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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....DEC. 27, 1879.

THE OTHER SIDE.—It is an old and trite saying that "there are always two sides to every question." The Maine election imbroglio up to recently has seemed to have but *one* side, and that condemnatory of the course of Gov. Garcelon and Council. Senator Blaine and others of his ilk have been sending dispatches, holding meetings, making fiery speeches, and in every other way possible striving to make capital against the Maine Governor, and in the interest of Mr. Blaine's presidential aspirations, until indeed we were beginning to believe it *was* an illegal and unjust thing the Maine democracy had been guilty of;—that it might be likened in some degree to the action of these same republican leaders who are now crying out against Governor Garcelon, when they colleagued with Southern returning boards in 1876 and *stole three States outright!* But now the *other side* is coming to light. In another column we give the statement of Mr. Pillsbury, who is in every way as worthy of credence as Blaine, and a dispatch to the New York *Herald* gives the particlars of a large and enthusiastic meeting held at Augusta, Me., last Tuesday. Speeches were made by Gen. Sewell Lancaster, Congressman Ladd, Gov. Garcelon, and others. When the Governor was introduced he received a perfect ovation.—He said:

"Fellow-citizens, I came not here to make a speech. I came here to thank you for the evidence you have given that you will sustain law and order. I came also to ask your support as law-abiding, liberty-loving citizens. In my effort to perform my constitutional duties I think I may expect it. [Cries of 'You may.'] I am confident that if any traitorous hand be raised against the constitution of this State I shall have the support of every loyal man not only here, but throughout the length and breath of this Commonwealth. I ask you to be prudent in act and speech, but if the time comes when the laws have to be maintained against the attacks of a mob, I want you to be ready to take up arms in their defense. The constitution and laws of Maine must and shall be preserved."

Resolutions were then unanimously adopted approving of the course of the Governor and council. Among the resolutions was one vigorously denouncing the one-sided and partisan character of the dispatches which had been sent off to the press in reference to the action of the Governor and Council, and charging that the agencies employed had been in the hands of violent republican party managers, who had endeavored to prejudice the whole case before the country at large.

Letters and telegrams from leading men in Bangor, Portland and elsewhere, promising aid and support to the Governor, were read and heartily applauded.

GOVERNOR HAMILTON'S INAUGURATION—*The Fifth Regiment to Take Part.*—The approaching inauguration of Governor Hamilton, which will take place January 14th next, will be marked by much greater display than is usual upon such occasions. The Fifth Maryland Regiment purpose visiting Annapolis to act as an escort to the Governor. Arrangements have been perfected for the trip, and the full regiment, with band and drum corps, will leave Baltimore on the morning of the fourteenth in time to reach Annapolis before twelve o'clock, the hour fixed for the ceremony of inauguration. Besides the Fifth Regiment it is understood that the Garrett County Guards, the Towson Guards, Capt. D. J. McIntosh; the Bond Guards, of Catonsville, Capt. D. P. Barnette; the Governor's Guards, of Annapolis, Capt. Lewis Green, and a military company from Cumberland, together with Capt. Rau's cavalry, will take part in the display. The Bond Guards, of Harford (cavalry), the Berlin Light Horse (Worcester co.) and the Groome Guards, of Elkton, may take part, but nothing is known as yet of their intentions. The visitors will defray their own expenses. The public are given to understand that the State authorities will be at no expense in the matter of the proposed display. While in the ancient city the visitors will be the guests of the Governor's Guards. The inauguration ceremony will take place in the Senate chamber at 12 o'clock, and will, no doubt, be witnessed by many visitors, attracted by the popularity of the incoming Governor and the unusual brilliancy of the display.

THE Executive Committee of the Sunday Law Modification Society of Baltimore has appointed a special committee to prepare the draft of a bill to be presented to the State Legislature, and which will be amendatory of the present law in several important particulars. The proposed law will provide that Sunday excursions shall be permitted and that the fine inflicted for violation of the Sunday law shall be turned over to the State instead of being divided with the informer as at present. Sunday concerts are to be permitted, and storekeepers are to be allowed to sell necessary articles on Sunday. Imprisonment for violation of the law is to be prohibited. The question of keeping the saloons open was discussed and it is not probable that any attempt will be made to change the present law on the subject. The opponents of the proposed Sunday law modification will doubtless soon be heard from and the question issues to excite extraordinary interest [illegible] General Assembly.

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J. L. Woodcock, indicted for arson, [illegible] released from Easton jail on $6,000 bail [illegible] Wright, of Dorchester, and A. W. Woodcock [illegible] Wicomico, being on his bond.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—The Chestertown public school in closing for Christmas, last Tuesday afternoon gave an entertainment consisting of readings, recitations, singing, etc., by the scholars. A large number of the parents and others interested in the school were present notwithstanding the disagreeable weather. The exercises were opened by a "Holiday Song," very nicely rendered by the entire school; Miss Lulie Harris presiding at the organ. The second item on the programme was "The Christmas Tree," and the appearance of Old Kris with his pack was greeted with special demonstrations of applause by the young multitude present. Emma Davis then read "Mother's Fool," which was followed by "Mamma's Valentine," sung by little Annie Lambert; Miss Delma Bordley read "The Bridge of Sighs," which was followed by a song by the school, "Who was Here?" Five of the boys then rendered a humorous colloquy called "The Young Debaters." The subject of discussion was, "Which is the most useful, a dog or a gun?" DeCoursey Ruth read the "Irish Traveler," which was followed by a song—"Baby Land"—by Stella Lambert, another diminutive Missie. Miss Lizzie Roberts then read a well-written essay, entitled "Ambition." The reading of the essay was followed by a recitation by ten little girls. Freddie Usilton delivered a declamation "Rienza's address to the Romans," and five little girls recited "Be Willing to Try." "Skating Glee" was sung by the school remarkably well. Then followed "Be Happy," a recitation by little Rosie Rasin. Carrie Cooper read a humorous selection, entitled "Too Late for the Train." Four young Misses brought out, very successfully, the humor of "Mrs. Partington's Tea Party," Miss Lulie Harris followed the tea party, and sang Tennyson's "Brook." Charlie Perkins read "The Old Man Goes to School." The *Echo*, a journal edited by the Misses Ella Thomas and Minnie Usilton and Master Harry Dodd, was then read by the editors. It contained many puns and humorous hits upon the names of different pupils; it was a very creditably edited journal. The closing exercise was the "Anniversary Song," by the school.

THE ST. JAMES PARSONAGE.—The "house-warming and jug-breaking" entertainment at the new Parsonage of St. James' M. P. Church, Worton, came off according to announcement last Tuesday evening. The rain no doubt kept many away, but the affair was a success for all that. About fifty persons were present and took supper, while the preparations were ample for four times that number. The *jugs* yielded the handsome sum of $65, and premiums were awarded to three little ones whose jugs contained the largest amounts, namely: first, Bertie Nicholson, son of Robert G. Nicholson; second Estelle Stephens; third Clare Vannort.

The New Building.—The new Parsonage property is located directly opposite the Church front; the lot contains three acres, and was purchased last Spring of Mr. Sol. Wright. The new building has just been completed, and is a very handsome structure, in every way creditable to the tasty neighborhood in which it is located and the energetic spirits who originated and successfully prosecuted the enterprise. It is a two-story frame, with gable front and neat ornamental scroll work all around the main building, which latter is 18 by 36 feet, with a neat portico running the whole length of the front. The building contains ten rooms and has been nicely furnished throughout by the ladies of the congregation. The total cost of the improvements will reach fully $1800, and nearly the whole amount has been already contributed. R. K. Pippin, of this town, was the contractor and builder; Tyson & Sparks did the plastering; Al. Parsons the brick work, and Frank Howard the painting.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Dec. 16, 1879.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. Joshua and Wm. Vansant, acting guardian to Vansant minors, passed their separate final guardian accounts for the year 1879. H. W. Vickers, adm'r c. t. a. of Geo. Vickers, deceased, returned an inventory of the personal estate, and an appraisement.

THE Kennedyville M. P. Sunday School will have an entertainment next Tuesday evening. Responsive readings, dialogues, music, readings, &c., will make up the programme. Forty-five persons joined that church as one of the results of the late meeting.

THE attention of persons in want of anything in the shape of lumber is invited to the new double column advertisement of Samuel Burns & Co., in this issue. They sell all articles in their line at the very lowest prices.

THE Fair at the Catholic Church in this town commences to-night. There are a great number of beautiful and useful articles to be had by direct purchase and also at chances.

CHRISTMAS DAY was drizzly and dull, and the most of our citizens spent the day in their houses enjoying good dinners and the comforts of home.

"As Christmas is near you may look for poping, buzing and wizzing.—We mean fire-works."

It is well this paragraphist told us what he *meant*. No one could ever cipher out fire-works as a meaning for "poping, buzing and wizzing."

A WINGLESS CHICKEN.—Mr. Vincent T. Cohee, of this town, has among his brood of chickens a well grown pullet without wings. It appears all right in every other respect.

THE shipyards in Cambridge have purchased enough lumber to last them a year, and are still buying whenever timber is thrown on the market, so that the fluctuation in price will not affect them for the next twelve months.

MR. WILLIS CHARLES, who was for two sessions a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from Dorchester county, died last Thursday week.

IT is said of ex-Sheriff Boulden, of Cecil co., that not one prisoner escaped from jail during his term, and that he never placed his hands upon a culprit whom he did not safely keep in custody until discharged according to law.

Now that the debt has been removed, Grace church, at Wilmington, will pay its preacher $2,500 for next year.

THE Mystic was gotten off finally on Sunday last and towed to Baltimore by two tugs.

To Our Patrons.—Some of our patrons have responded to our request made last week for a settlement. The call was intended to be general, and we hope that during the coming week a generous response will be made by all indebted to this office. We hope next week to have a squaring up with all our town patrons.

A REMARKABLE MAN.—Mr. J. Brown, postmaster at Brownville, called at this office last week to pay his subscription, which he always does in advance, never having owed this establishment a cent, and he has been taking the paper for sixty-five years.

Mr. Brown is about 90 years of age having been born in 1790. Cast his first Presidential vote for James Madison, was in the war of 1812 for which services he now receives a pension, and was first appointed postmaster by President Johnson in 1833, ever since which time he has served in that capacity, nearly 47 years.

Mr. Brown is a remarkably well preserved man. His mind is clear, his spirits bright, he moves around without any difficulty and has not an ache or a pain. He works regularly at his trade that of a tanner, in which business his son is also engaged. Whenever there is a particularly fine piece of work to be done, Mr. Brown says, his son always hands it over to him with the remark, "Here is something pretty fine, I guess you had better do it."

Mr. Brown's wife is also living, a venerable lady of some seventy-odd summers. May they still live many years to show how it is possible to grow old and keep young.—*Hagerstown (Md.) Herald.*

THE Baltimore *Telegram* says: Insurance Commissioner Hines this year has turned into the State Treasury $40,000, [illegible] $10,000 more than last year. [illegible] management of the office is all that it [illegible] be.

[illegible] Frederick [illegible] shipping, in one day, since it [illegible] way back to CHOMP[illegible] into shallow wa[illegible] Wednesday and [illegible]

THE WALKING MATCH.—According to announcement the walking match commenced at the Town Hall at precisely twelve o'clock M. on Wednesday. Only six of the twelve walkists whose names had been published entered for the contest, as follows: A. L. Sherwood and Fred. C. Numbers, of Millington, Frank E. Ford and Charles Donavan, of Worton, and C. C. Hynson and James S. Byrom of Chestertown. The track measured thirty-four laps to the mile. Each of the contestants started off briskly, and Sherwood scored the first mile in twelve minutes, but the whole six were so close together that there was scarcely a lap between him and Donavan, who was last. At the finish of five miles Byrom was leading, closely followed by Sherwood. The first five miles were scored by Byrom in fifty minutes.

Donavan, after walking forty-seven miles in nine hours, withdrew at nine P. M. on account of sickness and did not again make his appearance.

Byrom made eighty miles in sixteen hours, and was compelled to leave the track at four A. M. Thursday morning on account of cramps. He was in the lead when he stopped, and though his attendants worked on him for two hours, yet he did not sufficiently recover to resume the walk.

Numbers retired at thirty-five minutes past three Thursday afternoon on account of sickness, after making one hundred and twenty miles and ten laps with three hours and forty minutes rest, but without any sleep, and his physician would not permit him to go on the track again. He was taken to his room at the Voshell House and recovered during the night.

At twenty minutes past nine (or two hours and forty minutes before the time appointed for the match to close), there being but three contestants—Sherwood, Ford and Hynson—on the track, and it being evident how the contest would terminate if persisted in, it was mutually agreed by all concerned that the walking should cease and the first prizes should be awarded to Sherwood, the second to Ford, and the third to Hynson. The score at this time stood as follows: Sherwood, 144 miles and 20 laps; Ford, 143 miles and 15 laps; Hynson, 138 miles and 17 laps. If the contest had been continued until twelve o'clock, or two hours and forty minutes longer, as at first intended, it is reasonable to suppose that, even at a diminished gait, at least one hundred and fifty-six miles would have been scored.

During the thirty-three hours and twenty minutes that the contest lasted, after making his 43d mile Sherwood was off the track twenty minutes, walking again until his 80th mile, when he rested one hour and a half; 102d mile, 35 minutes rest; 112th mile, 50 minutes; 121st mile, 47 minutes; 127th mile, 16 minutes, making together five hours rest, during which time he slept only forty-five minutes. We were unable to get the length of time the other walkers rested, the scorers having failed to note it. Sherwood is a graceful and splendid walker, with a moderate and natural swing of the arm, and it was generally supposed at the start that he would win the race. It is reported that he is entered in the six days, walking match to take place at Wilmington in the Spring.

The interior of the hall was as well arranged by the managers as the limited space would permit, but on account of the very inclement weather not many persons from the country were in attendance, and we regret to say that the undertaking was not a financial success.

SUDDEN DEATH.—John Collins, aged 16 years, eldest son of Mr. J. W. Collins, our postmaster, died suddenly yesterday morning a few minutes before seven o'clock. He was taken about two o'clock with a severe hemorrhage from the lungs, and notwithstanding the presence and efforts of Dr. Perkins, died at the hour stated of congestion of the lungs. He was never before known to have a hemorrhage, and was in his usual health when he retired the night before; he was never strong or healthy, but full of life and activity, and up to the Christmas vacation attended school at the College.

Mr. Collins is subject to hemorrhage, and had a severe attack about two hours before Johnny's, and Dr. Perkins having been called in for the former, was present at the time the latter was taken. Mr. C. was something better yesterday afternoon, though still confined to his bed. He has the sympathy of the whole community in his deep affliction.

UNION ALMSHOUSE.—At the invitation of Dr. C. W. Chancellor, Secretary of the State Board of Health, a very respectable meeting of citizens of Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot counties assembled in convention at the Court House, in Easton, on Thursday, the 18th inst., to consider the expediency of establishing a Union Work House for the counties named, in place of the existing county almshouses, with a view to ameliorate the condition of the poor. It was a matter of general regret that other counties of the Eastern Shore did not attend the convention. The meeting was organized by electing William McKenney, Esq., of Queen Anne's, President; Bennett Todd, of Caroline, Vice-President, and J. A. Johnson, of Talbot, secretary.

The President stated the object of the convention, and declared it ready for business.

Col. James T. Earle, of Queen Anne's, said he had well considered opinions of his own on the subject the convention had been convened to consider, but before expressing them he should like to hear from Dr. Chancellor, who had called the convention, and who had been making almshouses a study for years, and had but recently visited Europe with a view to add to his stores of information.

The President said the convention would be glad to hear from Dr. Chancellor.

The Doctor then gave a full explanation of the matter, saying the convention had been called at the suggestion of numerous gentlemen who were in sympathy with the movement. He fully discussed our present almshouse system and the low standard of morals about it, declaring that the evils deplored were not so much in the management, which was generally good, as in the system itself, which was extremely bad. He advocated a change on his moral and economical grounds. He explained the work-house system of England, which originated about fifty years ago, and which was self-supporting, and the inmates were more contented and happy than they could be in idleness. He thought the paupers of the Eastern Shore counties could be better taken care of, and supported at less expense to the taxpayers, in union work houses than in county almshouses. Indeed, he thought they could be made self-supporting. He fully discussed the condition of the insane paupers, and showed that the incurable cases could be as well taken care of at a cost of $40 or $50 a year per capita in such work houses as in the Maryland Hospital at a cost of $150. He said Cecil county has a very fine new almshouse, and would not be likely to join in the movement. He said some of the lower counties of the Eastern Shore had expressed themselves favorable to the change, but he thought it likely that Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester would prefer to establish a separate one for themselves. The larger the establishment and the greater number of inmates, the cheaper would be the per capita cost of supporting them. He tho't a house large enough to accommodate all the paupers of the Eastern Shore, Cecil county excepted, would cost about $60,000; and one large enough to accommodate those of the counties represented in the convention would not cost more than $30,000 at the most.

Col. Earle supported Dr. Chancellor in an able and eloquent speech, which was alike creditable to his heart and intellect.

After some informal conversation about the almshouses of Talbot and Queen Anne's, their system of management and cost to the counties, Col. Earle offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee from each county here represented be appointed by the chair to prepare a memorial to the General Assembly of Maryland, asking for such legislation as may meet the views of this meeting on the subject of conjoint almshouses for the Eastern Shore, said committee to be composed of one member of the Board of County Commissioners, one of the trustees of the poor and one leading taxpayer of each county.

The resolution was adopted and the committee will be hereafter appointed.—*Easton Star.*

The gentlemen present at the meeting, whose names are published, comprise a number of the most prominent and wealthiest citizens of Queen Anne's and Talbot counties and a few from Caroline, all of whom appeared to be in hearty sympathy with the movement. Kent was not represented in the convention, and the feeling of our people, so far as we have heard an expression of opinion on the subject, seems to be averse to the project.

THE Delaware and Chesapeake Railway Company are still at work on the road between Easton and Oxford, and the citizens are looking forward to the running of regular trains with considerable interest. Telegraphic communication between the two towns is also to be established.

IT is said that few postmasters die and none resign, but Alonzo Snow, postmaster at Port Deposit, declined a reappointment, and S. A. Vannort was appointed in his place.

Millington Letter.

Messrs. Editors:—Considerable excitement prevailed with our citizens on Friday morning last upon learning that burglars had broken into the store of T. J. McWhorter the night before and robbed him of some $250 worth of ready-made clothing, dry goods, notions, &c., and from $25 to $30 in cash, which had carelessly been left in the drawer. The store was entered by means of what is called a jimmie and brace and bits, with which they bored through a window shutter and pried the bolt off, so they had nothing to do but hoist the window and get in. They also broke into J. C. Moore's Blacksmith shop and took the most of his tools, which were restored back again. They also unlocked and went into the M. E. Church South, which they locked again without damage, except they bored some holes in the floor and elsewhere and the taking of the church key, which was found in the pocket of one of the old coats they threw off along the railroad not far from town. About $150 worth of goods were captured and returned to Mr. McWhorter, beside some white napkins and a pair of solid silver napkin rings, with the initials E. H. D. and J. H. D. on them, which had been taken from some unknown person. The burglars are three able-bodied negro men, unknown to the parties who saw them. They were easily tracked on the snow and pursued by a number of citizens and overtaken in the forest, near Morris' Station, when they threw off the most of their baggage and ran like deers into the swamps. They were armed with revolvers and razors, and unfortunately the parties who overtook them were unarmed and perhaps unnerved, or they might easily have captured them. J. R. Blackiston, one of the parties in pursuit, was severely injured by his horse falling and rolling over him and afterwards dragging him with his foot in the stirrup until the girth broke and relieved him. One of his ankles was badly strained and his body considerably bruised. He was brought home in the evening by Constable Downs and is doing well at this time. He was kindly taken into the hotel at Townsend and well treated, for which the parties will accept his thanks. TRAVELER.

Millington, Dec. 23, 1879.

A NEW CHESAPEAKE BAY RESORT.—The Chesapeake Steam Navigation and Hotel Company was organized in Baltimore on Thursday of last week by the election of Frederick Gerker, of Philadelphia, president; Henry D. Schmidt, of Baltimore, treasurer; James B. Andrews, of Baltimore, secretary, and Joseph J. Stewart, of Baltimore, counselor of the company. Talley's Point, near Annapolis, has been selected; a tract of land comprising one hundred acres, with shade trees and well located, on the Chesapeake bay, has been purchased by the company. There is a splendid beach, hard sand and gravel, forming an excellent drive for miles, with magnificent bathing grounds perfectly safe and well located. The site for the hotel is on a bluff sixty feet above tidewater, with a gentle slope to the beach. The hotel will be 100 by 72 feet, overlooking the bay for miles. Excursion grounds are well shaded, and will be fitted with summer houses, pavilions and every requisite found at a first class watering place. It can be reached by rail from Washington and Baltimore in one hour and thirty minutes, and a fast steamer will be placed on the route from Baltimore. A new road to Annapolis will bring the hotel within two miles of the State capital, with which it will be connected by a line of omnibuses, so that business men in Baltimore and Washington may avail themselves of the railroads to visit their families. It is expected to make two, and, if occasion demands it, three trips per day by steamboat during the excursion season.

DEATH OF A MINISTER—*Rev. John W. Pierson Dies of Paralysis.*—Rev. John W. Pierson, a well known minister of the M. E. Church, and pastor of the churches at Mount Pleasant and Claymont, Brandywine Hundred, Delaware, died about four o'clock last Sunday afternoon, of paralysis, at his residence near Bellevue station. He was about sixty-five years of age. Mr. Pierson had a long and active career in the Methodist inteneracy. He was admitted on trial to the Philadelphia Conference in 1836, and traveled Kent Circuit, in Maryland, with the now venerable Dr. I. T. Cooper as preacher in charge. His class consisted of nineteen, four of whom—Revs. John S. Inskip, James Neill, Benjamin F. Price and Charles Karsner—survive him. In 1838 he was admitted to a full connection with the Conference, and since that time has filled various appointments, covering almost the entire length and breadth of the Peninsula. At the meeting of the Wilmington Conference, in New Castle, last March, he was appointed to the Mount Pleasant and Claymont charge. Wherever he preached he always proved acceptable to his congregations, and enjoyed their confidence and esteem to the fullest extent. Mr. Pierson leaves a wife but no children; though he has an adopted son who is a cadet in the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

WE suggest that the proposed new Eastern Shore almshouse be located at Ocean City. There the inmates could have the advantages of sea-bathing and enjoy the other attractions of that fashionable summer resort. And then too the poor folk who are unable to spend even a brief part of the summer at the seaside, would only need to get committed to the almshouse to enjoy the season with the rest of them.

Why not have an Eastern Shore penitentiary also? Crisfield is the place for that. If the penalty for stealing were to be a sentence to live among the Crisfield mosquitoes, it would pretty well break up thieving on the Shore. If the penitentiary were at Crisfield the sentences would need to be only one-third as long as they now are to supply an equal amount of punishment.—*St. Michaels Comet.*

SILVER ORE IN WESTERN MARYLAND.—Considerable excitement is prevailing among the residents of Savage mountain, about eight miles west of Lonaconing, over the supposed discovery of silver ore. Several veins have lately been discovered which showed evidence of containing good silver ore, a piece of which Mr. Geo. Garlitz sent to Philadelphia for analysis, and was informed that it would yield $117 50 to the ton.—A company of New York capitalists have purchased about 900 acres of the Anderson tract and a party of men from Leadville, Colorado, arrived on the site Monday and went to work. Mr. Garlitz owns 333 acres, which also contain a large amount of the ore.—*Lonaconing Times.*

RIPE WATERMELONS.—Ripe watermelons in December is something of a rarity, but it is a treat which Mrs. B. F. Minnick, of the Hickory, prepared for her family. Late in the fall she had a fine ripe one well covered over in the field. The frost did not reach it and it was brought to the house and cut last Saturday. The natural taste was well preserved, but the rich red color of the flesh had faded to light pink.—*Bel Air Aegis.*

THE WINTER OF 1780.—In the winter of 1780, the Chesapeake bay was frozen from its head to the mouth of the Potomac. For many days together persons traveled from Annapolis to Poplar Island, Rock Hall and Baltimore on the ice, and crossed to and from Kent Island in carts and carriages, a distance of seven miles across; the ice was six or seven inches thick.—*Rudgeley's Annals of Annapolis.*

THE farmers of Wicomico county will petition the Legislature for a law to prevent stock from running at large. They think it rough that they must keep up thousands of panels of fencing in order that a few mischievous cows should be permitted to range at large.

JAMES SMITH, colored, died near Princess Anne a few days go at the age of 109 years. There is indisputable evidence that he was born within a year of 1770. Dr. F. A. Adams tried to induce the old man to visit the Centennial exhibition, but he wouldn't leave the sands of Somerset. Thirty years ago he was sold as a slave for fifty cents, his extreme age making him valueless then.

THE very many advantages to be gained by dealing with the Original New York One-Price Cash Clothing House, 184 W. Baltimore street, opposite Light, is the very large stock to befound there, one price to every one and the goods are made in the very best manner. They deal alike with everybody. We would advise our readers to give them their custom.

JUG breaking is done now-a-days, not to spill whiskey, but to secure the money they contain. The custom is to send them around through the community soliciting donations for specified purposes, and at the appointed time the jugs are all brought in and broken amid music and rejoicing.

THE St. Michaels *Comet* has it from sources which it considers reliable, that a large number of vessels are dredging in the Chesapeake, from the Patuxent down to the Maryland line, without license. Some of them are said to be from other States, with citizens of other States for captains, officers and crews.

MR. DREXEL, the Philadelphia banker, has bought several thousand acres of land in Worcester county, on which he proposes to build 200 dwellings and to send down families to occupy them. He also intends to start woolen, cotton and other factories.

CONCERNING the warm weather the past month, an exchange says: "No snow, no ice, no skates, no sled, no nothing but a great chunk of August fooling around in December, trying to induce mankind to cast off flannels, take cold and pass on to angelic realms."

DR. H. J. BROWN, colored, addressed the colored people of Wicomico county, at Salisbury, last Tuesday night week. He bitterly attacked the policy of the white republicans of the State in not giving to the colored men their just share of offices.

THE oystermen of Dorchester complain that dredgers from Wicomico and Somerset are constantly making raids on them. They call upon the Legislature for reforms in the oyster navy.

TRYING to do business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You may know what you are doing but nobody else does.

HAWKS were never so numerous as now in the State of Maryland. Hence the havoc among the chickens, partridges and small rabbits.

The Cambridge *News* figures up the the total of the oyster trade of that town at $150,000 a year.

Letter from Galena.

GALENA, Dec. 26, 1879.

Messrs. Editors:—'Tis presumed that your readers did not miss our little budget of news last week, as the copartnership of "X & Z" were supposed to furnish all of any importance. We have a number of corners in Galena and a number of corner clerks with numberless bad colds, all getting better, we are glad to hear.

For fear our friends abroad may think we have but one mite society, and but one worthy to be called the mite society, I will, with your permission, state that we have three of them, all in a flourishing condition and all meeting at the homes of respectable citizens. The mite society of Galena M. E. Church has been in existence for several years and their success is attested to by the good work they have done in procuring furniture, etc., for their parsonage and in kind remembrances to their good pastor and family. The Presbyterian mite society, of shorter duration, has also been doing a noble work, contributing largely toward the erection and furnishing of their very pretty parsonage. The P. E. mite society, though yet in its infancy, has done well, and are waiting an opportunity to make a judicious disposal of the fast accumulating funds in hand.

The students from Galena to the various colleges and seminaries are now at home spending their Christmas vacation. Some of them appear to have been benefitted by the change; others cannot endure the hard studies. Sacrifice not your health, my young friends, 'tis worth more to you than gilded baubles or any amount of parchment paper.

The parties who made the presentment of the steamer Trumpeter and owners, not being satisfied with the "large" amount of the awards, are trying, with persevering persistency, to again have the matter brought before the courts. Some of the witnesses for the defence, we have understood, are being already bulldozed. Look out, ye persecuted, and keep an eye and a light on your weather bow.

Mr. W. H. Pennington, mine host of the Pennington Hotel, who has been confined to his bed for some time past, we are happy to say is convalescent.

Galena has been very dull this week until Christmas Eve ushered in the beginning of the holidays with the usual amount of fireworks and display of old Chris's kind remembrances. The churches and Sunday schools are preparing for their annual distributions of Christmas gifts and Christmas exercises, which promise to be very interesting; but as these exercises do not take place in time to give you the particulars, we will have to postpone it to a future article. We hope all your readers enjoyed a merry Christmas, tho' appearances were so much against them. 'Twas certainly a most un-Christmas like day.

Friend Whitaker and his wife are celebrating the first anniversary of their married life by a holiday trip to New York; wish them a merry time. AXON.

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

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.

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.

MARRIED:

Dec. 17, at the Episcopal Parsonage, Masseys, by Rev. J. N. Watson, Mr. WILLIAM GASTON to Miss KATE PENNINGTON, both of Kent co.

Near Kennedyville, Nov. 18, by the Rev. J. A. Weigand, JAMES A. REED to MARTHA J. DILLEHUNT, both of this county.

At the Kennedyville M. P. Church, Dec. 3, by Rev. J. A. Weigand, assisted by Rev. G. J. Smith, of Delaware, ORSON H. WILBANK to ELIZABETH NICKERSON, both of this county.

On the 18th instant, at the residence of the bride's father, near Kennedyville, by Rev. E. P. Aldred, Mr. DAVID SHAHAN and Miss EMMA HARRIS, both of this county.

In Baltimore, on the 11th instant, at the Columbia Avenue Church, by Rev. Mr. Shannon, JOHN CAREY and Miss MOLLIE E. HOOPER, both of Queen Anne's county.

On the 17th instant, by Rev. James R. Dill, at the residence of Thomas J. Marvell, grandfather of the bride, Mr. JOSEPH S. DAILY, of Wilmington, Delaware, to Miss BELLE EMERSON, daughter of Dr. Emerson, of Pennsylvania. A few years ago Mr. Daily was a salesman for Mr. T. W. Eliason, Jr., and is no doubt pleasantly remembered by many of our citizens.

DIED:

In Chestertown, on Thursday last, after a short illness of membranous croup, CHAS. MARION, eldest son of Charles M. and Marion Lucas, aged 3 years and 2 months. [Funeral services at the parents' residence this (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.]

In Chestertown, suddenly on Friday morning, Dec. 26, JOHN, eldest son of John W. and Charlotte A. Collins, aged 16 years and 4 months. [Funeral services will be held at the parents' residence to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 9 o'clk. Interment at Wesley Chapel at 12 M., where concluding services will be held.]

At the residence of his brother, in Galena, on the 13th instant, THOMAS H. MILLER, in the 59th year of his age.

Near Chestertown, on the 23d instant, Mrs. HANNA McGUIRE, in her forty-sixth year.

MONEY TO LOAN.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS to loan on good security.
Apply to JAMES A. SMITH,
d27-3t* Still Pond.

NOTICE.

A meeting of the Directors of CHESTER CEMETERY COMPANY will be held at the office of Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., in Chestertown, MONDAY, Jan. 5th, 1880, at 4 o'clock p. m.
d27-2t. JOHN L. STAM, Sec'y.

FOR RENT.

A Desirable Dwelling House on Cannon street, Chestertown, for rent for 1880. Apply to
d27. H. W. VICKERS, Att'y.

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

is a "New American" Sewing Machine, for sale by JOHN BELL.
Dec. 20, 1879.

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.

MONEY.

$2,500 TO LOAN on first Mortgage, at six per cent. per annum.
CHARLES T. WESTCOTT,
oc11-tf. Att'y at Law.

Medical Notice

ALL ACCOUNTS due us will be settled up to Dec. 1st, 1879. We must put our accounts in shape so we can realize the money from them.

Hereafter our accounts will be rendered every June and December.

W. M. A. S. MAXWELL & SON.
Dec. 1, 1879. d27-3t

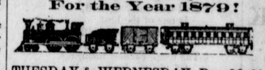
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

BY virtue of an order of the Board of Directors, the Stockholders of the KENT NATIONAL BANK of Chestertown are hereby notified that an election of five Directors to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Kent National Bank in Chestertown on THURSDAY, Jan. 29th, 1880, at 11 o'clock A. M.
d27-5t. JOS. PETERSON, Cash'r.

LAST EXCURSION

To Philadelphia!

For the Year 1879!



TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30, 31,

Tickets good until Friday, Jan. 2, 1880.

$2—ONLY—$2

Round trip, from all points on the Kent Co. R. R.

Trains leave Chestertown 8.45, Worton 8.30, Lynch's 8.40, Still Pond 8.45, Kennedyville 9.00; Blacks 9.10, Lambson 9.20, Masseys 9.35.

Returning, leave Philada. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 11.45 a. m.; Thursday, Jan. 1st, 8.00 a. m. and 5.15 p. m., and on Friday, Jan. 2, at 11.45 a. m.

It. FRED. GERKER, Lessee.

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An examination of our stock will convince you that we have not over estimated our goods.

C. F. STAM,
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Something Long Needed

SUPPLIED AT LAST!

WILLIAM PERKINS has fitted up his

LADIES' PARLOR

for the winter, and ladies from the country, or elsewhere, will find a warm room when they come to town with their husbands or friends, and do not wish to wait in the stores, or to call on friends, while their gentlemen companions are attending to business matters, in which they can sit and read, and pass away their time free of charge.

LUNCHES SERVED at all hours. He also has an upper room, properly fitted up, in which Dinner and Supper can be privately furnished at all times, at short notice, and moderate prices.

P. S.—All meals served in the upper Saloon will be at an