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The Kent News.

SATURDAY - - - - - JUNE 28, 1879.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For the State Senate:
WILLIAM T. HEPBRON.

For the House of Delegates:
WILLIAM H. FORD,
THOMAS A. HULME.

For Clerk of Circuit Court:
DR. SAMUEL BECK.

For Register of Wills:
JOEL C. SLAUGHTER.

For State's Attorney:
HARRISON W. VICKERS.

For Sheriff:
EUGENE GOODING.

For Judges of the Orphans' Court:
ROBERT NICHOLSON,
THOMAS J. SHALLCROSS,
R. BENNETT WILLSON.

For County Commissioners:
CHARLES P. LOPER,
TILGHMAN SHAFER,
WILLIAM V. LUCAS,
THOMAS P. DIXON,
T. ROMIE STRONG.

For County Surveyor:
H. H. GRESHAM.

THE DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.—The Democratic State Central Committee met in Baltimore on Friday of last week and fixed upon the 7th day of August as the time, and Baltimore City as the place, for holding the Democratic State Convention to nominate a candidate for Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General and Clerk of the Court of Appeals. The date for holding the primaries is left to the members of the State Central Committee representing respectively the several counties and the legislative districts of Baltimore city. It also named the 14th day of August as the time, and Ocean City as the place, for holding the Judicial Convention of the First Circuit, to nominate three judges for said district.

REPUBLICAN POLITICS.—R. Stockett Matthews, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, has issued a call convening the Executive Committee in the city of Baltimore on Wednesday, July 1st, to name a date for holding a State convention to nominate candidates for Governor, Comptroller, Attorney General and Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and also to direct the appointment of a new State Central Committee. It is understood that Mr. Matthews, chairman, proposes to resign that position July 1, whether or not he is confirmed by the Senate as United States district judge.

GEORGE W. BISHOP, ex-judge of the Orphans' Court of Baltimore city, and Isaac W. M. Helm, were convicted in the Criminal Court on Tuesday, before Judge Pinkney, without a jury, of forging a $18,400 city bond, the property of a minor. As the case will go to the Court of Appeals on a number of exceptions filed by the defence during the trial, the sentence will be deferred until the result is koown. The prisoners will meantime remain in the city jail.

THE arrest and confession, at Boston, of the murderer of Mrs. Hull, in New York, solves the mystery of that peculiarly atrocious deed, and lifts the painfully oppressive burden of suspicion which has rested upon innocent parties. His name is Chastine Cox, a copper-colored negro, who has been employed as a waiter for a year and a-half in the neighborhood of the Hull residence in New York city.

THE following Democratic nominations were made in Baltimore on Wednesday, with great unanimity, and finish up the ticket for the November election: For State's Attorney, Chas. G. Kerr. Sheriff, Alfred E. Smyrk. Judges of the Orphans' Court, Neilson Poe, George W. Lindsay, J. K. Carroll. Surveyor, S. J. Martinet.

HORRIBLE CRIME OF A DESPAIRING MAN—*His Three Children Murdered.*—John Kemmler, a German, living at South Holyoke, Massachusetts, shot his three children—Annie, aged 6 years, Ludmiller, aged 4, and Amy, aged 1—last Saturday afternoon, because he was unable to support them. He has been out of work since February. At that time he went to Colorado, but recently returned.—About two o'clock he sent his wife on an errand, and calling his oldest child in the house, tried to poison it with cyanide of potassium, but she threw up the dose. Kemmler then took the second child into the front bed-room and shot her through the head, back of the ear, with a 31-calibre five-shooter. He then took Annie to the rear of the bed-room and shot her in a like manner, and left her on the floor covered with vomit and blood. The youngest girl was lying on the bed. He also shot her behind the ear, the flash of the pistol burning the pillow. Leaving the house, he told a saloon keeper what he had done. After his arrest he appeared quite cool, and said he was willing to let the law takes its course. He said he could not support his children, and feared they would grow up and go wrong, and therefore, because he loved them, he killed them so that they might be saved from lives of shame and go straight to heaven. He had planned for ten days to kill them. Kemmler has been regarded as odd, but has never been thought insane. Mrs. Kemmler is completely overwhelmed with grief.

FEARFUL FALL.—Charles W. Hawkins aged 25 years, a carpenter from Baltimore city, engaged on repairs to the dome of the capital at Annapolis, fell a distance of sixty feet to the floor of the rotunda on Wednesday afternoon, and died one hour after his fall. He was to be married next month to a daughter of one of the leading merchants of Annapolis.

HALF of the hair and beard of a man in Springfield, Mass., has turned gray, while the other half retains its natural dark color. The division line of the beard is in the middle of the chin, and on the head it is immediately over the nose.

OFFICIAL reports from almost every city in the Mississippi Valley show no indications of yellow fever, and unusual good health prevails. Sanitary regulations are strictly enforced.

It is gravely proposed to gather up the remnants of the Republican party in this city and to hold a primary election with them!—*Baltimore Bulletin*

PUBLIC SCHOOL "COMMENCEMENT."—A large audience gathered last Wednesday morning at the school room in Chestertown to witness the closing exercises at that institution. Rev. C. B. Middleton, of the M. P. Church, now visiting here, opened with an appropriate prayer. Selections were read by various scholars, as follows; "Never Say Fail," by Blanche Zimmerman; "Over and Over Again," Sallie Hurtt; "On the Shores of Tennessee," Harry Brice; "The Wives of Brixam," Sadie Gardner; "Josiah Allen's Wife in A. T. Stewart's Store," Lizzie Benjamin; "A Mite Song," Geo. Byron; "Billy Grimes the Drover," Fannie Stuart; "Somebody's Mother," May Sullivan; "After the Battle," Lulie Harris. The scholars of the seventh grade all had prepared original essays, and a number were read as follows: "The Ruins of Time," by Lizzie Roberts—read by her sister Mary on account of the former's indisposition; "Changes," by Ella Thomas; "Life," by Minnie Usilton. These all gave evidence of literary talent and taste, and might very creditably have served as "graduating addresses" in far more pretentious institutions. The exercises throughout were interspersed with singing, a number of fine choruses being well rendered by the school, and the solos "Lilly Belle," by Irene Gardner, and "Vacation Days Have Come," by Mary Bowers. The Principal, Prof. A. N. Ebaugh, explained the working of the school and the gratifying results from the marking system, and also spoke of the necessity for greater accommodations in the way of room and an additional teacher, in order to do full justice to the present and constantly increasing number of scholars. Rev. Mr. Roberts indulged in some very appropriate remarks concerning the conduct of the school, expressing for himself and all the other "patrons" gratification and appreciation of the zealous labors of the principal and his worthy co-laborers. Very handsome boquets rewarded the efforts of various pupils, and one of mammoth size and exquisite beauty was presented to the Principal by the seventh grade scholars.

A very important and interesting item of the programme was the announcement of promotions of scholars and the composition of the various grades for the next term. The principal did this after prefacing with a few words explanatory of the rule by which the standing of scholars was known. The decision and announcement very naturally grated harshly upon the ears and saddened the hearts of the unsuccessful, while those who had been so fortunate as to "pass" were filled with new life for the enjoyment of the vacation season. Let those who failed this time, consider the cause, and, if in their power to remedy it, determine to retrieve their laurels in the future.

The following is a list of the pupils receiving an average of over eighty per cent. Seventy-five was requisite to "pass" a scholar:

Seventh grade—Mamie Roberts 97, Lizzie Roberts 95, Minnie Usilton 91, Ella Thomas 90, Harry Dodd 87, Lulie Harris 84.

2d division 6th grade—Annie Crouch 92; Wm. Hoblitzell 87; Katie Plummer 83; Sadie Gardner 80. 1st div. 6th—Blackiston Perkins 90; Maggie Fowler 89; May Zimmerman 83; Mary Bowers 82; Geo. Hanson 80.

2d div. 5th—John Roberts 88; Lizzie Hurtt 86; Lewin Wickes 85; Irene Gardner 84; Eunice Gemmell 81. 1st div. 5th—Annie Gill 87; Lottie Russell 83; John Wethered 82; Anna Welch 82; Annie Bennett 81; Sadie Rawleigh 80; Fannie Stuart 80; Harry Fiddis 80.

2d div. 4th—Lizzie Fowler 93; Lottie Kirby 89; Laura Thomas 89; Mazie Hanson 89; Carrie Cooper 81. 1st div. 4th—Sallie Hewett 86; Willie Russell 85; Emma Parks 84; Effie Taylor 83; Thos. Bowers 83; Ella Ford 82; Blanche Zimmerman 80. 2d div. 3rd grade—Laura Cannon 85; Mattie Wood 83; Ida Ford 84; Nettie Moody 83; Stella Brice 81; Ada Garrett 81; Eva Gardner 80; Ida Vandyke 80; Willie Fowler 80. 1st div. 3d—George Byron 83; Flora McCourt 80; Clarence Perkins 80; Stella Lambert 82; Jos. Hurtt 80.

HOW THE VERDICT IS REGARDED AT HOME.—The Snow Hill *Shield*, published in the town where Miss Lillian Duer was tried for the murder of Miss Ella Hearn, and convicted of manslaughter, says:

"The verdict meets the popular approval. The jury was a good, gracious and conscientious one, and the counsel on either side were very able. A. P. Barnes, Esq., made a highly commendable address for defense, and the other counsel on that side, also, Messrs. Dennis, Purnell and Crisfield followed, of course, ably—but the final speech and last utterance to the jury was that of Henry Page, Esq., for the State. It was one of great power and ingenuity. It stamped him as an advocate of extraordinary ability."

The verdict was accompanied with a recommendation to the mercy of the court, and the penalty imposed was a fine of $500, which sum was subscribed by the prisoner's friends and she was released and went to her home at Pocomoke City, six miles distant. She says she is done with courts and pistols forever.

A NEW BRANCH OF BUSINESS.—Mr. Louis K. Stam has opened his new store located on High street, a little below Stam's drug store. He has just laid in a choice variety of furniture of all kinds and at bottom prices. Mr. Stam has bought his goods direct from manufacturers and can sell as low as city retail dealers. He has a fine selection of rattan chairs, paper window curtains of numerous designs, and any kind of oil window curtain will be made to order. Mattrasses of all kinds. Paints, oil and glass in great variety, and a large and select stock of wall paper. Most anything in the housefurnishing line can be found, or will be supplied, at Stam's new store, from a camp stool up to a parlor set, and will be sold at hard time prices. Read his adv.

AN ACCOMPLISHED CLERK.—Mr. T. W. Wickes, druggist, has secured the services of Mr. H. G. Benson, a native of Virginia. He comes highly recommended, both professionally and personally, by Dr. Noble Young, late Professor in Georgetown College; D. P. Hickling, late Doctor of Pharmacy in the same institution; Dr. Smith Townsend, Health Commissioner of the District of Columbia; also a diploma from the Commissioners of Pharmacy of the latter city. Mr. Benson is a gentleman of accomplished manners and will doubtless make himself very popular in his new situation.

THE Springfield Engine and Thresher, manufactured by Rhinehart, Ballard & Co., at Springfield, Ohio, and purchased by Mr. H. Clay Lusby, of this county, was at work on the farm of John N. Usilton, Esq., adjoining this town, on Tuesday, and runs smoother and makes less noise than any machine we ever saw at work. It was admired by all who witnessed its operations. Mr. Usilton intended to ship his wheat immediately, but found it too soft, and had it spread in the granary.

EXCURSION.—The Immaculate Conception Beneficial Society, of Baltimore, made an excursion to this town Thursday on the steamer Matilda, bringing about two hundred and sixty, well-behaved persons. Most of them visited the Catholic Church, where a festival was held.

CAPE MAY EXCURSIONS.—The Odd Fellows of Chestertown will make their annual excursion to Cape May on the 16th of July. The M. E. Sabbath School of this town has arranged for an excursion to the same place on July 30th.

PICNIC.—The Protestant Episcopal Sunday School of this town held its annual picnic in Mr. Thos. Baker's woods on Thursday, and spent a delightful day.

A NICE RAIN, not even objectionable to farmers who had not finished cutting wheat, fell in this county Wednesday afternoon and night. The ground was very dry and vegetation suffering.

COMMISSIONS REDUCED.—Messrs. I. M. Parr & Son and Kenly & Tilghman, well known commission merchants of Baltimore, advertise to sell grain at one cent per bushel.

HARVEST is nearly over in this county, and some farmers have threshed their wheat. The turnout, contrary to the expectation of many, is said to be good.

BISHOP LAY preached to a large congregation on Sunday morning at Trinity Cathedral, Easton, and in the evening confirmed a class of 7 persons.

EX-SENATOR DENNIS is said to have one of the finest crops of wheat ever raised in Somerset co. on his farm near Princess Anne.

THE county levy in Wicomico has been fixed at $1 on the $100; the State levy is 18¾ cents, making the total $1.18¾ on the $100.

GEORGE COTTON, Esq., of the Annapolis *Republican*, will lecture in Centreville on Wednesday evening, July 2d.

GEORGIA peaches are selling for $2 a box in New York city.

THE FOURTH.—There will be no public celebration of the Fourth in Chestertown, but a sufficient diversity of attractions are offered to afford all choice recreation.

Military.—The Kent Guards, Captain H. W. Vickers, will spend the day at Tolchester Beach. The Groome Guards, of Elkton, have been invited, but it is not known whether they will be present.

The Canoe Race.—Some changes have been made in the programme for the canoe race on Chester river. Four prizes are offered. For first class boats of 28 feet and over, the first prize is $15, the second $10. For second class boats under 28 feet, the prize will be $10, the second $5. Other kinds of boats beside canoes will be allowed to enter. All the prizes are to be paid in money.

Excursion.—An excursion by rail from Chestertown to Ocean City will be among the attractions of the day. The train will leave Chestertown at 5.30 A. M., arrive at Ocean City at 10 A. M., and leave at 4 P. M., giving six hours at the seaside. Round trip $2.50. A train will also leave Masseys at 8.30 A. M. and arrive at Chestertown at 9.30, for the accommodation of persons who desire to witness the regatta and tub race on Chester river; and hacks will be found at the depot to convey those who wish to visit Tolchester Beach. Car fare 50c.; hack 75c.

Tolchester Beach.—Mr. Eliason, manager, advertises that the steamers Sue and Pilot Boy will each make two trips from Baltimore to Tolchester; also two good minstrel performances, glass-ball shooting, skiff race, &c.

Tournament.—The tournament at Tolchester will no doubt attract many persons thither. Quite a number of knights have already entered and the lists will be kept open till July 2d. See advertisement.

Trot at Cherry Park.—Four trotting races are advertised to take place at Cherry Trotting Park, near Sudlersville. A number of the best horses on the peninsula will be present, and among them are John C., Fannie Fern, Frank, Stonewall, Cyclops, the four-year-old colt of E. B. Emory, Esq., and a number from Delaware.

PERSONAL.—Dr. Fred. Worrell, whose illness of typhoid fever was mentioned in our last issue, was reported by Dr. Meeteer to be in a very critical condition yesterday, dangerously ill and suffering from great prostration.

Profs. M. A. Newell and George S. Grape, of Baltimore, and J. W. Thompson, Esq., school examiner for Queen Anne's county, were present at the Teachers' Institute which commenced in this town Thursday morning and participated in the exercises.

Henry W. Archer, Esq., of Harford county, has been on a visit this week to his brother-in-law, Wm. S. Walker, Esq., who resides adjoining Chestertown. He attended the Institute meeting Thursday evening and listened to Prof. Rivers' address.

Chesterville and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—"The event" of last week in this vicinity was the festival held for the benefit of the M. E. Church of this place. It was not such a wonderful success financially, owing, in a great measure, to the unfavorable time of holding and the very cool weather of the latter part of the week. There was a good attendance each evening, and everything passed off most pleasantly. Although this circuit has not had a festival before for eight or ten years, it seems that the ladies and managers had not forgot how to get one up; for the whole arrangements were highly complimented by many. The net proceeds were $60.

The District Conference of East Baltimore District, M. E. Church South, will be held in this village July 22. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. G. H. Zimmerman. If there should be a good attendance of the clergy on the district, there will doubtless be more piety in Chesterville than has been within her limits for years. If she should be overstocked with this element—why, let it be diffused. The coming session will doubtless be both pleasant and profitable.

A cow belonging to Mr. Garrett Foxwell, on the Welsh farm, gave birth to twin calves on Tuesday. They are male and female, and weighed respectively 91 and 92 lbs. when one day old. Let us hope that this is but the beginning of good luck for Mr. Foxwell.

Harvest has been in full blast this week, and the most of the wheat will be cut by the close thereof, but the harvest will not be over before the middle of next week. The wheat, in general, is good.

A copious rain fell in this neighborhood on Wednesday.

There are two self-binders in operation in this neighborhood, one on the farm of Mr. J. C. Sutton, and one on the farm of Mr. Alday Clements. Each seemed to be doing its work well.

Our blacksmiths are reaping a harvest now in the way of work, but they *tire* very much in whooping wheels. WALTER.

Letter from Galena.

Messrs. Editors:—While I write the gentle rain is reviving all nature, the flowers are more beautiful, and the vegetables are already presenting symptoms of invigorated life. Few of our farmers are done cutting wheat; the yield is good, with but few exceptions. This week, had fair weather continued, would have ended the wheat cutting.

Messrs. Hyland & Co. have done much better than they expected in selling their Competitor Reaper, which in this county excels all others. One thing is noticeable—very few machines of their make are in for repairs. Those put out five years ago are still able for duty—profitable to the farmer, but not to the repairer.

The trustees of the M. E. Church are making beautifying repairs on church and improvements on grounds. A bequest from a citizen of Cecil county, with contributions of friends, will enable the authorities to make the approach more in accordance with modern demands. Let us suggest that a lamp be placed at the entrance the to grounds, so arranged and under the control of the sexton as to be placed when needed and taken in when not.

Our public school, under direction of Prof. Long and Mrs. Whitaker and Gilpin, closed today. The examination, which has been going on for some two weeks, has resulted very favorably to the pupils, and evidenced thoroughness in study and excellent disciplinary direction on the part of the teachers. Galena public school is second to none in the county, as is verified by its increased popularity and desire of parents to have their children attend it. Why, we sometimes ask ourselves, is this so? The answer, from actual observation, is because of the *strict adherence to the graded system*, irrespective of the complaints of the few who do not trouble to enquire as to its benefit." We assert, without fear of successful contradiction, that the nearer the teachers of Kent county stick to the grades, as laid down in the State formula, the better will be their schools, and the better prepared the pupils to meet the business principles of life.

Our town was last week honored by Miss Orphella Johnson receiving the scholarship prize of fifty dollars awarded by the Bordentown Female College, Bordentown, N. J.; and although no prize was offered for merit in crayon work, the committee on art prizes said they could not refrain from making honorable mention of the work in that department by Miss Johnson and Miss Thompson. "Shepherdess watching her flock," by the former, was pronounced capital in expression, while "Sifting the wheat," by same, was thought by some to be the superior piece. Bordentown College is an excellent institution, and worthy the consideration of those having daughters to educate. DAN.

Galena, June 25th.

"AS OTHERS SEE THEM."—The *Easton Ledger*, speaking of the "revolt" in the Democratic party of this county, says:

"The selection of a ticket was left to the people, who voted direct for the candidates, the man for each office having the highest number of votes being declared the nominee. In advance of this election, however, a small number of democrats met and put forward a full ticket, evidently against the wishes of a majority of the party. It appeared as if a few men determined to capture the organization of the party and place themselves at the head, and either secure the offices or divide the party. If these 'independents,' so-called, really had cause of complaint they took a very bad way to remedy the evils under which they labored, and are inexcusable. The man who is not willing to submit to the will of the majority of the party cannot be called much of a democrat. If they had been cheated out of nominations and had a ticket "put up" on them, they might be justified in their course, but as this was not the case, they refusing to await the action of the whole party at the primaries, they are nothing but disorganizers, and unworthy of the support of any democrat."

A RIOT occurred on Cambridge wharf on Tuesday of last week between colored excursionists from Baltimore and colored citizens of that town. Forty or fifty shots were exchanged and several badly hurt on both sides.

THE St. Michaels *Comet* says formerly the lambs from that part of Talbot county were all shipped by steamer to Baltimore, but that now they go exclusively by rail to Philadelphia.

THE prospective yield of peaches in the neighborhood of Middletown and Odessa, since the "June dropping," is put at one tenth of a crop.

THE county and State levy for Dorchester co. this year is 105c. on the $100.

Kent Co. Teachers' Institute.

The Teachers' Institute of this county met in the Public School building, Chestertown, Thursday morning, June 26, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Jewell, followed by music by Miss Janvier. Roll-call showed 44 teachers present, 6 absent.

The examiner, Mr. Perkins, introduced to the Institute Professor Zimmerman, of Washington College, who delivered the opening address. Subject—"The Peep of Our Day." The address was a scholarly effort, and in every particular showed the train of thought for which the able speaker's mind had a fondness. Some of the monstrosities of ancient art were pointed out and their influence upon the present vividly portrayed. The education of to-day, said he, is too much centered in those dim and dusky monuments of antiquity whose glory has long since departed. The systems of education in our colleges and high schools are by no means perfect. They rob their pupils of many moments which if applied correctly would fit them for those activities which the present is ever demanding. Instead of instilling into their minds a respect for natural labor they are taught to look upon this, one of civilization's greatest promoters, as menial and degrading. Consequently all our best mechanics are imported. By these and many other facts he urged upon his audience of teachers to work for the perfection of a system which will render its subjects ready and willing to *work*, if not with their mind, with their hands. The teacher, said he, should be "in all respects a whole man," he should be "a wide awake man and not one whose bits of knowledge rattled in his vacant head like dried beans in a hull." He should duly consider the great importance of his work and the weighty responsibilities resting upon him, and not look upon the business as a convenience invented especially for such as he, as is too often the case, and let the school *keep him*. Great care should be taken in selecting teachers. Their capacity, together with their moral worth should be estimated, and it should be borne in mind that not every straight-forward, honest man will answer for a school teacher.

After the address the Institute adjourned until 3 o'clock.

Afternoon session:—46 teachers present at roll-call. Miss Gowing read an essay on "Spectacles," and some wholesome advice was given to her hearers as to which glasses to wear. The question of the morning: What should be made the opening exercises of a school? was announced and discussed by Mr. Bowers, Mr. Ebaugh, Miss Taggart, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Woodside, Mr. Melvin, Miss Hazzard, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Long, Mr. Comegys, Miss Leaverton, Miss Comegys Mr. Thompson, of Queen Anne's, and Prof. Newell. The opinions were various, but where no objection was made of a sectarian character, religious exercises such as singing, reading of scripture and prayer, were thought best.

The 2d question—What is the remedy for continued imperfect recitations? was next in order and discussed by Mr. Starkey, Prof. Newell, Mr. McNeal, Mr. Fulton, Mr. Mier and Mr. Pinkind. The hour for adjournment having arrived this question was carried over to Friday morning. Adjourned until 8 o'clock.

Evening Session: The exercises were opened with music by a quartette of teachers rendering "What shall the Harvest be?" Miss Ava Downes recited the "Relief of Lucknow" in a very entertaining manner, after which Prof. Rivers, of Washington College, addressed the Institute, taking for his subject—"The Distinguishing Elements between English and Classic Literature and Imagery." The whole address was an able production evidencing the deep research of its author.

The proceedings of yesterday and to-day will be given next week.

Lynch's and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—Since my last letter to THE NEWS we have passed from the old to the new philosophy, and things rich, rare, racy and also ridiculous, have transpired; so much so that many good people are really puzzled as to the final outcome, as they scan the chances of a retrograde movement in morals under the new regime. The old gospel taught coercion for brutes, persuasion for men. The new coerces both men and brutes. But, says the new philosophy, there are brutish men. True, and let such be coerced. Out of four cows in a field one is a jumper. Would it be humane to yoke or tie head and foot the three peaceable cows? Reformers have clapped their wings and gone up to a high perch, and from this high and haughty crest they look down upon us poor sinners with a commiseration and pity that would justly challenge the admiration of the world was it clear of the suspicion of affectation to get office. Political matters are simmering away, the so-called reformers throwing into the bottom of the pot all the discord they can, just to make a lively bubble, in which they seem to take an unenviable delight. Are they after the bone in the pot, or are they purer than ordinary people? Republican tricksters have tried long to scatter dissension in the dominant party, and the situation would tickle them but for some very unpleasant facts, which makes wonder stick out of their eyes. A circular was shown us lately signed J. T. Hand, which said that, soon as sufficient names could be had, a paper would be started at Chestertown called "The Independent." Five names were attached, the last being your former redoubtable correspondent from Buzzard's Glory. I trust the nightmare of reform will soon pass off this good hearted man, clever gentleman and spicy writer.

The weather is favorable and harvest is progressing finely, the cheerful clatter of the reaper being heard in every direction. It is thought wheat will fall below an average yield. Fair crops of hay have been saved. Corn needs a shower. Rain would not only tone up vegetation in general, but it might refresh the doleful spirits who persist in maintaining that Kent county has, like Egypt of old, lapsed in her civilization. SENTINEL.

THE Baltimore *Morning Herald* of Wednesday says: Judge E. K. Wilson, who presided at the recent Duer trial at Snow Hill, Worcester county, Md., was in the Criminal Court yesterday. In conversation, he remarked that had defense of monomania been made, the accused would doubtless have been acquitted. Such a plea, he thought, would have been strengthened from the facts developed in the case that she is strangely eccentric, and at times under monomanical influence.

THE Wilmington (Del.) *Every Evening and Commercial* says Miss Lillie Duer recently, in talking with some friends, "announced her determination to go on a lecture tour, which she imagines, on account of public interest in the trial, would enable her to pay the expense of it back to her father." The probabilities are, however, that Miss Duer never expressed any such intention.

DR. WM. DENNY has purchased the farm of Benjamin F. Brown, 132 acres, in Queen Anne's county, for $28 per acre; also the farm of John E. Brown, 96 acres, for $23 per acre. Henry W. and Alexander S. Baird, of Virginia, have purchased the farm of Thomas F. Brown, in the same county, 97 acres, for $28 per acre, and the farm of W. C. Gibson, 180 acres, also in the same county, f[illegible] per acre.

ANY of our readers who are in want of Fine Clothing, can find no better place to purchase than at the large, reliable and well conducted establishment of Chas. N. Oehm & Son, 230 West Pratt street, near Hanover, Baltimore. Their goods are of the best quality, while their prices will compare favorably with those of any house in Baltimore city.

EXCURSION.—The Still Pond and other Sunday schools will make an excursion from Georgetown to Tolchester Beach on Wednesday next, on the steamer Chester, touching at all the wharves on the Sassafras river and also at Betterton and Barnard's.

THE Kennard's Corner property, offered at the Voshell House last Tuesday, was not sold. It may be purchased at private sale of James A. Pearce, Esq.

THE public schools of Kent county closed on Wednesday and will not be re-opened until the first Monday of September next.

MARRIED:

At the M. P. Parsonage, Chesapeake circuit, on the 18th instant, by Rev. Chas. McF. Thompson, JOHN C. LEGG to Mrs. MARY E. APSLEY, both of this county.

At the same place, on the 22d instant, by the same, CHARLES WEBB to Miss LUCILLE URIE, both of this county.

On the 18th instant, by Rev. George Leary, at his residence near Edesville, WM. J. FRAZIER, of Kent county, Md., and Miss LOTTIE AUSTEN, of Baltimore city.

On the 20th instant, in the Parochial residence, Chestertown, by Rev. Father Bradford, HARMAN AUFENTHIL and Miss JULIA PUFAHL, both of this county.

LOST, between Buck Neck & Chestertown, on Tuesday last, a BLACK SILK PARASOL, with satin stripes. A suitable reward will be paid if it be returned to CHAS. T. WESTCOTT, Chestertown, Md. june28-3t.

DRIFT BOAT.—Was taken up adrift June 19, 1879, in Chesapeake Bay, a BATTEAU with sharp sail, painted white. The owner is notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away. J. A. SKIRVEN, Fairlee P. O. je28-3t.[81]

$15. THE BEST $15.
SETS OF TEETH.
GOLD FILLING, $2.00.
SILVER FILLING, $1.00.
No extra charge for extracting Teeth with Gas.
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REFERENCES—J. P. DeCorse, Esq., Dr. Whaland, C. H. Baker, Esq. jan4-y.

GRAND TOURNAMENT
Will be held within Two hundred yards of TOLCHESTER BEACH, on
FRIDAY, July 4th!
at 11 o'clock A. M., by some of the prominent men of the 5th District. Knights wishing to ride will please address HARRY FRANCIS, Edesville, or L. C. AYERS, Sandy Bottom.
☞None but unmarried persons will be permitted to ride. The list will be kept open until the 2d day of July.
☞Knights from Queen Anne's are requested to contest for the prizes, which will consist of a set of Harness, Saddle, Fly Net, and Lap Robe.
Admission to Tournament..... 25c.
Children under 12 years..... 15c.

4th July! 4th July!
—AT—
Tolchester Beach
2 Boats! 4 Trips!
The handsome Steamer SUE and PILOT BOY will each make two trips from Balt. to Tolchester.
BAND OF MUSIC on each boat.
Besides our usual amusements we shall have Two good *Minstrel performances* by a first class troupe, at 2 and 6 p m., in the Dancing Pavillion at the Park.
A SKIFF RACE for all Skiffs between 18 and 24 feet long; first prize $10; second $2; entrance free. Glass Ball Shooting all day on the base ball grounds.
A general Military display by three or more companies. Also many other things to pass the time pleasantly.
Full Band of Music on the ground all day, so that our young people may "trip the light fantastic toe."
No Run or spirituous liquors sold on boat or grounds.
Pilot Boy leaves Balt. at 8.15 a m 2.30 p m
" " Tolchester 10.30 a m; 8.00 p m
Sue leaves Baltimore at 10 a m & 3.30 p m
" " Tolchester at 12 m & 7.30 p m
Excursion tickets, good on either boat, 50c.; children under 12 years half fare.
This will afford the Kent county people a fine opportunity of visiting Baltimore and returning almost any time during the day. W. C. ELIASON, Manager.
CHARLES LLOYD, Sup't. 1t.

Grand Sunday School
EXCURSION!
STILL POND and other Schools will make an Excursion to
Tolchester Beach
On board
Steamer "CHESTER,"
WEDNESDAY, July 2nd.
Will leave Georgetown at 7½ a m., and stop at all the wharves on the river; also Betterton and Barnard's. Will arrive at Tolchester at 10 o'clock a m., and leave at 6 p m., stopping at all the wharves except Turner's Creek on return trip.
☞MUSIC on board.
TICKETS.....75 cts.
Children under 12 years free. 1t.

Reduction of Commission.
Baltimore, June 23, 1879.
PRICES OF GRAIN being low the undersigned from date will charge *but One Cent per bushel* for selling Grain. All sales guaranteed, and returns made promptly, as usual.
KENLY & TILGHMAN,
je28-2m. No. 5 Wood st.

I. M. Parr & Son,
GRAIN COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
BALTIMORE.
Dear Sir:— We beg to advise that, in consideration of the reduction in values generally, and the low prices ruling for Grain, now so unremunerative to the farmer, we reduce the charge for our services accordingly.
Hereafter our charge for Commission and Guarantee on all Grain consigned to us by vessels will be ONE CENT per bushel by weight. On bag lots by steamers, two cents per bushel.
Other charges will always be at the very lowest rates & what are actually incurred.
We shall endeavor to merit a continuation of the confidence and patronage heretofore extended, and shall spare no effort or attention to advance the interests of our patrons.
Very resp'y, your friends,
I. M. PARR & SON.
Baltimore, June 18, 1879.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

Sarah Amanda Vansant, *Pro Chein* Ami of Mary V. Vansant, and others,
versus
Joshua Vansant and others.

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, JUNE 26, 1878.

ORDERED, that the sales made and reported by GEORGE VICKERS, Trustee for the sale of the Real Estate of Fredus Vansant, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the first day of September next, Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the first day of August next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $5,144.25.

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True copy,—Test:
je28-4t. D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.

Report of the Condition
OF THE
KENT NATIONAL BANK,
At CHESTERTOWN, in the State of Maryland at the close of business June 14, 1879.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$146,077.26
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
U. S. Bonds on hand	25,000.00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	15,897.72
Due from approved reserve agents	10,091.18
Due from other National Banks	1,989.15
Due from State Banks and bankers	10.83
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	2,250.00
Current expenses and taxes paid	2,637.54
Checks and other cash items	90.38
Bills of other Banks	20,576.00
Fractional currency, including nickels	220.57
Specie (including gold Treasury certificates)	11,500.00
Legal tender notes	31,685.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 0-0 of circulation)	1,650.00
TOTAL	$319,675.63

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$50,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits	16,748.73
National Bank notes outstanding	45,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	197,055.65
Due to other National Banks	662.64
Due to State Banks and bankers	208.61
TOTAL	$319,675.63

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 25th day of June, 1879. J. W. HINES, N. P.
Correct—Attest:
N. G. WESTCOTT,
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT,
THOS. B. HYNSON,
June 28—1t. DIRECTORS.

"I STARTED IT"—
The 5c. Counter.
The largest and most varied assortment of 5 cent goods in the county, at
J. B. SAPPINGTON'S,
je28. Chestertown.

House & Lot
NEAR CHESTERTOWN,
At PUBLIC SALE.
BY virtue of a power contained in a mortgage from Emory James and Mary James, his wife, dated the 12th day of January, 1878, and recorded among the Land Records for Kent county in Liber D. C. B., No. 3, folio 496, &c., the undersigned will offer at public sale in front of the Court House door in Chestertown, Maryland, on
MONDAY, July 21, 1879,
at 3 o'clock P. M., all that
LOT OF LAND,
With the IMPROVEMENTS thereon, situated on the northwest side of the public road leading from the upper part of Chestertown to Washington College, having a front of 40 feet on said road and a depth of 90 feet. The Improvements consist of a large Two-story frame Dwelling House, in good repair.
THE TERMS OF SALE are cash on the day of sale.
je28-ts. MARION deK. SMITH.

LOUIS K. STAM,
DEALER IN
FURNITURE,
WALL PAPER.
Oil and Paper WINDOW CURTAINS
And FIXTURES,
Paints, Oils, Glass, Putty, Varnishes, Kalsomine, &c.
COTTAGE FURNITUE,
EXTENSION TABLES,
LOUNGES, MATTRASSES,
SIDEBOARDS,
KITCHEN SAFES,
CRADLES, CRIBS,
CHAIRS, &c., &c.
Which have been purchased *in every instance* direct from the manufacturers.—For sale AS CHEAP AS THEY CAN BE BOUGHT IN THE CITY.
Window Curtains
MADE TO ORDER,
Very cheap, and in the best manner.
GLASS, of all sizes,
cut to fit any sash.
New Jersey Enamel PAINT,
And JOHNSON'S
DRY SIZED KALSOMINE.
J. W. MASURY & SON'S
Coach, Car and Cottage COLORS.
JOHN LUCAS & CO'S & JAS. BRADFORD'S
LIQUID PAINT,
by the Pint or Gallon. Agent for Cowgill's Walnut Stain, Furniture Varnish, and Leather Oil.
☞Call and examine my STOCK and PRICES.
Remember the place:
L. K. STAM,
Nearly opposite the Bank, and adjoining C. F. Stam's store.
Chestertown, June 28, 1879.

Trustee's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, the undersigned, as Trustee, will expose to public sale to the highest bidder,

ON WEDNESDAY,
The 16th day of July, 1879,

At the hotel porch of John H. Thomas, in the town of Millington, in Kent county, at 2 o'clock P. M., all that

FARM,

Known as the John F. Smith Farm,

on the public road from Masseys to Peacock's Corner, and about three miles from Millington, adjoining the lands of D. A. Price, Dr. T. H. Crane, T. J. F. Smith, and others, and contains

250 ACRES of LAND
MORE OR LESS.

The Farm is divided into six fields, under fair fencing, and well watered. The character of the soil is good.

There are about 100 Acres of WOOD AND TIMBER; balance arable.

The Improvements
Consist of a TWO-STORY
FRAME DWELLING
And a TENANT HOUSE, in good repair, with ordinary Out-buildings.

The Farm is about equally divided into two tracts and has two sets of Buildings. It will be offered seperately and then as a whole.

The Farm will be sold subject to the dower of Mary Smith, widow.

TERMS OF SALE.

The terms of sale as prescribed by the Decree are:—One fourth of the purchase money shall be paid on the day of sale, or in sixty days thereafter, at the option of the Trustee,