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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....DEC. 20, 1879.

THE Republican national convention met at Washington on Wednesday. Senator Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania, was elected chairman, and Mr. Thomas B. Keogh, of North Carolina, secretary. Chicago was selected as the place for the holding of the republican convention, on Wednesday, June 3, 1880.

THE American Agricultural Association, at its recent meeting in New York, conferred a well-earned compliment in the unanimous election of Hon. John Merryman, of Baltimore county, as president. The Association also took action looking to the professorship and sub-professorship of veterinary science at the Maryland Agricultural College.

SECRETARY McCRARY has resigned the War Department, having been appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate as Judge of the United States Court for the eighth judicial circuit.—Hon. Alexander Ramsey, of Minnesota, has been appointed Secretary of War in place of Judge McCrary. This is the first change in Mr. Hayes' Cabinet.

IT is said that a bill will be presented in the next Legislature devising an entirely new system of insolvent laws for the State of Maryland. The present law is entirely in the interest of the debtor, and contains few or no safeguards against fraud. The new bill will be more equitable, and will contain something for the other side of the case.

THE official count of the election in Maine has resulted in the discovery of sufficient irregularities to give the democrats a clear working majority in both branches of the Legislature. We have an impression that if Governor Gracelon, of Maine, had been the Democratic candidate for President in 1876 and received as many electoral votes as Mr. Tilden did, he would now be President of the U. S.

IN a recent letter Gov. Carroll said that among the many gratifying incidents of his executive term the management of the Maryland Penitentiary was most conspicuous. The thorough discipline and the improved moral standard of the prisoners, together with the fact that besides meeting all its own expenses the institution saved fully $20,000 during the fiscal year, are evidences of the thorough efficiency and high integrity of the management. Nearly $7,000 were expended in improvements and the handsome sum of $13,000 goes to the State Treasury. It is also worthy of mention that not a single prisoner escaped; the deaths did not exceed two per cent. of the inmates and there were only four patients in the hospital at the close of the year. It is doubtful if such a record can be shown by any similar institution in this country.

THE RECEPTION TO GENERAL GRANT in Philadelphia on Tuesday was on a magnificent scale. The military display included about seven thousand men, the troops of Pennsylvania and adjoining States, and it is estimated that thirty thousand men were in the line of procession. Several handsomely decorated triumphal arches were thrown across the street. The old Independence Hall was decorated and festooned from the pavement to the roof, and in front was the grand triumphal arch spanning Chestnut street, decorated with exquisite taste. Altogether the demonstration was probably the most imposing ever witnessed in this city. Thousands of people flocked in from the country, and the streets were continually jammed with people during the day and until late at night.

THE "Widow Oliver" is again after ex-Senator Cameron before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on exceptions filed at the former trial. The court fixed the hearing of the appeal for the next term, which will begin in January. It will be recollected that Mrs. Oliver sued ex-Senator Cameron for breach of promise of marriage, and lost her case. The present appeal is on exceptions to the rulings of Judge Cartter when the case was tried below.

SALES TO COME OFF.—Attention is called to the following sales advertised in our columns:

MONDAY, Dec. 22—Lewin M. Fowler, at his residence near Buck Neck.

MONDAY, Dec. 22d—The Messrs. Gresham, at Grey's Inn Point, Piney Neck.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31st—Personal Property by F. H. Harper, Still Pond.

THURSDAY, Jan. 8, 1880—Mortgagee's sale of a Steam Engine and Thresher, at the hotel of G. A. Ireland, at Masseys, by Wood, Tabor & Morse, assignees; E. Gooding, sheriff and agent.

REAL ESTATE SALES.

TUESDAY, Dec. 30—James A. Pearce, Esq., as trustee, a valuable Water Lot with improvements in Chestertown.

TUESDAY, Dec. 30—Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., as State's Attorney, a lot of land with improvements, near Still Pond.

THE Havre-de-Grace *Republican* says: The scarcity of ducks on the flats and the mild, soft weather has about used up the gunning business for the present. Our regular duckers complain bitterly about the remiseness of the duck police in enforcing the law, and attribute the scarcity of ducks to the unlawful shooting on forbidden days and night shooting with big guns while the ducks are trying to feed, and which scares them off down the bay. Canvasbacks are selling at $3, redheads $1.50 and blackheads 50c. per pair.

THE Dagboats, of Wilmington, already large land owners, are buying up many of the farms that are for sale in their locality. They already own two miles of river front on the Delaware river, near Claymont, while their lands extend a long distance into the interior.

THE Cambridge *News* says that Mr. J. K. Bramble, of East New Market, besides being a splendid shot, is undoubtedly the best judge and best trainer of blind dogs in Dorchester county, and that a [illegible] of his brown pointers were sold the other day [illegible] gentleman in Washington for $200.

As a consequence of low water in the Susquehanna [illegible] salt water of the bay reaches farther up Havre-de-Grace than ever known before. At Havre-de-Grace never [illegible] heretofore.

[illegible] decided to petition [illegible] of Dorchester county [illegible] additional [illegible] State fishery force [illegible] the oyster [illegible] to be used in the [illegible] Wicomico [illegible] in the waters of [illegible] Anne [illegible]

[illegible] want any [illegible] that Somerset [illegible] take care of [illegible] the interference papers, and [illegible] has not struck [illegible] complaining that [illegible] they are [illegible] gone. [illegible] discontent, [illegible] but no [illegible]

[illegible] protecting mask [illegible] for shooting them.

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.—The present year has marked decided progress in building improvements in Chestertown. Among those not heretofore noticed by us is a large two-story frame on the corner of High and Kent streets, by Capt. J. H. Thompson, now near completion. The front building is 34½x20, and has a large back-building, the whole containing ten rooms. The corner room is intended for a store, for which it is nicely adapted. The site is one of the most eligible in the upper section of the town and the building a handsome improvement, in every respect creditable to the builders. George C. Adkinson is the supervising architect; John Davis painter, and Wm. Pennell plasterer. Captain Thompson will occupy the building himself, and Mr. Richard Ford, of Massey's, takes the dwelling now occupied by the former.

Further up town, on High street, adjoining the old stone house occupied by Mr. Cannon, Mrs. Crane has had erected a double two-story frame; Mr. R. K. Pippin, contractor.

On the other side of the street, and nearly opposite this, two small dwellings have been erected; one by S. L. Rawleigh as a residence for himself, the other by Mr. Rawleigh for J. N. Usilton.

Mrs. E. E. Frazier has just completed for her son, S. Murray Frazier, on the corner of Calvert and Mill streets, a very handsome two-story frame dwelling, containing six rooms and large hall. Mechanical skill and taste are exhibited in all its appointments. Milton Baker is the builder; C. E. Taylor plasterer, and John Davis painter.

B. H. Gardner has recently made great improvements to his property on the corner of High and Mill streets. A large two-story frame back-building has been added; the floors in the corner rooms lowered, and large glass put in the windows and doors. The corner is intended for a business stand and the balance of the house as two separate dwellings. The improvements were made under Mr. Gardner's personal supervision. S. L. Rawleigh did the carpenter's work, and Frank Howard the painting.

The old Foundry house, on the corner of Cannon and Princess streets, some time ago was purchased by C. T. Westcott, Esq., and has since been completely transformed in appearance by the addition of new roof, new windows and weather-boarding, and liberal applications of paint. The improvement changes the whole appearance of things in that neighborhood. Wm. S. Carroll did the carpentering.

One of the prettiest and at the same time most substantial dwellings recently erected in the lower part of the town is located on Queen street, east of Fish street. It is owned and was built by Mr. H. M. Stuart. The front building is 22 ft. front by 20 feet deep; two stories with dormer window in roof, and a very handsome fancy gable; a large bay window ornaments the end of the first story; the windows are all large, with 24x40 glass. The back building is 16x36, two stories, with kitchen and cellar. The rooms, eight in number, are all white-coated. Jas. U. Coleman did the brick work; Taylor and Coleman the plastering, and John Davis the painting.

Near this improvement, and on Bridge street, Miss Joe Trew has had erected for her own occupancy a two-story frame, 18x28, with back building 12x12, containing seven rooms. H. M. Stuart contractor.

Below, on the same street, adjoining the property of Capt. Wm. D. Burchinal, Mrs. M. E. Sparks has had built and now occupies one of the prettiest dwellings in that section. It is a two-story frame and conveniently arranged. R. K. Pippin, builder; Chas. Hudgins did the plastering and Frank Howard the painting.

The Methodist Protestant Church property is also being substantially improved. New roofs have been put on both the church and chapel, while the interior of the latter has been beautified and rendered more comfortable by the use of paint, matting, &c. The work on the interior of the church also is progressing; a new ceiling has been put in and the frescoers—Messrs. J. Wissert & Bro., of Baltimore—are at work. It is thought the church will be ready for re-opening by the first of February.

THE HEAVY WEIGHTS.—The balance of the "big porkers" in town were slaughtered last Monday, and among the heaviest we note the following: Thompson, one of our butchers, killed one which weighed 562 lbs.; Mr. J. W. Carroll, two, weighing 473 and 379; Mrs. Gruber, three, 488½, 425, 384; William Perkins, four, 446, 438, 424, 428; a "pig" about 8 months old slaughtered by the latter weighed 284; Kitty Toomy, one, 475; Stansbury Hackett, one, 421; Benj. Freeman, one, 417; these latter seven hogs were procured of Mr. Gary Leaverton, and were about 15 mos. old. Other hogs are reported as follows: Peter Jones, two, 310, 300; Rev. N. Young, one, 324; Wm. Griffin, one, 380; Thos. Granger, one, 319. There was quite a rivalry between Messrs. Thompson and R. N. Boston; the latter killed his two weeks ago, and it weighed 562, so that the former having only just *tied* that weight, with his advantage of time, we must give the "heavy weight palm" the present year to Mr. Boston.

The best *pen* of hogs reported in the county was that of Mr. Josiah Lusby, who killed about two weeks since. Forty-two hogs averaged 330 pounds; the heaviest 396 and the lightest 244. All of the heaviest of this pork, not required for his own use, Mr. Lusby sold in Baltimore at $5.50 per 100 pounds.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES.—The County Commissioners, last Tuesday, appointed the following Constables: First District, G. W. Jacoby and Benj. F. Downes, reappointed. Second District, John M. Pennington. Third District, Calvin E. Allen, reappointed. Fourth District, C. H. Davis, James A. Russell. Fifth District, Nathaniel Voshell, J. Frank Wheatley. No other applications were made. The law fixes the penalty of the bond at two thousand dollars, and requires that it be filed within thirty days.

THE WORKINGMEN'S LIBRARY.—Elsewhere will be seen a call for the semi-annual meeting of the stockholders and members of the Workingmen's Library Association. The association has placed the library in the postoffice and appointed Mr. John W. Collins librarian. The library now contains more than a thousand volumes of well selected reading matter, and is worthy of the patronage of our reading community. Mr. Colin F. Stam, the treasurer, is authorized to issue membership tickets, one of which would be a valuable Christmas or New-Year present to a friend.

THE GREAT WALKING MATCH will begin at the Town Hall precisely at 12 o'clock M. on Wednesday next (Christmas Eve) and continue thirty-six hours. The arrangements in the hall are now being perfected and everything will be in readiness at the appointed hour. We learn that persons from all directions have expressed their intention of coming to see the performance, and the hall will doubtless be the centre of attraction during the continuance of the match.

CLOSING EXERCISES FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—The closing exercises of the Public School at this place for the holidays will be held Tuesday, Dec. 23, beginning promptly at 2½ o'clock P. M. The patrons and friends of the school are respectfully invited and urged to attend.

THE shipments of corn from this county at this writing are very heavy. The railroad company cannot furnish enough cars in consequence of the rush, and along the line of water communication all the vessels are in demand to carry the corn to market.

NO BALTIMORE MAIL was received at the postoffice in this town on Monday and Thursday.—This is a great annoyance to our citizens, especially to those who take daily papers. Can't the difficulty be unraveled and a remedy applied?

The Catholics of Chestertown and vicinity will hold a fair in the basement of their church in Chestertown, commencing December 27th and closing January 3d.

THE ladies of St. James' Methodist Protestant Church are to have a big supper and house warming in their new parsonage, on Tuesday evening, to which everybody is invited.

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ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1879.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. Wm. J. Wilson, late guardian to Genevie W. Wilson, returned his final account. Benj. R. Meginniss, adm'r of Walter D. Clift, passed his first and final administration account. Ida M. Clift presented her bond as guardian to her minor son, Walter Ward Clift, with securities approved by the court. Henry C. and Thomas C. Bruff, executors of John K. Bruff, passed their second and final administration account and distribution. Benjamin W. Berry, adm'r of Joshua Little, received a special order to sell the crop of corn and pay claims in officers' hands. Letters of administration on the estate of Alex. Wilson (colored) were granted unto Mary L. Wilson and Richard T. Turner; Eben Crew and Emmitt Taylor were appointed to appraise the estate. F. Hyson Hill, executor of C. Gilbert Wood, passed his first administration account. Wm. W. Stephens and R. Ll. Nichols returned the annual rental value of the real estate of the minor heirs of the late Jefferson L. Smyth, situated near Fairlee. The appraised value and inventory of the real estate of the late Daniel Hanes was returned to the court by Wm. W. Stephens and Robert Nicholson, the appraisers. Samuel C. Lecompt, adm'r of Wm. H. Lecompt, received an order for a dividend on the personal estate of said deceased. On application of C. T. Westcott, attorney, J. H. Kelly and H. T. Jump, executors of John Kelley, were directed to pay a certain legacy out of the funds in hand.

To our Patrons.—We hope that all persons indebted to this office will call and settle before the first of January. Let no one fail to settle because he owes but two or three dollars, and thinks it makes no difference if payment is postponed. Our bills are mostly small, but very numerous, and in the aggregate amount to a considerable sum. The price of paper has advanced, labor is cash, and a newspaper establishment is conducted at heavy expense. We hope our friends will ponder these facts and respond promptly.

TO CHRISTMAS PURCHASERS.—Our merchants and dealers generally in fancy goods and notions are ready for Christmas. Splendid and beautiful lines of all sorts of things to please the little folks, as well as the substantials for older people, are temptingly displayed. Purchasers should not go elsewhere to get what may be as readily, and generally as cheaply, obtained at home. Give your home dealers the preference. And, if you intend to make presents of fancy articles, confectionery, dry goods, furniture, a stove or a barrel of flour, you may learn where to obtain them by consulting our advertising columns.

ACQUITTED.—The trial of Wm. H. Lloyd, colored, for murder, at Bel Air, Harford county, last week, resulted in his acquittal. The prisoner claimed that the confession which he made shortly after the affair, of having shot Redifer, was extorted from him by the officer who made the arrest, and there being no other evidence, the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty. Lloyd's parents reside in Chestertown.

Letter to the Kent News.

Cupid and His Doings—Spoiled Pork—Lecture Expected—Grange Work—Revival Items.

Messrs. Editors:—Items of news come so like angel visits—few and far between—that one becomes stale before another matures. And thus it has probably occurred that no notice has appeared in our county journals of the angel visit received by our friend William J. Payne, in the guise of a blooming young bride, in the person of Miss Fannie Ramage, who took quiet possession of his heart and home several weeks agone. It is not too late, however, to wish for them a pleasant voyage on the matrimonial sea.

Cupid is still effectively at work. This is shown by the fact that Mr. A. M. Kendall, only son of Brother James Kendall, on Wednesday evening last led to the hymenial altar the charming Miss Agnes, second daughter of Thomas B. Bordley, of Fairlee. "The silken cord" was tied into an inseparable knot by Rev. Isaac Jewell, and the happy pair received the hearty congratulations of their many friends.

Who'll be the next? Rumor whispers that our clever young Doctor is on the track; if so, he is bound to win.

What heart so cold, what breast so stony,
As not to sigh for matrimony?
Then who, dear sir, would censure you
If you should sigh and marry, too?

Speculation is rife as to what James means to do. It is known that he has bargained for a building lot and proposes to construct the cage; of course, it must be inferred that the bird is caught, or can be. *Nous verrons.*

The long spell of warm weather has not been advantageous to the early slaughtered pork.—Many complaints are heard of partial or total loss. If housekeepers would "make haste slowly" in salting, this need not be. Let the carcass be split open down the chine and each half be hung separately for 14 or 15 hours in an airy place; the animal heat will escape, and any risk of loss be greatly diminished.

Our community are expecting to have the pleasure of hearing Hon. George Colton on the 21st instant, at the Salem Church. Mr. C. was prevented from delivering this lecture last spring by sickness, and no suitable opportunity has offered to fill his engagement till now. The Fairlee Educational Society, for whom the lecture is given, will then resume its regular meetings.

Fairlee Grange will also hold its monthly meeting on the first Saturday in the new year, at which time "The Garner" will be read and the time occupied by music and social entertainment. The weekly meetings continue as usual.

The religious interest at Salem continues to prevail. Many have been converted and the church greatly strengthened. Two of the converts have preferred to unite with the congregation at St. James'; a goodly number have been taken in at Salem and a large class are awaiting the opportunity. SIMON SHARP.

Lynch's and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—Physicians used to be the chief investigators of the earth as well as of man. In looking over the field it appears that a big bulk of them have turned their attention to politics. Kent county does not need many in this line, and it is to be hoped the retired ones will calm down to the important work before them; for, of all men, Doctors need a calm and settled nerve, a level head and a sympathetic spirit.

Some of our young chaps—premature men—have been cutting ugly capers, and regard the law against trespass as something only to be laughed at; and,

"Like the wolf, adopt the plan
To make a quarrel if they can."

A reckless disregard of personal rights and feelings is one of the most fruitful sources of domestic and neighborhood broils. The time has gone by when men or boys can take their gun and dogs and bang away upon their neighbor's premises without permission; and the parent that encourages his child in doing so is helping the growth of a sprout that may develop into a desperado, and the parent that does not restrain his boy neglects a manifest duty. In respecting the rights of others we respect ourselves, and this is a lesson for all to learn.

This little bit of refreshing news comes up from a Worton sage: "At the next election in this county there will not be any republicans; the contest will be between honest and dishonest democrats." If you would burst a ball, says he, you must hit it hard. Just so. The rock on which "reform" split was the idea that crimination was argument and abuse sense. If Abraham Lincoln had been living here at the last election he would have doubtless voted the straight democratic ticket.

Much complaint is made in regard to tearing down bills and boards posted along our roads. If it be an infraction of law, parties indulging in such pastimes ought to be brought to justice.

Booms are the order of the day, and just now we have a corn boom. Cars cannot be had to run off the corn fast enough. Under a warm sun and frequent showers wheat has picked up wonderfully, and looks as well, if not better, than it did this time last year.

Boss Clinton did not surprise anybody in this community, as it was too well known he had been going to Delaware some time with his pockets stuffed with candy. Uncle Joe has the most hearty congratulations of all. Trust he has found a warm, loving heart, a quick eye, a hand that has learned to help and a voice that knows how to welcome.

Owing to fine fall weather, we believe most everybody is ready for the advent of Christmas holiday—the time of gifts and good cheer—when we should especially give to the wind our fears, gird up our loins and go forward. Since this time last year some loved ones have gone to the undiscovered country, and a few smiles, a few more tears, some pleasure, much pain, a little longer hurrying and worrying in this world, and life will be over with us. SENTINEL.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS in great abundance are to be found at the Original One-Price New York Cash Clothing House, 194 W. Baltimore St., opposite Light. All-wool fine Cassimere Suits at $12, said to be the best bargain ever offered in Baltimore. An Ulster for $10, the best yet. Try them.

THE stranded steamer Mystic is still ashore below the mouth of Queenstown creek, and all efforts to float her have proven abortive.

THERE are said to be five hundred oystermen in Queen Anne's county.

Chesterville and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—Quite a serious accident happened to Dr. Roseberry, of Locust Grove, on Friday night of last week. While on his way to see a patient, he met two carriage teams racing. It seems as if one of the teams either forgot or neglected to "keep to the right, as the law demands," and in consequence came in collision with the Doctor's horse, a shaft of their carriage piercing the animal to the heart, so that he died in a few minutes. No damage, we believe, was done to the parties.

The extra meeting at the Grove is reported as progressing favorably. The little society there ought to have a chapel, if nothing greater.

In our hog item last week we think the compositor made a slight mistake of a 1,000 pounds, and then we guess "Walter" made an error in his calculation of the totals of one dollar. These being adjusted would make the item about as it was intended.

Here are some more hog weights; John Nowland, 6 hogs; total 1,715, or 286 lbs. average. A. Clements, 21 hogs; total 6,809; average 324½ pounds. John E. Walmsley, 2 hogs—one 300, the other 500 pounds.

J. Frank Ford, who left Lambson's Station for the West last spring, returned home last Saturday, looking better than when he left. He has been absent about eight months. He expresses himself as being much pleased with Illinois, the State in which he has been sojourning. According to his observation, no class of people appear to get along better than the farmers. The majority own their farms, and seem to be comparatively independent. White labor is chiefly employed, the black man having no habitation there except in the villages and towns. Although corn brings but 30 cents per bushel, and other farm products in proportion, yet farm hands receive from $18 to $20 per month. Frank Taylor, who accompanied Mr. Ford, did not return, intending to abide in the West permanently. He will, however, probably push farther West.

A social entertainment, consisting of addresses by the pastor, superintendent and others, select readings, essays, and vocal and instrumental music, will be given in the M. E. Church, South, Chesterville, on Christmas eve. In addition to above, there will be a nicely trimmed Christmas tree, from which each Sunday school scholar will receive a present. These presents, of course, will consist mostly of confectionery, of which the children are so fond. Altogether a good time is anticipated. All invited; admittance free.

All of our unoccupied houses bid fair to become tenanted at the beginning of the year. WALTER.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Messrs. Editors:—The day and hour named in promiscuous large posters and smaller advertisements for a Walking Match to take place here, is rapidly approaching. We repaired to the Town Armory a few days since, on a kind invitation extended by a friend in authority, to witness the arrangements for the track and other accommodations now being pushed to completion, and during our brief stay there had the pleasure of witnessing, from a bird's eye point of view, a trial walking feat participated in by a number of ambitious friends, among whom we are constrained to make special reference to our highly esteemed friend, who has passed through the meridian of this fleeting life, and, notwithstanding his many struggles against the many ills of life, carries with him to this day a cheerful countenance and a pleasant, social word for all—*the same person away from you that he is with you.* What an agreeable reflection! Our esteemed friend, not wishing to be outdone, placed his feet upon the track and at the signal "go," simultaneously started, eclipsing all his competitors and made the circuit allotted for one mile in the quick time of seven minutes by watch, receiving the congratulations of all. It was an amusing and interesting spectacle, completely dispersing from the mind dull thoughts and visions. The Walking Match will be a rare treat; do not miss it. This is not a paid puff. SPECTATOR.

Letter from Galena.

Having noticed several letters from our thriving town in your deserving columns, I submit the following with your permission.

We hope during the approaching holidays, to indulge in festivities such as have not been enjoyed for several consecutive years, notwithstanding the dullness of the season. Our friend, Mrs. B. has just received a fine assortment of holiday presents, and we hope her friends will liberally patronize one so worthy.

Next week will find the delicate hands of our fair young ladies engaged in decorating the various Churches, for which we bless them, and wish them success.

The next meeting of our "Episcopal Mite" will be held at the residence of one of our most highly esteemed citizens, and all who attend this happy band will doubtless spend a delightful evening.

The numerous admirers of the Rev. Mr. Pearson regret exceedingly to learn of his late illness, and hope soon to hear of his recovery.

Deep indeed is our grief to learn that our "corner clerk" has fallen heir to a most severe cold.

Oh! how charming it is to be
The fascinating belle of G——
Five victims, all poor country greens,
Who can't comprehend what *cig* means.

Hoping our next will be more interesting, I remain ever your friends. X & Z.

A VISIT TO BALTIMORE will prove highly advantageous by inspecting C. N. Oehm & Son's immense One-Price Clothing Establishment. A grand assortment of Men's Overcoats, Ulsters and Suits, ranging in price from $5 to $30, is now on exhibition, comprising all leading novelties for the present season. Their elegant Boys' and Children's Oversacks, Ulsterettes and Suits for school and dress, at $2.50 and upwards, are the delight of the little folks. Genuine low prices for well-made garments is their motto, and we advise every one before purchasing to call on C. N. Oehm & Son, 230 W. Pratt St. and 55 Hanover St., adjoining Citizens' Bank.

QUITE an excitement occurred at Marydel one day last week, growing out of a struggle between two rival corn merchants to get possession of cars to ship their grain to market. The friends of the two parties assembled in battle array, but the females interfered and scared off their husbands and lovers, and the affair ended without any blood being spilled. All the depots along the line are filled with grain, and the railroad company is unable to supply sufficient cars.

MR. NEWTON SIMMONS, of the United States Fish Commission, has arrived in Havre-de Grace from the South, where he has lately been distributing fish in the waters of Georgia and Texas. Mr. Simmons has been assigned to duty there, and will begin to take a census of all the fish caught at the different shores and by gillers, &c., as far back as can be ascertained. The census taken will include the amount invested, number of horses, seines, &c., required in catching fish.

T. W. WICKES, at his drug store, is opening one of the finest assortments of Christmas goods ever seen in Chestertown—beautiful and cheap. Call and see them.

A CARD.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In your last issue I was much surprised to see my property advertised by R. W. Jones, mortgagee; and as this is calculated to affect my credit, I claim the privilege of your columns for putting the facts of the case before the community, and leave them to judge of the necessity for such an advertisement.

At the Spring term of Court I was sued for a claim of $125. Mr. Jones was my security, and asked me for a bill of sale of my property to make him safe. I gave it to him, and he afterwards informed me that he had satisfied the claim, and he wanted a settlement from me. Messrs. T. R. & E. R. Strong owed me money to the amount of the indebtedness to Mr. Jones, and I gave him an order upon them, which was accepted by Mr. Jones, and his attorney, Mr. Smith. Then I supposed the matter was settled, but, to my surprise the advertisement appeared in your columns, without my being notified or Messrs. Strong having been called upon, and Mr. Smith still retaining the order on the Messrs. Strong. And in justice to the latter I will state that they settled the same as soon as called upon.

1t* FRED. B. GEMMILL.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Annual report of the financial secretary of the Kent Co. Agricultural Association for 1879:

RECEIPTS:

Balance in treasury from 1878	$ 516 07
State appropriation	500 00
For rents	69 14
Members' dues	87 50
Advertising in Premium list	87 25
Notes paid in	90 47
Cash for lumber	33 45
Cash from Fair	2349 07
Total	$3732 95

DISBURSEMENTS:

Stock redeemed	$ 466 91
Interest paid on stock	48 55
Lumber and posts	633 35
Officers, workmen and teams	196 02
Printing and advertising	216 02
Papers, envelopes, stamps, &c	13 62
Hardware bills for '78 and '79, and hay	89 21
Expenses in preparing Premium list	6 00
Officers' badges, ribbon, expressage	3 20
Premiums paid	2037 50
Balance in treasury	23 17
Total	$3732 95

UNSETTLED ACCOUNTS:

Cr. Unpaid dues	$ 25 00	
Notes due and to become due	131 39	
		$ 156 39
Dr. Unpaid stock	$ 40 00	
Claim of S. Vannort, note	121 86	
Interest on same	6 40	
		$ 168 26

The association is in a flourishing condition; the land, buildings and fencing are all paid for. With what money is in the treasury, together with the outstanding notes and dues, there would be more than sufficient to pay the small indebtedness of the association.

WM. H. STEWART,
Financial Secretary.

MARRIED:

At the Church of the Beloved Disciple, Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, by Rev. S. C. Roberts, J. FRANK CONNELLY to Miss LOUISA H. DAVIS, all of Chestertown.

At Fairlee (Salem) M. E. Church, Dec. 17, 1879, by Rev. I. Jewell, AZARIAH M. KENDALL to Miss AGNES BORDLEY, all of Kent.

On the 3d inst., at the M. E. Parsonage, Chestertown, by Rev. E. B. Newnam, WM. H. THOMPSON, of Still Pond, to Miss EMMA A. JEWELL, of Worton, Kent county.

At the residence of the bride's parents on the 10th of December, 1879, by the Rev. S. S. Hepbron, of St. Paul's P. E. Church, J. W. BEACHAMP, formerly of Caroline county, Maryland, to LIDIA C. BRANNOCK, of Kent county.

[Denton papers please copy.]

DIED:

At the residence of her cousin, John Milloway, in Wilmington, Del., on the 1st December, Miss KATE M. TAYLOR, after a lingering illness of Typhoid fever, aged 23 years.

At the residence of his parents, near Millington, on the 8th Dec., ELMER, youngest son of W. J. and Mary Daniels, aged 8 years.

Departed this life near Rock Hall, Sunday evening, Nov. 16th, after a lingering illness, MARIA HYNSON, beloved daughter of Joseph and Sarah L. Hynson, aged 15 years, 10 months, 19 days.

REV. E. B. NEWNAM
Will preach (D. V.) at Salem M. E. Church To-Morrow (Sunday) at 2½ p. m.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—There will be service in the M. E. Church commencing at 10½ o'clock a. m. Sermon by the Pastor and responsive reading by the congregation.

"Old Kris" will meet the Sunday School in the evening. Parents and friends invited. 1t.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, FATHER BRADFORD will hold Divine Service as follows: Chestertown, 5 a. m.; Church Hill, 7.30 a. m.; St. Dennis', 10.30 a. m.; and Vespers, Benediction and Sermon at 7.30 p. m., in the Church of the S. S. Heart, Chestertown. 1t.

FOR RENT,
SEVENTEEN ACRES of LAND and a DWELLING, at Rock Hall. Possession given Jan. 1st. Rent small. Address
FATHER BRADFORD,
d20-2t. Chestertown.

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 5th, 1880, at 11 o'clock A. M.
N. G. WESTCOTT, Sec'y.
Dec. 20—3t.

FOR RENT,
THE STORE ROOM
And FIXTURES all complete of an old established stand now occupied by Mr. A. P. Carroll, right on Main street, with suit of rooms adjacent if desired, will be rented very low if application be made at an early day to SAM'L GORMAN,
PUMP-MAKER,
Up-Town, near Catholic Church.
Dec. 20—3t*

NOTICE.—The semi-annual meeting of the Stockholders and members of The Workingmen's Library Association will be held in the office of Messrs. HINES & SMITH, on THURSDAY, Jan. 1st, 1880, at 7 o'clock p. m. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected.
By order of the PRESIDENT.
Chestertown, Dec. 20—2t.

THE MOST USEFUL
CHRISTMAS GIFT
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J. B. SAPPINGTON
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At St. James' Parsonage,
On TUESDAY, Dec. 23, at 6 o'cl'k P. M.
Premiums to be given to the three collecting the most money in their jugs.
d20-1t. THE LADIES.

FAIR! FAIR! FAIR!

THE Catholics of Chestertown and vicinity will hold a FAIR in the basement of their new Church, opening
Saturday afternoon, Dec. 27
and closing positively Saturday, Jan. 3d.
Among the many handsome and valuable articles to be disposed of at chances are the following:
Handsome OIL PAINTING by J. Redue;
A $100 ORGAN;
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Dec. 10, 1879.

DON'T FORGET
THE AUCTION
At KENNARD & CONNELLY'S
STORE,
(Opposite C. F. Stam's Drug Store,)
Beginning Monday evening, Dec. 22d, and continue all the week.
The stock must be sold. All invited to attend. Sale begins at 7 p. m.
Dec. 20—1t.

FOR RENT,
for 1880,
TWO HOUSES in Chestertown, one in the tenancy of William T. Miller, on Kent St.; the other in the tenancy of Samuel Gorman, on High Street, near the Catholic Church.
HINES & SMITH,
d13-3t. Attorneys.

A CARD.
The undersigned having had some experience, will AUCTIONEER at Public Sales in any part of the county when desired, and will give satisfaction both as to ability and terms. Orders left at the office of Reg. of Wills, or addressed to myself will receive prompt attention.
J. FRANK WHEATLEY,
o4-tf. *Edesville, Kent co., Md*

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Vases, Toilet Setts, Ink Stands, Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Cups, Mugs, &c.
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FANCY PAPER IN BOXES, from 25 cents up.
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in town; some beautiful patterns, suitable for Christmas presents. *Very Cheap.*
In our CONFECTIONERY department we have just everything delicious to tempt the appetite.
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CIGARS AND TOBACCO.
We have a large stock of Cigars, and will sell by the box at wholesale prices.—We mean what we say. Come and see.
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d4-tf. Opp. the Court House.

Final Dividend Notice.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM H. LECOMPT.

ON application ordered that SAMUEL C. LECOMPT, administrator of Wm. H. Lecompt, late of Kent county, dec'd, give notice by advertisement that a dividend of the Personal Estate of said deceased will be made in this Court on TUESDAY, January 6th, 1880.
Test: J. C. SLAUGHTER,
Register of Wills.
NOTICE.—The Creditors of Wm. H. Lecompt are notified and requested to file their claims, properly authenticated, with the Register of Wills, on or before Tuesday, the 30th day of December, 1879, or they will be excluded from the dividend in the personal estate.
SAMUEL C. LECOMPT,
d20-3t. Adm'r.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
ALEXANDER WILSON, col'd,
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 9th day of July, 1880; otherwise they may be excluded from all benefit of said estate.
Given under our hands this 23d day of December, 1879.
MARY L. WILSON,
RICHARD T. TURNER,
Dec. 20, 1879—4t. *Administrators.*

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Dec. 13—4t*

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