Farmer?

"What constitutes a good farmer and good farming?" was the subject for discussion by the Kent County Agricultural Association last Monday. The gentleman appointed to open, Captain A. L. Corey, not being present, J. W. Corey introduced the subject. He thought that one a good farmer who kept everything around him—buildings, fences, &c.—in good condition, and plants, tills, secures and markets his crops at the proper time. We have some such. [A voice, "Who is he?"] One may be a good farmer and not do good farming. Good farming is the best results for the means employed, best sales and farm most improved. He thought that little profit was likely to grow out of the discussion because of its general character. A good merchant, editor or miller ought to know and be able to express what such an one ought to be.

S. Vannort said every farmer had some thought upon this subject; knows what it is that constitutes a good farmer and good farming; he thought the term fully embraced in the best crops and best prices with the least outlay.

W. W. Stephens—Give a man plenty of money and plenty of brains and he'll be a good farmer. We have few very good farmers in Kent; if we had to secure crops from the *stony* fields of the Western Shore some of us would starve to death.

W. H. Stewart thought that capital should not be compared to one's industry and knowledge; he is the best farmer who best utilizes the means at his command. Too many are considered good farmers because of appearances derived from lavish expenditures, &c.

T. C. Parsons knew what a good farmer ought to be; but could *show* better than *tell*. He considered the late Henry Timms one of the best farmers in Kent, because, while reaping crops, he at the same time put his farm in the best condition. A good farmer lives within his means.

J. H. Hossinger thought that the secret of good farming was in doing everything at the right time. Farmers generally do not give enough attention to stock. Most of us *know*, but don't *practice* according to our knowledge.

E. P. Janvier said a good farmer is that one who makes good use of his opportunities. Can't judge of a man's intelligence as a farmer or his industry by the appearance of his farm or his stock; he may be without the means to properly conduct his operations, or he may meet with misfortunes, be sick himself or have sickness in his family. A good farmer must study, must think, and make the best use of the means at his command to obtain knowledge with reference to his business. He must not only be industrious, but must be a man of faith and perseverance, there are so many things to discourage. Our county is full of good farmers; we cannot judge from appearances.

James Brice said a good farmer will keep good stock, and exercise practical judgment in all things; the good farming will come in when at the end of the year he finds he has a little left.

John Bell thought he was the best farmer who could get the most money out of a farm with the least expense. Good farming had been demonstrated in many sections of Kent by the increased yield of farms. A farm near Kennedyville, which six years ago only produced 800 bushels of wheat, had yearly increased until last season its yield was 2,800 on the same quantity of land.

The above is but a synopsis of the views of the various members named. Nearly all the remarks upon the subject were of too general a character to be practically profitable. The members saw and admitted this, but the limited time allowed would not justify the presentation of a different line of thought.

Robert Nicholson, Esq., is the President of the association and presides with ease and dignity.

It was decided at this meeting to enclose the front and one side of the grounds with a substantial plank fence, six foot high.

The report of James Brice, treasurer, showed the association to be in good financial condition. The amount paid out for premiums at the last fair aggregated $1,855, of which amount $825 was for trials of speed—$612 being received for entries in the latter.

Military Company.

Messrs. Editors Kent News:—There was a meeting at the Town Hall last Tuesday night for the purpose of organizing a military company, for the better protection and safety of home interests. About forty members were present, and Benj. H. Gardner was made chairman and J. W. Bordley, secretary. The most important business before the company was that of selecting a suitable name, but in consequence of the slim attendance a motion was made to lay the matter on the table until Friday night. The names suggested for the company were as follows: Chesterfields, Kent National Guards, Pearce Guards, Kent Light Infantry, Independent Guards, Reed Rifles, &c. B.

THE merchants of Easton are about to take a new departure. They have formed a protective Union, and after February 1st next, will credit none whose credit is not recognized as perfectly good by the whole street. They are to post each other respecting the bad or doubtful, and will shut down the brakes on all who are pronounced unworthy of credit. They desire the press to notify all those unworthy of credit that after next month they will have no use for them at their counters, unless they plank down the "ready dough." The *very long winded*, of course, will be counted with the bad.

THE Easton *Star* says the entertainment of the M. P. Sunday School of that town on Friday night of last week was largely attended. "The novel part of the performance was the Building of the Temple, each piece being a symbol of a sentiment, and each being followed by an appropriate lesson in reading, and also a song. The idea is original and unique, and admirably adapted to enforcing a moral lesson on the youthful mind. The Temple when completed presented a very pretty piece of mechanism."

STOCKING MARYLAND WATERS WITH YOUNG SALMON.—Thomas Hughlett, Esq., of the State Fishery Commission, has recently deposited in our State rivers California salmon as follows: In the Potomac river, 65,000; Big Elk, 7,500; Little Elk, 7,500; North East, 15,000; Chester, 15,000; Choptank, 26,000; Nanticoke, 20,000; Pocomoke, 20,000; total, 176,000. Major Ferguson, the other commissioner, superintends the purchasing and hatching the eggs, and the distribution of the young fish, at the hatching establishment near Baltimore.

THERE is no surprise so agreeable as a present either for Christmas or New-Year, and the best and most acceptable one to the recipient is in the shape of a good garment. The money invested in such an article gives more satisfaction than anything else you can buy. It is both useful as well as ornamental; besides, it is indispensable. The only place to get such is at the Original New York One-Price Cash Clothing House, No. 184 W. Balto. St., opposite Light. You can make an excellent investment for $1 to $50. ‡

L. T. DUKES, Esq., of Caroline county, has an apple tree on his premises which produced this year eighty-four bushels of apples. This information is given by Mr. Dukes, who is vouched for as a gentleman of unimpeachable veracity. The tree was taken from the woods by its present owner between thirty and forty years ago, a little switch. It is not an annual bearer, but compensates for the missing year by the immense quantity it yields when it does bear. The fruit is medium to large and of good quality.

WE advise all who have not yet called to see the Christmas Goods of C. F. Stam to do so at once, as the like has never before been seen in Chestertown or even on the Shore. *

DIED IN CHURCH.—The Baltimore papers announce that Daniel Wilmore, colored, seventy years old, died suddenly last Sunday while blowing the organ in Madison Avenue M. E. Church, corner of Madison avenue and Townsend street. The organist was playing: the instrument suddenly stopped, and the bellows-blower was found to be dead. The body was taken to the home of his mother, with whom he had lived, at No. 6 Pierce street. Coroner Ogle believed that the death was caused from heart disease and did not hold an inquest. Amy Wilmore, the mother of the old man, claims to be about 108 years of age, and Hannah Smith, his aunt, who lives in the same house, about 106 years old. The mother is still able to move around, and is remarkably active for one of her age. They are all from Kent county; Amy was formerly the slave of Edward Hurtt, of this county, and by him manumitted in 1816. According to these papers she would be ninety-one years of age at the present time.

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. OBIM & 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 COUNTRY exchange asks: "Is it better to kill a hog in the light or the dark of the moon?" That depends a good deal upon the ownership of the hog; if it belongs to your neighbor, the dark of the moon is decidedly the best time to assassinate it.

MARRIED:

At Shrewsbury Church, on Wednesday evening last, by Rev. Mr. Martin, JOHN C. RAMBO to Miss MARY L. PETERS, both of Kent.

Dec. 18, 1878, at the M. E. Parsonage in Chestertown, by Rev. W. H. Hutchin, WILLIAM H. BIGGS to Miss MARY A. JONES.

DIED:

In Elkton, Dec. 10th, of Consumption of the throat, MARTHA G., daughter of Capt. William B. and Sarah E. Realey, in her 17th year.

All is dark within our dwelling,
Lonely are our hearts to-day,
For the one we loved so dearly
Has forever pass'd away.

She is not dead but gone to rest,
Her spirit sleeps in Jesus' breast;
No rending pain disturbs her now,
No earthly sorrow clouds her brow.

C. E. H.

PREACHING.—Rev. C. B. Middleton will preach at St. James' to-morrow (Sunday) morning; at Kennedyville in the afternoon, and in town at night. 1t.

GOOD CHEESE at 10c. per pound, at WHEATLEY BRO'S.

PURE CHAMPAGNE CIDER at WHEATLEY BRO'S.

FINE LOT OF MEN'S BOOTS now closing out at $2 per pair, at J. H. THOMPSON'S, under Kent News office. d21.

PURE BUCKWHEAT FLOUR only 75c. per sack of 25 lbs. Hominy, Beans and Dried Fruit, all very cheap at WHEATLEY BRO'S, dec21. Up Town.

NEW CURRANTS and RAISINS, Atmore's Best Mince Meat, at prices to suit the times, at d21 WHEATLEY BRO'S, up town.

NOTICE.—The annual meeting of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Kent county will be held at the COURT HOUSE, in Chestertown, on MONDAY, January 6th, 1879, at eleven o'clock A. M. d21-3t. N. G. WESTCOTT, Sec'y.

A CARD.—I am now prepared to administer Gas for extracting teeth without pain. Also, to insert new teeth from $10 to $15 per set. If reference is needed I can give them from New York to South Carolina. J. T. TWILLEY, D. D. S., d21-3t* Chestertown.

TO THE PATRONS of the "NEWS."

We need every dollar due us for Subscription, Advertising and Job-work; and those indebted are earnestly requested to settle BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

We have done our best during the year to give satisfaction to all; we have to pay cash for everything requisite to the publication of the paper; and, without regard to our necessities, those who have received the benefit of our toil should render its just reward. 2t. PLUMMER & USILTON.

Report of the Condition
OF THE
KENT NATIONAL BANK,

At CHESTERTOWN, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business December 6, 1878.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$119,087.06
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
U. S. Bonds on hand	25,000.00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	19,481.44
Due from approved reserve agents	42,278.00
Due from other National Banks	57,957.07
Due from State Banks and bankers	6.39
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	2,250.00
Current expenses and taxes paid	2,621.72
Checks and other cash items	262.89
Bills of other Banks	16,403.00
Fractional currency, including nickels	208.95
Specie (including gold Treasury certificates)	7,533.75
Legal tender notes	52,185.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 0-0 of circulation)	2,250.00
TOTAL	$397,525.27

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits	15,274.22
National Bank notes outstanding	45,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	271,061.46
Due to other National Banks	5,702.98
Due to State Banks and bankers	386.61
TOTAL	$397,525.27

State of Maryland, County of Kent, ss:

I, JOSEPH PETERSON, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. JOSEPH PETERSON, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December, 1878. J. W. HINES, N. P.

Correct—Attest:
GEO. B. WESTCOTT,
N. G. WESTCOTT,
RICH'D HYNSON,
Dec. 21, 1878—1t. DIRECTORS.

Holiday Presents!

USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL.

The New American SEWING MACHINE is the BEST.

TOILET SETS, &c.

Full stock of Confectionary, Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Nuts, French Pickels, Sauces, &c., at BELL'S, d21. opposite the Bank.

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.

FOR RENT. A NICE STORE, with comfortable Dwelling attached, suitable for a Fancy or Notion Store, in Crumpton, Q. A. co., Md. Address W. H. BAYNARD, 151 Hanford Av., Baltimore, Md. Dec. 7, 1878—3t.

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.

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.

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

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

VENDUE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at his residence on Mrs. Gamble's farm, near Fairlee, Kent county, on

THURSDAY, Dec. 26, 1878

ALL HIS STOCK, FARMING UTENSILS, &c., as follows:

7 HEAD of HORSES

Four of them are good Brood Mares; FIVE COLTS, 1 MILCH COW, 1 Heifer, 1 Yoke of Super or OXEN,

12 HEAD of SHEEP

21 Shoats, 1 Brood Sow,

2 FARM WAGONS AND HARNESS; 1 DEARBORN and Harness; 1 CARRIAGE and Harness; 1 OX-CART; 1 CORN DRAY, new; 1 Buckeye Reaper and Mower Combined; 1 Wheat Rake; 1 Horse Power; 1 Bickford & Huffman Drill; 1 Wheelbarrow; 1 Corn Sheller; 1 Fan; 1 Carriage Pole, 2 Ox Yokes; 1 Farm Bell, 1 Grindstone, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Shovels, Forks, and numerous other articles.

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

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under cash; all over that amount a credit of ten months, on note with approved security. No property to be removed until terms complied with. GEORGE FOWLER.

U. A. C. GARRETT, Auct'r. Dec. 14—ts.*

New Goods! New Goods!

CHEAP GOODS!

Call and examine our large assortment of

COOK

And HEATING STOVES.

We are selling at Bottom Prices.

J. K. ALDRIDGE.

A LARGE assortment of POCKET CUTLERY, TABLE CUTLERY, Knife, Fork & Spoon for little folks; Christmas Tree Holders; Scissors, Skates, Sleigh Bells, &c. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

TRIPLE-PLATED CASTORS, Butter Dishes, Pickel Dishes, Ice Pitcher, Tea and Table Spoons, Mugs, &c., &c., purchased at Receiver's Sale, and for sale very cheap at J. K. ALDRIDGE'S.

A Large assortment of TIN-WARE on hand at prices to suit the times.

TOILET SETS, MONEY BANKS, CAKE PANS, GEM PANS, COAL HODS, SHOVELS, POKERS, &c., at J. K. ALDRIDGE'S.

Call and purchase a good Revolver. Cartridges, Breech Loading Shells, Shot, Caps, Wads, &c., at J. K. ALDRIDGE'S. Dec. 21, 1878.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

JAMES J. BOWIE,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 15th day of July, 1879; otherwise they may be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 17th day of December, 1878. H. W. VICKERS,
Dec. 21, 1878—4t. *Administrator.*

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WESLEY K. AYERS,
Dec. 21, 1878—4t. Adm'r.

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.

$15. THE BEST $15.

Sets of Teeth.

GOLD FILLING, $2.00.
SILVER FILLING, $1.00.

No extra charge for extracting Teeth. MARYLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION, Dr. F. E. Brown, Operator, No. 61 Lexington St., 3d door west of Charles, Balto.

REFERENCES—J. P. DeCorse, Esq., Dr. Whaland, C. H. Baker, Esq. dec7-4t*.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.

BY virtue of authority conferred upon me by the Act of Assembly approved April 1st, 1872, chapter 348, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of Martha Cork, of, in and to a

HOUSE and LOT,

in Morgan's Creek, adjoining the lands of Marshal Jones and others.

And I hereby give notice, that on *MONDAY, the 30th of December*, 1878, on the premises, at 10 o'clock A. M., I will sell the said property to the highest bidder for cash, to pay and satisfy the taxes due and owing by said Martha Cork.

Taxes due for 1877 ..... $1.72

Together with interest and all the costs incurred in making the sale. F. H. BOULDEN,
dec7-4s. Late Coll. 2d Dist.

TRY that good BUCKWHEAT, best and purest made, only 75c.