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The Kent News.

SATURDAY - - - - MARCH 8, 1879.

ADJOURNMENT OF CONGRESS—*An Extra Session Called.*—The Forty-fifth Congress adjourned *sine die* at noon on Tuesday, and the Forty-sixth Congress is called by a proclamation of the President to meet in extra session on the 18th instant. The extra session is due to the failure to pass the army and the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills. The issue was an important one, the democrats being decided that *the army should not be used at the polls*, and the federal election laws should be revised by the abrogation of the functions of supervisors of election and their practically unlimited calling of United States Deputy marshals to their aid. In this issue one independent and three republican Senators were arrayed on the one side as a majority in the Senate, against a majority of nineteen democratic Representatives in the House. The democratic party of the country will sustain their representatives in the noble and determined stand they took against this odious measure, by which unscrupulous republicans hoped to seat the next President if not fairly elected, after the manner they did Mr. Hayes.

VETO OF THE CHINESE BILL RESTRICTING IMMIGRATION.—The message of the President vetoing the Chinese immigration bill, which was sent in to Congress on Saturday, is a temperate, logical, well considered document, such as will attract the attention and command the respect of the country. The President gives a full account of the bill as it passed the House and was amended in the Senate, and couples this with a history of the so-called Burlingame treaty and a description of the articles in it to which the bill under consideration runs counter. The House refused by a vote of 109 to 95 to pass the bill over the veto. The President avoids saying so directly, but it has been stated heretofore, and is generally understood, that negotiations are now in progress between the Chinese government and ours looking to such amendments of the treaties with China as will be satisfactory to all concerned. Of course the people of California are very much incensed at this action of the President, and have held mass meetings, denounced him in unmeasured terms, and burned him in effigy.

THE report of the Potter Committee, as prepared by the chairman and adopted by the majority on Saturday, is a very elaborate document. It is singularly calm in its tone, and recites in plain words the story of the crimes of the returning boards and their political managers. The testimony is reviewed, and legal bearings upon particular points are given to show wherein the law was violated. The unlawful exclusion of democratic votes in Florida and Louisiana, the acts of political artifice and official usurpation employed to accomplish the desired end are set forth at length, leading to but one conclusion, that the will of the people was thwarted. The report makes some suggestions as to providing by law to prevent such abuses in future.

ABOUT fifty persons have been arrested at Pekin and Peoria, Ill., by the United States marshal, under indictments for complicity in whisky frauds. Some are prominent and wealthy citizens. They represent every branch of business, and startling developments are expected. All have been taken to Springfield. No occurrence has produced so much excitement in that section for years.

THE House of Representatives rejected the Senate amendment to the Post Office Appropriation bill granting a subsidy to John Roache's line of Brazilian steamships by a vote of 89 yeas to 157 nays. This is a magnificent, triumphant vindication of the character of the House for honesty and economy, and for sound judgment as well.

THE Baltimore *American* is the first of the daily papers in that city to issue a Sunday edition. In New York and Philadelphia the practice has been in vogue for many years. Persons who read a Monday's daily paper should not object to reading one published on Sunday, because the work on the former is nearly all done on Sunday, while that on the latter is done on Saturday.

THE bill which passed Congress for the taking of the census provides that the enumeration shall commence on the first Monday of June, 1879, and the returns shall be sent in by the first of July, 1880.

EX-GOV. JOSEPH E. BROWN, of Georgia, in a letter to a new England friend, says that he can say without exaggeration that not one white citizen in every hundred, probably not one in every five hundred, in Georgia—and he believes the same feeling exists generally in the South—would vote to re-establish slavery, or would consent to have it re-established under any circumstances.

LAST Saturday an ex-member of the New York Stock Exchange, who ten years ago was a millionaire, or very near it, and who in his prosperous days gave $100,000 at one time to New York churches, stood at the bar of Special Sessions and heard the voice of a Judge sentencing him for the theft of a coat and shirt to five days in the city prison.

A CHESTER county Pa., farmer owns a bloodhound which he asserts is six feet and six inches from the tip of his nose to the root of his tail, and can with ease eat from the counter of any store in town, and that when standing on his hind feet his head will reach the ceiling of a room that is not over eight feet high.

IT is estimated that the amount of money to go to pensioners in Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia, under the provisions of the new bill to pay arrearages of pensions, is $1,900,000.

THE Annapolis *Republican* hoists the names of Tilden and Hendricks as its presidential ticket.

DURING the revival services at Cambridge about one hundred professed conversion and joined the M. E. Church.

MR. COLTON'S LECTURE.—The lecture of George Colton, Esq., of Baltimore, at the Court House on Tuesday evening measured fully up to the advertised character of "humorous." He was greeted by a large and intelligent audience, and no one went away displeased or disappointed, unless astonished at his profundity of wit and anecdote. The lecture embraced numerous subjects, arranged under different "headings," and the facility with which the speaker passed from "grave to gay—from lively to severe" was a marvel to his hearers. More hearty and genuine outbursts of applause were never given by a Chestertown audience. The proceeds were for the benefit of the M. E. Sabbath School of this town, and in addition to the handsome amount realized at the door, Mr. Colton presented the school the liberal sum of twenty-five dollars. Besides this, he delivered the lecture gratis, had the tickets of admission printed, and paid his own traveling expenses.

FIRE IN QUAKER NECK—*A Colored Child Burned to Death.*—A fire occurred at Mr. Isaac Cordray's, in Quaker Neck, on Thursday morning, which destroyed his kitchen and the door leading to the main dwelling. The fire is supposed to have originated from the upsetting of a lamp by a small colored child in the kitchen stairs; the remains of the child being found in the debris burned to a crisp. A number of neighbors soon assembled and subdued the flames before serious damage was done the dwelling, which is of brick. The loss is estimated between 300 and $400, with no insurance, it being, strange to say, the only building of a number owned by Mr. Cordray upon which there was no insurance.

PUBLIC SALES.—This (Saturday) afternoon, between the hours of one and three o'clock, Mr. Addison M. Gooding will offer at public sale, at Pennington's hotel in Galena, the Gooding farm, adjoining that town. Mrs. Susan E. Sutton will offer at the same place, at noon to-day, the property known as Galena Seminary.

On Wednesday next the Messrs. Gray Bros., in Still Pond, will sell their stock, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, &c.

A CHANGE in Kent circuit M. P. Church is proposed at the approaching conference. St. James' applies for a division, so that it may be made a separate appointment. This, if acceded to, would necessitate a station in Chestertown; and Kennedyville, it is thought, would also prefer being made a station than connecting with any other circuit. The matter was only brought to official notice within the past few days, and a meeting is to be held this afternoon to consider it.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, March 4, 1879.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. H. W. Vickers, adm'r of Stephen Cox, late of Philadelphia, dec'd, returned his first administration account and dividend, which was passed and ordered to be recorded. The release of Geo. B. McWhorter to Thos. J. McWhorter, adm'r of Jeff. McWhorter, dec'd, was filed and ordered to be recorded. The last will and testament of Dr. Thos. C. Kennard, was filed, admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded. Letters testamentary on the personal estate of Thos. C. Kennard, dec'd, were granted to Henry C. Kennard and J. A. Pearce, who filed their bond in the sum of $30,000, with security approved by the court; the usual notice to creditors ordered. The fifth and final administration account and third dividend of Thos. J. Britton, exec'r of Wm. F. Smith, dec'd, was filed and passed.

A LITERARY CIRCLE, somewhat like that at Bond Chapel, has been organized at Fairlee. On the 27th ult. there were several good selections read, among them Will Carleton's satire on School committeemen was admirably read by Mrs. Adele Hurlock; "Our Precious Baby," by Mr. E. Bowers, and a sharp cut at the Doctors, by Rev. Mr. Brewington; a dialogue by Miss Ida Morse and Miss N. Kendall followed. The question, "Is the life (or business) of the farmer preferable to that of the mechanic?" was then discussed, Mr. R. Bowers opening in the affirmative, A. M. Kendall following in the negative, after which the debate became general. The young gentlemen acquitted themselves with a degree of ability which augurs well for the future. An essay on "Thought" was read by Howard Meeks. The Misses Bordley sang a duet in excellent style and Mrs. Brewington gave several instrumental pieces with fine effect.

LIGHT HOUSE CHANGES.—The Treasury Department at Washington has ordered the dismissal of Mr. W. A. Mansfield, keeper of Love Point light-house, and Mr. George W. Fallowfield, assistant, on account of their abandonment of their post during the ice blockade of the past winter. Mr. T. Frank Hamilton, of this county, has been appointed keeper, and Capt. Samuel C. Walters, of Centreville, assistant. The light house board are very strict with their appointees and forbid their desertion of their posts even amid the greatest dangers. Messrs. Mansfield and Fallowfield, following a natural instinct to save their lives rather than remain in what they believed to be a dangerous house, left the light-house when they were hourly expecting the thing to be upset by the heavy banks of ice then piling up against it, and went ashore. It is for this they were discharged, and although the law may be satisfied by this move, yet the community will still believe they did what even the light-house board themselves would have done under like circumstances. The keeper of Seven Foot Knoll light-house has also been removed.

THE STOCK at Col. Wilkins' vendue last week was sold on Friday. "Roan Chief" was purchased by Mr. S. Merritt Wilkins for $460.00. The pedigree of the thoroughbred cattle was given as each was offered, and sold as follows:

No. 1	—E. M. Wilkins	$72.00
" 2	—James Merrick, Queen Anne's	71.00
" 3	—Col. B. S. Ford "	66.00
" 4	—A. J. Gadd "	80.00
" 5	—E. B. Jones	65.00
" 6	—C. T. Westcott	72.50
" 7	—E. M. Wilkins	75.00
" 8	—Thos. Hill, Baltimore	68.50
" 9	—Daniel McKee (heifer 2 yrs. old)	40.50
" 10	—C. M. Willis (heifer 1 yr. old)	15.00
" 11	—Wm. D. Gould (heifer 2 yrs. old)	31.00
" 12	—A. J. Gadd, Queen Anne's	81.00
" 13	— " " "	71.00
" 14	—James H. Baker (calf)	26.00
" 15	— " "	21.00
" 16	—S. H. Crawford "	10.00
" 17	—Jas. H. Baker "	8.50
" 18	—T. J. Willis, Alderney Bull	32.50

MESSRS. T. R. HUBBARD & SON advertise in this issue their well-known Standard Bone Phosphate for Spring crops. It is highly recommended by some of the best farmers in Kent and Queen Anne's counties.

THE LONDON HORSE AND CATTLE FOOD, advertised by Mr. C. F. Stam, druggist, is highly recommended as a panacea for most of the diseases to which those animals are subject. Read adv. and testimonials.

REV. T. J. WILLIAMS is still improving in health and expects to go to conference on the 17th inst. Rev. Charles Hill will fill his appointments on Sunday next at Blackiston's in the morning and at Millington at night.

CAREFUL estimates demonstrate the fact that the quantity of Peach trees now growing is one-third less than it was three years ago, and that old orchards are being taken up, and thus the quantity of trees diminishing much more rapidly than is replaced by planting young trees.

IF you want to make a sure test of live peach buds break off a twig and put it in water in a warm room. After awhile the live buds will begin to swell and bloom out. Try it—this is the best way to know whether your fruit is living or dead.—*Denton Union.*

MR. C. E. SHANAHAN, land agent at Easton, one day last week received fifty-six letters from persons at the North, making inquiries about land, soil and climate in that latitude. The number of letters received on the same subject the week previous averaged about thirty per day.

THE contract for building the new Odd Fellows' Hall in Easton has been awarded to Mr. Matthew P. Flowers, of that town, at $9,870. The *Star* says the plan and drawings were made by Mr. Davis, architect, of Baltimore, and call for a very handsome building, four stories, brick, trimmed with stone.

WE had a three inch dash of snow here Sunday night, but the ground was not frozen, and much of it melted as it fell. Some persons who came to town in sleighs on Monday had some difficulty in getting home.

THE good people of Centreville are making extensive preparations to entertain the M. P. Conference, which meets there next Wednesday. The *Observer* will publish a daily during the session, and those desiring it can have it by leaving name and 25 cts. with any M. P. minister.

THE Easton *Star* says James H. Jackson, of Bay Hundred district, fell overboard and was drowned in Harris' creek on Wednesday, while dragging for terrapins.

JOSEPH B. HACKETT, Esq., has been appointed by Gov. Carroll justice of the peace in the first district of Queen Anne's county, vice William S. Meredith, deceased.

MISS CHADBOURNE, of Boston, who gave select readings in Chestertown last fall, is now entertaining the people of Dover, Delaware.

MRS. E. C. PHELPS announces to the ladies that she has resumed the hair business at Galena. Dr Phelps, dentist, visits Still Pond professionally every Saturday.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.—*Interesting Exercises—Building of the "Gospel Ship."*—The Juvenile Missionary Society of the Meth. Protestant Sunday School of Chestertown held its Anniversary on Friday evening of last week. Though its previous anniversaries have always been very interesting, this excelled all its other efforts in that line. The church was neatly trimmed with evergreen and mottoes, while within and about the altar hanging baskets and blooming flowers added their charms. At an early hour the church was crowded with people, the school itself occupying the greater part of the main floor.

The symbolic feature of the exercise consisted in the building of a SHIP, emblematic of the Gospel, or Religion, as a conveyance for human voyagers over the ocean of life to the heavenly port beyond. The "Fruits of the Spirit," as given in Gal. v: 22, 23, were taken as the foundation for an exercise which would at the proper time bring together piece by piece the different parts of the vessel.

The school was arranged in nine divisions—the twenty-six classes giving abundance of good working material for each;—beside these, one from each division was selected to compose the superintendent's division, or banner bearers.

After the preliminary exercises, the president of the society, Mr. Wilbur W. Hubbard, delivered a short address, congratulating the organization upon its success, and foreshadowing the exercise of the evening. The first division, designated "Love," was then called upon by the superintendent to know what it could say of this "fruit;" the response promptly followed: First, a young lady stepped forward to the altar rail, bearing a plainly painted piece of wood, and said, "Love is one of the fruits of the Spirit, and its relation to the others may be likened to the *keel* of a mighty vessel—it is a foundation timber." The piece, which indeed *was* the keel of the miniature ship, was received by two lads—Johnny Collins and Harry Dodd—and placed in position upon a pedestal about two feet high, so arranged as to be in full view of the audience. Then followed other interesting exercises by this division, lasting not over five minutes. The other divisions were called in quick succession, and each in turn furnished its quota of timber, masts, spars, etc.; during which individual scholars impressively recited appropriate selections, while every division had pieces in concert, and some of them closed with singing. The *Joy* division very happily rendered the verse—

"Joyfully, joyfully, onward I move,
Bound for the land of bright Canaan above,"

and *Faith* division sweetly sung two verses, with the chorus—

"Resting in faith, resting in faith,
Sweetly the moments glide."

Gentleness division, which embraced the infant classes, furnished the small boats and flags for the ship, and its part was closed with a verse of—

"Over the river, the river wide,"

touchingly rendered by two little girls—Morgan Beasten and Stella Lambert—the former prefacing it with the remark that "the Gospel Ship will take us little folks safely over the river."

After the divisions had all been called the banner bearers, one after the other, went forward with the division banners—each of these bearing upon one side the name of the division and on the other a single large gilt letter. The bearers each delivered a short address or recitation in keeping with the exercise—all of them very efficiently rendering their parts.

The last recitation by the banner bearers closed the work. There stood, in all its beautiful proportions, a *full rigged Ship*, four feet in length, with masts, spars, and innumerable ropes, all in place; her anchors and small boats were appropriately swung, and at the gaff floated a red silk flag on which was worked a white cross, and encircling it in Hebrew characters the words, "In this conquer." At the main and fore-top were others with different designs. Immediately above the ship were suspended the Division banners, and the gilt letters told her name—"THE GOSPEL." In the centre of the pedestal upon which the ship rested a pivot worked, and during the singing of the following verse the vessel moved gracefully round, giving a full view of all her parts:

"Praise the Lord! 'tis the old ship Zion,
Jesus is her Captain's name;
Colors bright from her masts are flying,
We have heard of her noble fame.
Quick! on board, she has weigh'd her anchor:
Quick! on board, for the wind is fair;
World adieu, we are sailing onward,
Heaven's our home and our hearts are there."

At this point the president announced that the "Gospel Ship" was not only complete but that on board of her was a gallant gospel crew, and one of the scholars would tell their names.—Thereupon Minnie Usilton stepped forward and read "The Crew of the Gospel Ship," (published on our first page.) The names were affixed to the ship according to their location in this article.

The whole affair was a perfect success. The contrivance was a marvel of mechanical ingenuity, and was built by Mr. Milton Baker, one of our town carpenters; the painting was done by Mr. W. T. Sutton. The conception and design was entirely original with the school, as was also the beautiful exercise which brought together so perfectly the different parts of the vessel. The exercise lasted about one hour.

Among the single recitations the following were particularly good: "Words of Cheer," by Mary Bowers; "True Faith," by Annie Crouch; others by Nettie Russell, Mary Fowler, Lottie Collins, Katie Wheatley, Addie Brice, Fannie Russell, Mollie Parks, Katie Plummer, Lillie Fowler and Fannie Simpers. Will. Conyer was excelled by none, and Bud Russell, one of the smallest boys in the school, spoke with such manly, clear utterance, that he could be distinctly heard by every one in the vast audience.

After the above exercises the classes handed in their contributions for the past month, the whole aggregating over $80. Mrs. Mary E. Lambert's class was awarded the banner for the largest contribution, also the first premium, a handsome book, for the highest during the year. The second premium was awarded to the infant class, taught by Mrs. A. M. Bowers; the third to Mrs. T. R. Hubbard's. A number of life members were made also. The Ship was left in place over Sunday, and the exercises during the day were appropriate to the anniversary. In the morning Rev. J. B. Jones, the pastor, preached and lifted the superannuated collection, and at night Rev. C. B. Middleton eloquently pictured the voyage over life's sea and the Ship in which all should early take passage.

ANTICIPATING CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.—The *Delaware Republican* says: "Already the changes that are to be made among the ministry have been anticipated, and a number may be found in the following: Rev. Dr. Caldwell is to be Presiding Elder in place of Rev. J. B. Quigg; Rev. Dr. Stevenson, of Grace M. E. Church is to be retained. At the Union, Rev. N. M. Browne, of Salisbury district, will supercede Rev. J. B. Mann, and Mr. Mann will be sent to Salisbury district. Rev. George R. Bristor, of New Castle, will be sent to St. Paul's church and occupy the pulpit made vacant by the elevation of Dr. Caldwell; Rev. C. F. Sheppard will be retained at Mount Salem; Rev. C. M. Pegg, of Scott church, this city, goes to New Castle to succeed Mr. Bristor, and Scott church is to be filled by Rev. L. C. Matlack, from Bethel church, near Chesapeake City; Rev. Mr. Wilson will be retained at Asbury; Rev. J. B. Quigg, P. E., will either go to Port Deposit, Md., or Milford, Del.; Rev. Mr. Hough, of Dover district, will be retained, as also will be Rev. Charles Hill, of Easton district; Rev. R. M. Todd, of Milton, will be sent to Elkton, Md., and Rev. D. C. Ridgway will be sent from Elkton, Md., to Milton, Del.; Rev. J. D. Rigg will go to Newport. These are the appointments, in prospective, as far as we have been able to learn. There may be some change, however, but in the main the result will be so near those apprehended above as to make the change immaterial.

THE LATEST FROM BISHOP LAY.—Rev. J. V. Stryker, of Trinity Cathedral, has received a letter from Bishop Lay, from Rome, dated Feb. 15. The Bishop does not report any material change in his condition. He thinks his recovery must needs be gradual. There has, however, been no unfavorable change in his health. He thinks he has improved in the main, but is obliged to be very careful in many things, avoiding fatigue. His friends will be glad to learn that he writes hopeful of his complete restoration when he arrives at home.

FATHER KELLY, the Catholic pastor of New Castle, has offered the hospitality of his parsonage to a couple of Methodist ministers attending the conference in that town. It is said that there is a genuine rivalry between the brethren as to who will become the guests of the priest.—*Wilmington Herald.*

THE commissioners of Queen Anne's county, following the action of those of Kent, have determined to grant no new roads this year.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

CLUB ROOM, March 3, 1879.

Messrs. Editors:—A very large attendance, notwithstanding the snow and the miserable roads. The committee on taxes not having completed their report, asked for more time. They have formulated a number of articles on which taxes could be lessened, and will be thankful for any suggestions or information that will assist them in preparing a practical and intelligent report.

Some questions being asked as to raising beets for sugar, resulted in the Corresponding Secretary being authorized to obtain information on the subject. This, if had, will probably lead to careful investigation of the possible success of that industry in this county.

A disposition was shown to know something about the Maryland Agricultural School, and, although the tax-payers are largely interested in it, but little is known as to its condition or management. Any papers with information on these points forwarded to me, through you, will be thankfully received and laid before the association at an early day.

The regular question, "Is it best to compost surplus straw or spread it dry?" lead to a far more interesting discussion than your correspondent anticipated. The general opinion was that spread dry gave the best results. Some experiments showed that good results followed burning the straw off before the land was plowed. One experiment was given where excellent results for several years followed the burning of a heavy coat of straw. Another member had found a great gain in the first crop after the straw was burned, but after that could see no benefit, and he attributed a part of the benefit to the burning of noxious seed. Another member had spread straw around his peach trees, using seven stacks; it caused a wonderful growth, but damaged the orchard, as the wood not maturing broke badly. The opinion prevailed that the chief value of straw is not in any active fertilizing principles it contains, but in protection from wind, frost and the sun. All agreed as to the value of straw as an absorbent, but the question was "surplus straw." The debate was closed by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this association it is more advisable to spread the surplus straw on the land than to rot it, either in or out of the barn yard.

A very interesting article on "Clover as a Source of Wealth," from the *Farm and Fireside*, was read, which I desired to notice, but have not the space."

Question for March 10—"At what season of the year should we trim and plow our orchards?"

PARTICEPS.

Letter from Quaker Neck.

Messrs. Editors:—The attendance at the literary circle last Friday evening was large and the exercises interesting. The following officers were elected for the month of March, and duly installed: President, F. W. Lamb; Vice-President, Comegys Brown; Secretary, Miss Sallie Mills; Treasurer, Miss Sallie Wilkins; Chaplain, J. C. Loud; Usher, C. B. Lamb; Chairman Literary Committee, Mrs. Bartus Trew; Chairman Musical Committee, Edw. B. Jones; Chairman Discussion Committee, D. P. Jones; Editress *Graphic Gem*, Mrs. Lizzie Wilkins.

George Colton, Esq., will lecture at Bond Chapel either on the 1st or 3d of April, and Messrs. Jas. H. Baker, S. W. Brown and Edw. B. Jones were appointed a committee to receive Mr. Colton and make all arrangements for the lecture. Due notice will be given by advertisement.

Mr. H. C. Cox, of Baltimore city, was present, and entertained the circle with a recitation. Mr. John Davis, Jr., read an essay on profanity. Miss Annie Brown read a piece entitled "Acquiring Knowledge," and Master Henry Baker delivered a declamation, subject, "Little Robin." They were all well received and highly spoken of.

REPORTER.

THE SHIP CANAL—*Estimated Cost by Three Routes.*—The estimates for the ship canal across this peninsula have been made by Major W. P. Craighill, and submitted to the Secretary of War and by him to Congress. The cost of the different routes is estimated as follows:

Choptank route	$16,232,921
Queenstown route	33,967,026
Sassafras route	8,119,897

The distances by the different routes from Baltimore to the Delaware Capes are:

By Choptank route	153½ miles.
" Queenstown route	114 "
" Sassafras route	140 "

The Queenstown route has the most canal, and the Choptank route the broadest water and the least ice to contend with in cold weather. These estimates are only preliminary, and will be somewhat changed by complete estimates which will take in the whole route, and include the cost of keeping open the route at all seasons of the year. The estimates are for a canal of the following dimensions:

Width at bottom	100 feet
Width at low water	179 "
Width at high water	190 "
Width of berme	10 "
Depth at low water	27 "
Ratio of slopes	1½ to 1 "

PRICES OF WHEAT.—Wm. M. Robinson, of Fishing Creek, in Dorchester county, furnishes the Cambridge *Chronicle* with a statement of the prices he received per bushel for his wheat each year since 1843, as follows: In 1843, 95c.; 1844, 98c.; 1845, 97c.; 1846, $1.00; 1847, no account; 1848, 90c.; 1849, $1.10; 1850, 95c.; 1851, 83½c.; 1852, 96c.; 1853, $1.50; 1854, $2.00; 1855, $1.53; 1856, $1.63; 1857, $1.60; 1858, $1.26; 1859, $1.36; 1860, $1.63; 1861, $1.65; 1862, $1.83; 1863, $2.10; 1864, $1.95; 1865, $3.00; 1866, $3.10; 1867, $2.50; 1868, $2.90; 1869, $1.55; 1870, $1.65; 1871, $1.45; 1872, $2.00; 1873, $1.68; 1874, $1.30; 1875, $1.20; 1876, $1.28; 1877, $1.55; 1878, $1.00.

AN old colored man named Browser, living near Centreville, attempted to commit suicide on Saturday last by shooting himself with a gun. The load passed through the shoulder blade. The old man is insane and is not expected to recover.

TALL EATING.—Joseph W. Carter, of Centreville, eat on a wager last week four dozen raw oysters and fifty-one cakes, the cakes being equal in quantity to four pounds of pound cake. The whole operation was performed in about two hours. So says the *Observer*.

MARRIED:

On the 19th instant, in the M. E. Church, Cecilton, by Rev. E. P. Aldred, HARRY F. PRICE, of Kent county, and JENNIE JONES, daughter of Thos. Jones, Esq., of Cecil county.

DIED:

Departed this life Feb. 25, 1879, H. LOUISA PENNINGTON, wife of Wm. D. Pennington and daughter of Henry and Louisa Kelley, aged 30 years.

In Pine Neck, Feb. 22, THOS. R. GRESHAM, eldest son of the late Thomas P. Gresham, aged about 50 years.

In Plano, Illinois, on the 25th of February, after a protracted illness, Miss ANN ELIZA MIDDLETON, in the 57th year of her age, formerly of Chestertown.

On Wednesday last, in Millington, of catarrh, LOTTIE, youngest daughter of Henry and Rosamond Tonkin, aged 2 years and 6 months.

Near Kennedyville, Jan. 2, MARY ELMER, daughter of Charles and Martha Stradley, aged 10 months and 1 week.

Dearest Elmer, thou hast left us,
We thy loss most deeply feel;
But 'tis God that has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal. MOTHER.

Near Strong's Corner, Dec. 3, 1878, ISAAC B. GALE, son of Isaac Gale, in his 29th year. At the same place, Jan. 12, 1879, LOTTIE, oldest child of the late Isaac B. Gale, aged 5 years and 11 months.

Mother, I see you with your nursery light,
Leading your children all in white
To their sweet rest;
Christ, the good Shepherd, carries them to-night,
And that is best.

I cannot help tears, when I see them twine
Their fingers in yours, and their bright curls shine
On your warm breast;
But the Saviour's is purer than yours or mine,
He can love best.

You tremble each hour because your arms
Are weak, and your heart is wrung with alarms
And sore oppress;
Your darlings are safe out of reach of harm,
And that is best.

You know that of yours your feeblest one
And dearest may live long years alone,
Unloved, unblest;
But they are cherished of saints round God's throne
And that is best.

You must dread for yours the crime that sears,
Dark guilt unwashed by repented tears,
And unconfessed;
But they entered spotless on eternal years,
O! how much the best.

NOTICE.—I have officiated at the obsequies of at least 125 persons, since I became the Pastor of Kent Circuit. The friends will please give me the names of the deceased; when and where born; when and where died; when and where buried. It is my duty to place all deaths on record. J. B. JONES, Pastor.

M. P. Parsonage, Chestertown, Mar. 5, 1879.

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REFERENCES—J. P. DeCorse, Esq., Dr. Whaland, C. H. Baker, Esq. jan4-y.

A CARD.

THOUGH shrinking from publishing to the county what should have been the business of a few persons only, a sense of duty toward myself demands that I should reply to the statement made by the Hon. W. T. Hepbron in the last issue of the *Kent News*. If my son was in error as to the length of time Mr. Hepbron delayed to act upon his appointment, who will blame him? The appointment was made on the 4th of February. The next day I met Mr. E. F. Perkins on the street, who informed me of the fact, saying, by way of apology, that press of school business had prevented him notifying, officially, either Mr. Hepbron or myself; but that he would do so as soon as possible. The following day (the 6th) I received his official notice. Mr. Perkins is known throughout the county as one of our most punctual and correct business men. Now is it at all likely that he would allow "two weeks" to elapse before notifying Mr. H. of the action of the School Board? Mr. H. says after receiving official notice he was "called upon by my friends and urged to confirm the appointment." I declare most positively that if any of my friends endeavored to influence him in my son's favor, it was done without either my knowledge or consent. My son has told me since Mr. H.'s card appeared that Mr. Archibald (his Sabbath School Superintendent) offered to do so, and that he told him he would be obliged. I desire that Mr. H. publish the names of any of my friends who were authorized by me to seek his favor. The gentleman also has conscientious (?) scruples lest the meaning of the law should not be carried out. I beg his pardon, but at the same time assert my belief that the members of the School Board understand the law as well, and are as honest in their interpretation of it, as the Honorable gentleman himself. And further, I was not aware that it was my place to dance attendance upon Mr. Hepbron and lay before him the condition of my pecuniary affairs. If he wished to ask me any questions he knew my postoffice, or he could have spoken to me personally on several occasions with very few additional steps. This would have been far preferable to communicating with a third party, which seems to be his manner of doing business. (1t.) W. H. STEWART.

A CARD.

TO THE VOTERS OF KENT COUNTY:

I announce myself as a candidate for the House of Delegates from Kent Co., at the solicitation of my Democratic friends, and if elected will adhere to the principles of the Democratic party and my constituents.

BENJAMIN B. WROTH.

Chestertown, March 4, 1879—tf.

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a very fine lot of
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SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.

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AFTER much solicitation I have concluded to resume the HAIR business here, formerly carried on extensively in Milford, Del. Combings beautifully made up into Switches, Puffs and Curls, at short notice, at 35c. per oz. Also, a large assortment of ready made Hair Goods constantly on hand.

Orders by mail directed to Mrs. E. C. PHELPS, Galena, will receive prompt attention. MRS. E. C. PHELPS.

Galena, Md., March 8—tf.

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You can buy them Cheaper than the Cheapest. Also, CASTINGS good and smooth, as low as the lowest.

Just come or send to us. We will "astonish the natives" in WAGONS and CARTS.

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Mar. 8, 1879.

Examine our

Stock CYPRESS FENCING BOARDS, CYPRESS WHITE PINE and YELLOW PINE Paling RAILS, and White Pine PICKETS, before purchasing elsewhere.

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Still Pond P. O., March 8, 1879.

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ATTENTION FARMERS!

WM. A. HYLAND & CO.,

Have now completed their arrangements to meet the demand of farmers for implements, &c., for the present and approaching season. Our stock of material is large and of the best character, while our workmen are excelled by none.

We call special attention to our

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We have overcome the objection heretofore exisiting against the groove; and are selling our Plows at prices to suit the purchaser. Also,

PLOW CASTINGS,

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and Cultivator Teeth, can now be had at Galena or the Foundry in Chestertown. Our Castings are the best we have ever offered.

Early orders are respectfully solicited.

WM. A. HYLAND & CO.,
Mar. 8. GALENA.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

THOMAS C. KENNARD,

late of Kent county, Md., dec'd.

All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, on or before the 11th of September, 1879, or they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate.

Given under our hands this 4th day of March, 1879.

HENRY C. KENNARD,
JAMES A. PEARCE,
Mar. 8, 1879—4t. Executors.

A CHEAP FARM FOR SALE,

Containing 195 ACRES,

Well located on the public road, within a half mile of the village of Still Pond. Good soil and good neighborhood. Terms easy.

Apply to C. H. BAKER,
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BONELESS CODFISH,
Mackerel, Windsor Herring,
Dried Apples and Peaches,
Chow-Chow, Piccalilli Pickles,
all at very close prices, at
WHEATLEY BRO'S,
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BEST CHEESE
only 11c. per lb.,
N. Y. Buckwheat 70c. per sack of 25 lbs.
at WHEATLEY BRO'S.
March 1, 1879.

LORD BALTIMORE
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Enterprise Roasted COFFEE,
as low as they can be bought anywhere in town.
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GROCERIES as cheap as sold in Chestertown, to be found at the GREEN FRONT. J. STAFFORD, JR.

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Different styles and qualities.
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Misses' Button Gaiters,
Boys' Plows,
Boys' Brogans,
Boys' Don Pedros,
Boys' Buttoned Grain,
Boys' Kid-top Buttoned,
Boys' Solar-tip Buttoned,
Boys' Tipped Buttoned,
Boys' Calf English Ties,
Boys' Buff English Ties,
Men's Plows,
Men's Brogans,
Men's Buff English Ties,
Men's Congress Gaiters,
Men's Calf Congress Gaiters,
Men's Calf Fine Boots,
Men's Fine Kip Boots,
Ladies' Goat, Mor. and Lasting
Bals, Boots, Gaiters, Ties
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different grades and qualities, and numerous other styles, all at as moderate prices as they can be sold for.

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Horse and Cattle FOOD!

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To renew Youth,
To prevent Disease,
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To cure Coughs and Colds,
To cure Epizootic and Influenza,
To cure Glanders,
To kill Botts and Worms,
To loosen the Hide,
To lay the Hair,
To clean the Blood,

If used according to directions.

Put up in boxes and for sale by

C. F. STAM,
Chestertown, Agent.

Copy of Original Testimonials.

Baltimore, Jan. 31, 1879.

MR. J. S. KNAPP—Sir: I have made a thorough test of the London Food and recommend it to the public as a good Improvement Food for Horses. I will use it in preference to any condition powders I know of. [They have 300 horses.]

Respectfully, R. PRICE,
Sup't Citizens Line Street R. R.

Carrollton, Carroll Co., Md., Feb. 11, 1879.

JOHN S. KNAPP—Sir: Having used the London Horse and Cattle Food on both my horses and cows, I cheerfully recommend it to the public as a good condition food for the horse and a profitable condiment for cattle, as it will cause cows to give more milk and make at least 25 per cent. more butter than any condition powders I ever used. Hoping this will induce my friends to try it, after which I am convinced they will bear the same testimony as to its merits as I do.

Yours, respectfully,
mh8-tf. JACOB M. HOFF.

KENT COUNTY

Commissioners' Notice.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY will meet at their office in Chestertown, on

TUESDAY,

The 18th of March, 1879,

at 10 o'clock A. M., and will continue to meet at the same place and hour

EVERY TUESDAY,

Until the THIRD day of JUNE next.

All persons who have SOLD or TRANSFERRED any

ASSESSABLE PROPERTY

since the late general assessment are particularly requested to attend at an early day and have their assessments adjusted.

After Tuesday, the 13th of May next,

NO ALTERATION will be made in the assessments during the year.

COLLECTORS,

(One from each Election District,) and also, a

Standard Keeper,

will be appointed on

TUESDAY, the 15th of April next.

All persons having ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE COUNTY are requested to present the same on or before

TUESDAY, the 3rd day of June next,

otherwise they will be excluded from the Levy for this year. All accounts properly chargeable to the county are required to be made out in a fair and clear manner and itemized—to be r