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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....JAN. 10, 1880.

GENERAL GRANT met with quite flattering receptions in his journey through the South, particularly in Alabama and Florida. He expects to reach Havana tomorrow, and after sojourning a while in Cuba, will make a tour of Mexico.

MR. WM. H. GRIFFITH, a highly respected citizen of Baltimore, was run over by a street car in that city on the 1st instant and died in a few minutes. He was aged seventy-four years, and had carried on business as a dealer in paper hangings for about fifty years at No. 13 North Gay street.

A BLOCK of five four-story brick warehouses, used by Thurston, Harris & Co., for storing purposes, on Buchanan's wharf, in Baltimore, and containing some three thousand bales of cotton and other commodities, was burned on Friday night of last week. The loss is estimated at $250,000, and was fully insured.

GEN. GARFIELD will succeed Senator Thurman. The Republican caucus of the Ohio Legislature chose him by acclamation Tuesday night as their candidate, and as the Republicans have a majority in the Legislature, his election is assured. Gen. Garfield is a Republican of the Stalwart school and, since the transfer of Mr. Blaine to the Senate, has been the leader of the Republicans in the House. He has served eight terms in Congress and is understood to be favorable to the Sherman interest.

HAVRE DE GRACE on Tuesday elected Mr. H. Courtney, Jr., its first Democratic Mayor. When the town was governed by commissioners, the president of the board was always a Republican, and in the contest on Tuesday Mr. Courtney was opposed by Mr. Edward Hall, a prominent and popular Republican. The election was very spirited and exciting, but perfect order prevailed, and some 540 votes were polled.

BOTH houses of Congress reassembled on Tuesday. In the Senate, on Wednesday, Mr. Pendleton gave notice of his intention to offer as an amendment to Mr. Bayard's resolution withdrawing the legal-tender quality of the greenbacks an addition that said notes "shall not be available for any of the reserves required to be kept by the national banks, and all such reserves shall be kept in coin." Mr. Davis (W. Va.) introduced a bill to establish a department of agriculture and commerce. In the House a large number of bills were introduced, among them a bill to abolish all envoys extraordinary and ministers resident of the United States to foreign countries; and a bill granting pensions to the soldiers of the Mexican and other wars.

THE Maine House of Representatives organized on Wednesday after an exciting scene. At the outset Mr. Eugene Hale made a motion that the names of certain Republican Representatives should be entered on the rolls and supported the motion with a speech. He was, however, ruled out of order and the Republican members then withdrew. A quorum, however, remained behind, numbering seventy-five Fusionists and one Republican. Gov. Garcelon appeared and qualified the members and placed in their hands the decisions of the Supreme Court and the applications of certain Republican candidates returned as members elect, but ruled out by the Canvassing Boards, for certificates of election. The House completed its organization and the Senate organized without delay or trouble, thus making the Fusionists masters of the situation.

A LARGE MEETING of merchants and business men of Baltimore, favorable to the re-election of Senator Whyte, was held at the Maryland Institute on Tuesday night. In response to an invitation Senator Whyte made a speech, in which he announced that he had withdrawn his letter of declination and he would stand as a candidate for re-election. In the course of his remarks he said that "the prospects of success did not allure him nor the terrors of defeat alarm him." In the light of legislature developments it would not appear that there was much occasion for alarm on the other side.

POSTOFFICE RULINGS.—The Postmaster General has instructed postmasters as follows:

Postmasters are not obliged to accept in payment of postage stamps or stamped envelopes, wrappers, etc., any currency which may be so mutilated as to be uncurrent, or the genuineness of which cannot be clearly ascertained. They are not obliged to receive more than twenty-five cents in copper or nickel coins. They are not obliged to affix stamps to letters, nor are they obliged to make change except as a matter of courtesy. Neither should they credit for postage.

Postmasters are hereby instructed to refuse to rent boxes or drawers in their offices to any lottery company or agent of a lottery company. Should any such company or agent be in possession at this time of a box or drawer in any postoffice, the postmaster should withhold further use thereof, returning at the same time the rent for the unexpired portion of the time paid for. (Section 304.)

Postmasters must now refuse to issue money-orders to be sent to lottery companies, or to individuals or firms as agents for lottery companies, and also refuse to register letters addressed to them. (Sections 810 and 979.)

A PIGEON shooting match at the National Hotel, Middletown, Del., on Tuesday week, between Joseph L. Parsons, of Chestertown, and B. D. Longland, of New Castle—nine birds each—resulted in a score of 8 to 6 in favor of Parsons.

DURING a quarrel on a farm near New Castle, Pa., on Sunday, George Shields, a colored man, cut a pistol at William Newkirk, white, withshot St. Newkirk procured a shot gun and The Pa in the back. Both are in custody.

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CAPT. JAMES HUGHES, oriest in the country. Md., formerly of Baltimo ton, Cecil county, Elkton on the 1st instant, at his home in was for years commander of years. He Baltimore and Elkton.

THE circulating library of Centre failed to be sustained by the public, ving at public sale on the 17th of January. taine 600 volumes, carefully selected and good order.

REV. JOHN W. PISSON, of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, whose death was recently announced by the Wilmington papers, is said to be convalescing.

WILLIAM S. C. POLK, whose wife brought serious charges against Col. Wm. J. Aydelotte, of Pocomoke City, has sold all his effects and removed to Philadelphia.

THE MARYLAND LEGISLATURE met at Annapolis on Wednesday. At the democratic senatorial caucus held Tuesday night there were nineteen members present—the full party strength in that body. Hon. Herman Stump, of Harford county, was chosen President, receiving 12 votes to 4 for Col. Edward Lloyd, of Talbot, 1 blank, and two declining to vote. On motion of Senator Lloyd, Mr. Stump's nomination was made unanimous. For Secretary of the Senate, Eugene Higgins, of Baltimore city, 12; Augustus Gassaway, of Annapolis, 6. Mr. Higgins was then declared unanimously elected. Other officers nominated under the resolution were as follows: Reading clerk, Wm. H. Hiss, of Baltimore city; journal clerk, William S. Purnell, of Cecil; engrossing clerk, John Ireland, of Annapolis; postmaster, Capt. Thos. H. Travers, of Dorchester; sergeant-at-arms, F. H. Bouldin, of Kent; doorkeeper, Syd. L. Trader, of Wicomico; assistant doorkeepers, Thos. W. Fitzgerald, of Baltimore county, and James F. Ward, of St. Mary's; folders, E. A. Talbott, of Howard, Sam'l D. Bounds, of Somerset, and Wm. A. Maloney, of Baltimore city; committee clerks, J. C. Parran, of Baltimore city, T. Addison, of Baltimore city, J. B. Bond, of Calvert, and B. G. Purnell, of Worcester; messengers, T. H. Harrison, of Talbot, and Elias Barnold.

In the caucus of the House of Delegates fifty-nine out of the sixty-three Democrats were present. Mr. Bannon, of Anne Arundel, was among the number, but Mr. McCullough, of Cecil, remained in the Speaker's room and did not attend that body. Hon. Hiram McCullough, of Cecil, and Mr. Michael Bannon, of Anne Arundel, were put in nomination for Speaker. The ballot resulted, McCullough 48, Bannon 10, blank 1.—Mr. Bannon's vote, it is believed, was divided as follows: Baltimore city 5, Baltimore county 2, Carroll 2, Queen Anne's 1. Mr. McCullough was then unanimously nominated. Other nominations were then made unanimously, as follows: For chief clerk, Milton Y. Kidd, of Cecil, and Dr. Wm. H. Cole, of Baltimore city, for reading clerk.

At a general caucus Wednesday night Barnes Compton, the present incumbent, was selected for State Treasurer, without opposition, and Wm. T. Iglehart, of the Annapolis *Advertiser*, for State printer. The name of George Colton was also suggested for printer, but it was stated that the latter was not a candidate.

The latest and most important intelligence from Annapolis is a dispatch stating that a Democratic caucus, held on Thursday night, nominated Hon. A. P. Gorman for United States Senator and Geo. Colton, Esq., for police commissioner.—Mr. Gormon received 54 votes on the first ballot.

The following sketches of the presiding officers of the Senate and House will be read with interest:

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

Hon. Herman Stump, Jr., was born August 8, 1836, at Oakington, a well-known estate on the Chesapeake bay, inherited by his father as a portion of the family property. He was educated at Delaware College and studied law with his cousin, Hon. Henry W. Archer, at Belair, where he was admitted to the bar in 1856. Here his abilities were soon recognized and he rapidly rose in his profession. Although his fitness and talents were acknowledged by all he was never before the people until his election in 1877 as State Senator. He takes great interest in agriculture, and since the establishment, five years ago, of the agricultural society of his native county he has been one of its officers.

SKETCH OF THE SPEAKER.

Hon. Hiram McCullough has occupied a prominent position in Maryland politics for many years, besides being one of the leading lawyers of the State. He is of Maryland birth and is now 66 years of age, having for the past thirty years been a resident of Elkton, Cecil county, all of which time he has been actively engaged in politics. After serving several times in the House of Delegates he was elected to the State Senate in 1845 and continued a member of that body until 1851, when he was succeeded by Hon. John M. Miller, the present incumbent. He next served the interests of his people and State in the Congress of the United States, being elected in 1865 and filling one term. In 1879 he was again elected to the House of Delegates. He was also one of the codifiers and revisers of the Maryland Code in 1860. His son, Clinton McCullough, is a law-partner of Senator Groome and was formerly State's attorney of Cecil county.

THE GOVERNOR'S INAUGURATION.

Gov.-elect Hamilton will move his family to the mansion on Tuesday next, the day before his inauguration. Gov. Carroll and family vacated the mansion about a month ago and he has since placed the building in most excellent condition throughout. The inaugural ceremonies will take place between 12 and 2 P. M. Wednesday of next week. The Fifth Regiment, numbering 400 men, with full band and drum corps; the Governor's Guards, of Annapolis, 80 men; the Bond Guards, of Catonsville, 50 men; the Anne Arundel Cavalry, 70 men; the Garrett Guards, of Oakland, Capt. Owens, 70 men, with James R. Herbert and full staff, will be present. The governor-elect will leave the executive mansion and, escorted by the military, proceed to the State House, where the inaugural ceremonies will take place. The Governor's Guards are making extensive preparations for the entertainment of all the militia that may take part in the celebration.

A HORSE DEAL.—Two enterprising youths of twelve years' experience in this tricky world went into the horse business on Saturday last. They mustered up a dollar and a-half, proceeded to a well known broker in dilapidated stock, and invested in a noble charger. A peck of oats obtained on tick by lavish promises lasted the animal until Monday, when some peculiar evidences of depreciation caused them to hesitate before forcing the market. But the times threatening a collapse, they found a friend and sold out for fifty cents, with full guarantee of soundness. But the friend being also taken with a panic, went to a prominent business man and secured a deposit of a quarter on his horse. The business man took a survey of his security, found it within about six gasps of dissolution, hired a man to knock it in the head for another quarter, and the last seen of the property it was the principal figure in a funeral procession, with a chain around its neck and two mules as pall-bearers. Business is business, and we want to know who made the money on the deal.—*Salisbury Times.*

AFRAID OF DELAWARE JUSTICE.—A colored man living near the dividing line between Delaware and Maryland, in the former State, missed four turkeys from his yard one day recently, and tracked them to the house of a white neighbor who lives in Maryland. He came to Maryland. He came to Elkton and obtained a warrant for his arrest. The accused was arraigned before one of our magistrates, but he stoutly maintained his innocence. Five witnesses corroborated his statement and he was discharged. Still confident that his suspicions were well founded, the colored man had another warrant issued in Delaware, and the party, seeing visions of New Castle whipping post, hastened to "make it up," returning the turkeys to their owner and giving him $10 besides as an inducement to say nothing more about the matter.—*Elkton Democrat.*

THERE is considerable excitement in Cecil county over the election of a clerk by the new County Commissioners. Owing to a clerical error Mr. Coulson, the Republican member, was kept out of his commission for a month, and unless he votes with one of his Democratic associates for clerk, the organization of the board will be still further delayed. Mr. Cameron is persistent in voting for Mr. Vanarsdale, the clerk of the former board, while Mr. Reese supports Mr. McCauley. The latter having been a Union soldier may be voted for by the Republican member, though it is understood that he prefers a candidate of his own stripe of politics.

A SIGN is an effort on foot in Centreville to organize a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association at that place. A public meeting will be held from several and the organization effected. Among them Hon. J. M. Clay is expected to have addresses by Messrs. Harris, John V. L. Findlay, and others, prominent Baltimoreans, among them Hon. J. M. Clay is expected to have addresses by Messrs. Harris, John V. L. Find-

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county was held at the Court House in Chestertown on Monday last. The following officers were elected to serve the present year: President, W. N. E. Wickes; Secretary and Treasurer, N. G. Westcott; Attorney, C. T. Westcott; Directors, W. N. E. Wickes, N. G. Westcott, George B. Westcott, Thomas W. Eliason, Abel J. Rees, Thomas Baker, T. DeC. Ruth, J. T. Skirven, F. H. Harper, R. S. Emory, Isaac Parsons, David Hurlock. The board of officers stand as last year, except that David Hurlock takes the place of Joseph Catlin, dec'd. The affairs of the company are in a very flourishing condition, and it has now in hand, for division among the old stockholders, three thousand one hundred and eighteen dollars. The balance on hand, clear of all losses, is seventy-three thousand two hundred and ninety-five dollars.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.—We neglected to announce some time since that Mr. Jas. T. Rowley, of Worcester county, had been appointed to the vacant Professorship at Washington College, Chestertown. Mr. Rowley is a graduate of Washington College, and received his diploma in July, 1877. He afterwards entered the senior class at Princeton College and graduated there. He entered upon the discharge of his duties on the first of January. Mr. Rowley is a young man of first-class abilities, and will no doubt fill the position for which he has been selected with great credit to himself and advantage to his honored *Alma Mater.*

DREDGERS CAPTURED.—Capt. Clements, of the Chester river police sloop, captured while dredging off Swan Point bar on Tuesday of last week, the captain and crew of the oyster sloop "Atlanta." They were taken before justice Calder, of the fifth district, who committed them to the Kent county jail to await the action of the grand jury. The name of the captain is Frederick Smith; the names of the crew are Wm. Lawler, Pat. Mullins, M. D. Higgins, Daniel Kelley, Jno. M. Lane. They are all residents of Baltimore city, where the vessel also is owned.

LYNCH'S STATION can now boast of a first-class Boot and Shoe maker. Mr. Wm. H. Dudley is located there and states his ability to please all in want of anything in his line. Mr. D. is also the authorized agent of the "U. B. Mutual Aid Society of Pennsylvania," which he claims to be an institution of superior advantages, and will take pleasure in answering all inquiries and affording every facility in his power to those who desire to avail themselves of the company's benefits. Call on or address him at Lynch's Station.

NEW FIRM.—Mr. W. W. Busteed has associated with him his brother, Chas. A. Busteed, in the publication of the *Centreville Observer*. The junior member of the firm is a young man of considerable typographical ingenuity and taste, and turns out some of the best job work executed on the Shore. The *Observer* well maintains its reputation as one of the best county papers in the State.

"WOULD HARDLY KNOW HOW TO GET ALONG WITHOUT IT."—In remitting for another year, a subscriber in an adjacent State remarks: "The KENT NEWS is a very welcome visitor—would hardly know how to get along without it, having been used to reading it from my first recollection."

THE Comptroller of the State Treasury has made his quarterly distribution of the tax levy to white and colored schools in the several counties and the city of Baltimore. The white schools receive $100,000 and colored schools $24,500. Of these sums our county gets $2,367.86 for the use of the white schools, and $1,108.24 for the colored schools.

A GOOD DAY'S WORK.—Dr. Beck boasts of having issued *seven* marriage licenses last Monday. One hundred and fifty-four were issued during the past year. This is equal to the recent claim of one of our largest Western Shore counties. Kent don't like to fall behind in anything.

RELIGIOUS.—A protracted meeting was commenced at the M. E. Church in this town last Sunday night and will be continued next week. Presiding Elder Hill will preach to-morrow (Sunday) evening.

PURCHASE OF A FARM.—Mr. Thos. B. Hynson, of this town, has bought of Dr. James Brown, of Baltimore, the Nicols farm, at the lower end of Quaker Neck, containing 456 acres, for $8,800.

GRADUATED.—Edward A. Scott, son of C. J. Scott, Esq., of Galena, was one of the graduates at the late commencement of St. John's College, Annapolis.

MRS. MARY E. ALLEN has been appointed postmaster at Hanesville, in this county, vice A. L. Vannort, resigned.

THE GAME LAW.—The law in regard to game in this county reads as follows:

"CHAPTER 57—*Section* 1.—That it shall not be lawful to shoot or trap any partridges in Kent, Talbot and Queen Anne's counties between the fifteenth day of January and the first day of November, and rabbits between the fifteenth day of January and the first day of October in each and every year."

The penalty for violating this law is a fine of $5 for each bird or rabbit shot or trapped, and, on failure to pay, the party must be committed to jail for ten days.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Jan. 6.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

Ordered that Joel C. Slaughter, Register of Wills, notify Ann and Ben Redding, colored, to appear before this court Jan. 13, 1880.

An application was received from Joseph W. Hazell, asking permission for his guardian, Jas. A. Pearce, to expend an additional one hundred dollars for his educational purposes, which was ordered to be recorded.

The guardian account of S. F. Smith, guardian to G. E. and W. A. Smith, for 1879, was received, passed and ordered to be recorded.

On the petition of Elizabeth A. Connelly, widow of Owen Connelly, deceased, Mr. Thomas F. Garey, adm'r, is allowed to settle the estate in full, the widow agreeing to take her claim against the real estate.

The report of sales of the real estate of Henrietta E. Willson, deceased, returned by James B. Willson, exec'r, is ordered this day to be ratified and confirmed.

Ordered, that Joel C. Slaughter, Register of Wills, notify all delinquent administrators and guardians to pass their annual accounts for 1879 as soon as possible.

The second and final administration account of C. H. Baker, adm'r of S. C. Vanhorn, dec'd, was received, passed and ordered to be recorded.

The fourth guardian account of Charles H. Baker, adm'r of S. Clark Vanhorn, deceased, and acting guardian to Sallie S., Earnest B. and Hattie Vanhorn, was received, passed and ordered to be recorded.

On application, Wm. N. E. Wickes is authorized to expend one hundred dollars in addition to former allowance, for clothing, &c., for the children of William Janvier, deceased, for the years 1878 and 1879.

The ninth administration account of Chas. H. Baker, exec'r of W. T. Baker dec'd, was received, passed and ordered to be recorded.

The guardian account of Charles H. Baker, exec'r of Wm. T. Baker, deceased, and acting guardian to Stonewall J. Baker and Alfred Lee Baker, for the year 1879, was received, passed and ordered to be recorded.

The guardian account of Charles H. Baker, guardian to Mary E. and Emma F. Parks, for the year 1879, was received, passed and ordered to be recorded.

The second and final administration account and first dividend of S. J. Wickes, adm'r of Jas. W. Pearce, deceased, was received, passed and ordered to be recorded.

The annual rental value of the real estate of Wm. Janvier, dec'd, for three years, as made by John S. Clayton and Stewart Matthews, was received and ordered to be recorded.

THE POCOMOKE CITY SCANDAL.—A dispatch from Pocomoke City says: A new phase of the Polk-Aydelotte scandal has been developed by the action of the Rev. Mr. Bowen, pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city, who on Sunday last denounced from his pulpit, not only ex-senator Aydelotte, who is one of the elders of the church, but the whole community, and wound up his philippic by resigning his pastorate. Mr. Bowen came to the church from the west, and he took occasion to say, in the course of his remarks, that he had supposed he was coming to a moral community, but had found it exactly the reverse, so that when in Philadelphia recently he was ashamed to own that he had a charge here. The church, which was before greatly divided upon the subject of the Polk-Aydelotte scandal, is now in greater contention than ever.

Letter to the Kent News.

Mr. Colton's Lecture at Fairlee—The Educational Society—A Glimpse of Future Work—Vague Rumors of Coming Events—Stormy Christmas—Grange Items—Sabbath Work.

The lecture of George Colton, Esq., on the 30th ultimo, at Salem Church, was highly appreciated by the small audience which the weather permitted to enjoy it. The night was dark and gloomy and the mud and rain abundant and disagreeable enough; nevertheless Mr. Colton's hearers seemed disposed to take his advice, look at the bright side and make the most of the circumstances, however unpropitious they might be. The society for which the lecture was given held its first regular meeting on the evening of January 2. Capt. A. L. Corey was re-elected President, Mr. John Roeder Vice-President, Mr. A. S. Crawford secretary, and J. W. Fogwell treasurer. It was decided to pay over the net proceeds of the lecture, less five dollars to be reserved for contingent expenses, to the treasurer of the trustees of Salem church, to be applied toward the liquidation of a balance due on their organ. The regular meetings of the society will be held on the Friday evening of each week at 7 o'clock. There has been thrown out a hint of a novel entertainment to take place toward the close of the season. It is thought that the services of a lady reader of Philadelphia, unsurpassed in her peculiar role, may be secured for that occasion, together with "Mrs. Brown's trip to the seaside," a discussion upon a question quite as knotty as that pertaining to the mother of the chickens, and tip-top music. The object will be to raise the means to complete the payment for the organ and to put up a neat and substantial fence around the church lot. At present the premises are open to all roaming stock, and the degenerate fence which vainly seeks to prevent trespass looks a great deal worse than no fence at all. It is hoped that the church will heartily co-operate whenever this effort shall be made.

"As in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage," even so is it now, and so will be, it is presumed, to the end of time. And as "all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or hear some new thing," so it is now, and so will it be probably till all the gossips are dead. That impersonal and inveterate talker, Madame Rumor, whose alias is "They Say," now suggests that several kindred souls are seeking their supreme nappiness in that union of hearts and destinies which is supposed to bring "the only bliss which has survived the fall." But the subject is too delicate for speculation. Let us wait for what time may develop.

Christmas was shorn of much of its hilarity hereabouts by the gloom of the day. Even torpedoes and fire-crackers made a meagre display, and in many families the festive board was enjoyed "solitary and alone."

Fairlee Grange holds on the even tenor of its way; the meetings, weekly and monthly, regular and special, are kept up as usual, the next special or festal meeting being appointed for Saturday, 17th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M. At the recent election some changes were made in the corps of officers, A. J. Rees being elected Master.

On Sabbath day, 4th instant, the congregation at St. James' had the pleasure of hearing another of those LITTLE sermons which are always so edifying and satisfactory. The subject, aptly termed by the pastor "New Year's Counsels," was an elucidation of the five verses beginning the 37th Psalm, and was replete with vigorous thought and nice discrimination. At Salem, in the afternoon, Rev. I. Jewell presented the subject of "the unjust steward," as appropriate to the New Year.

SIMON SHARP.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

CLUB ROOM, Jan. 5, 1880.

The first meeting of 1880 was fairly attended and interesting, but not as spirited as the last meeting of 1879. The regular question, "Are farmers justified in borrowing the money to buy the ingredients for their fertilizers?" elicited an instructive discussion. The disposition to buy the materials and mix them is strengthening among the members, and such discussions as the one to-day increases the information and sets men to figuring. Several of the members have tried the plan and their experiences as given were most encouraging. Probably the necessity for the cash is the greatest hindrance. It was shown to-day that 14 per cent. could be saved even in buying the regular fertilizers for the cash, and to this should be added manufacturer's profits and agent's fees, with the risk of obtaining an adulterated article. The way seems to be gradually preparing for great savings here. Reports are continually coming to hand as to what has been done in other places, and the Patrons of Husbandry, extremely reticent as they are on everything connected with their order, freely admit they have made great savings and obtained better articles by buying the materials for cash and having them manipulated. When it is remembered that successful agriculture seems to be depending more and more upon chemical manures, the importance of the subject can hardly be overestimated. Immense deposits of bone have lately been discovered in Russia, and doubtless many such are waiting the finding in our own favored land, and new sources of potash and nitrogen are continually being brought to light; and for one I cannot believe that the simple fact of greater fertility on the part of Western lands is sufficient to neutralize all the splendid advantages of the Eastern Shore.

Next Monday, Jan. 12, is election day. Not being in the ring I cannot tell you who will be elected, but hope the retiring officers will, with their usual reports, give us stirring valedictories, and those to whom the offices are promised, if any, will prepare splendid inaugurals all ready for the occasion. After the excitement of the election, the association will probably prosecute vigorously the subject of a club fertilizer.

Members having competed for the premium on the acre of corn, are requested to hand in their reports, properly prepared, on Monday next.

PARTICEPS.

A MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION.—The Newark *Ledger* of Saturday says: While William Harkness, of Corner Ketch, Mill Creek, and Stephen Davis, of Wilmington, were out gunning the other day the powder flask carried by the first named suddenly exploded, burning the side of his face and also his coat; and the seriousness of the accident was heightened by the discharge of his gun. It seems almost incredible, but it is positively stated that neither of the party were smoking a cigar or pipe at the time and the cause of the explosion is to them unknown.

MARRIED:

At Kennedyville, January 5th, by Rev. J. A. Weigand, WILLIAM McK. TAYLOR to Miss KATIE JOINER, both of this county.

On the 6th instant, at the M. E. Parsonage in Chestertown, by Rev. E. B. Newnam, CHARLES H. JONES to Miss H. REBECCA REED, both of Worton, Kent county.

On Dec. 31, 1879, by and at the residence of Rev. Dr. Spangler, DEWITT C. SPEAR and JOSEPHINE BRADLEY, both of Queen Anne's county, Md.

Dec. 30, 1879, at the M. E. Parsonage in Millington, by the Rev. W. J. O'Neill, WILLIAM E. MOFFITT and ELIZABETH PUGH, both of this county.

Jan. 5, at the Church of S. S. Heart, Chestertown, by Rev. Father Bradford, WILLIAM LAMBERT, of Wilmington, Del., and MARY E. PORTER, of Chambersburg, Pa.

Dec. 23, 1879, by Rev. Chas. McF. Thompson, ENOCH LATHAM to Miss ELLA COLEMAN, both of this county.

Dec. 30, at his residence near Edesville, by Rev. George Leary, BENJAMIN NAILER and Mrs. MARION APSLEY, both of this county.

On the 1st of January, 1880, at Govanstown, the residence of Col. John N. Denning, grandfather of the bride, by Rev. W. H. D. Harper, J. J. SHEPARD to MAMIE S. BARTHOLOW.

DIED:

Jan. 1, 1880, after a short illness of membranous croup, SUSIE MAY, daughter of T. L. and Susan A. Bowers, aged 7 yrs., 7 mos. & 12 days.

We loved her, yes, no tongue can tell
How much we loved her and how well;
God loved her, too, and He knew best
To take our darling Susie home to rest.

REV. CHARLES HILL, P. E., will preach in the M. E. Church of this town on Sabbath Evening at 7½ o'clock. Revival services to follow the sermon. 1t.

NOTICE. We have just received a large stock of METHODIST HYMNALS, ranging in price from 50c. to $3. Call at STAM'S BOOK STORE and examine. j10.

FOR WINTER READING! Seaside and Lakeside Libraries, are just what you want. Clear, bold type, will not hurt the eyes. For sale by C. F. STAM, Jan. 10, 1880. DRUGGIST.

FOR RENT. The two lower ROOMS in the Ivanhoe Lodge Building, in the village of Still Pond. A good stand for a store, harness maker, butcher, or any other business. Apply to jan3-3t* THOS. E. NORRIS.

SILVER PLATED WARE. A large stock constantly kept on hand by C. F. STAM, DRUGGIST. Jan. 10, 1880.

BUCKWHEAT—a splendid article,—recommended by all who have used it, on hand and for sale by WHEATLEY BROS., Jan. 3, 1880. Up Town.

FOR RENT, for 1880, A CORNER STORE in GALENA. One of the best business stands in town. There can be a Dwelling rented also, if required within a short distance of the store. Both on easy terms. Apply to HENRY PARR, GALENA, or REV. C. W. PRETTYMAN. Jan. 10—3t. CENTREVILLE, MD.

FOR RENT, for the year 1880, Blacksmith, Wheelwright & Shoe Shops. Good stand for business. Apply to JAS. H. BAKER, jan10-3t* Pomona, Kent co.

STRAYED from the subscriber a few days before Christmas a WHITE SETTER DOG, with liver colored ears and a liver colored spot about the middle of the back—about ten months old. Answers to the name of "CLO." A liberal reward will be paid for information that will lead to his recovery. D. P. JONES, jan10-3t* Pomona, Quaker Neck.

NOTICE. THE Annual Meeting of the Kent Co. Agricult'l Association, for the election of its officers, will be held at the Hall MONDAY, Jan. 12, 1880, at 2 o'clock P. M. All persons competing for the Premium for Corn will hand in their reports at the same time. WM. W. STEPHENS, Pres't. JOHN P. NICHOLSON, Sec'y. 1t.

STATIONERY, WRITING PAPER, ENVELOPES, Fancy Box Paper, Pens, Ink, Blotters, and all necessary Writing material, may be found at STAM'S Jan. 10. 1880. DRUG STORE.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership. THE Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of J. H. SIMPERS & BRO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. H. SIMPERS continues the business at the old stand on his own account and will settle the affairs of the late firm. J. H. SIMPERS, E. W. F. SIMPERS. Chestertown, Jan. 10, 1880.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the late firm will please make immediate settlement. J. H. SIMPERS. Jan. 10, 1880—3t.

HEAD-QUARTERS —FOR— Clocks and Lamps! SPARKS, OPPOSITE THE COURT HOUSE. A new stock just received; we are selling them very low. Call and see. SILVER PLATED WARE. We shall continue to keep a stock of these goods, which we will sell at LESS THAN LIST PRICES, and warrant them first class goods. We sell STATIONERY very low. Come and be convinced. SPARKS, Opposite Court House. We have a fine stock of Goods in our line, and shall endeavor to keep the BEST in the market. Our prices for everything we sell shall be reasonable. We use no baits; our goods recommend themselves. Be sure and find the place. SPARKS', Jan. 10, 1880. Opp. Court House.

Don't Read This! A Secret for Husbands, As well as their wives; Protect well your pockets, 'Twill prolong sure your lives. CHAS. T. DILL. WM. T. MILLER. DILL & MILLER. Having secured the shops on PRINCESS STREET, IN CHESTERTOWN, formerly occupied by Mr. Daniel P. Cox, have formed a copartnership, and are now prepared to fill orders and execute in the most careful and skillful manner all Blacksmithing & Wheelwright Work that may be entrusted to them. Mr. DILL, having perfected himself in all styles of iron and steel work, at the Tasker Iron Works in Delaware, and worked the trade successfully for over three years with Messrs. Chapman & Lambert in Chestertown, will devote his best skill and experience to the interest of those who patronize the firm, and Mr. MILLER having several years' experience in the trade will at all times be found ready to lend his aid to the satisfactory completion of all work given them to do. An efficient wheelwright has been secured and arrangements made to have all styles of Painting and Trimming done at the shops. We respectfully ask a share of the trade in our line. Charges low and reasonable. Jan. 10, 1880. DILL & MILLER.

COLLECTOR'S SALE. BY virtue of authority conferred upon me as Collector of Taxes by Act of Assembly, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of Peter Cleaver, of, in and to

A VACANT LOT OF GROUND *In the Village of Sassafras.*

And I hereby give notice, that on *Saturday, Jan'ry 31st inst.,* at 12½ P.M., at the Court House in Chestertown, I will sell said property for cash to pay taxes due from said Peter Cleaver: Taxes due for 1879.....97c. together with interest and cost due and to become due thereon. R. F. MOFFETT. Jan. 10—ts.[4.50] Coll. 1st Dist.

Take Notice! FIRST DISTRICT TAX-PAYERS. I HAVE commenced this week advertising sales for taxes. I shall add to the number every week unless those indebted make prompt payment. All accounts on my books for 1879 *must be settled at once.* I am pressed to meet obligations upon me for levies in my hands. The *law* has no mercy upon me, but compels me to pay over promptly or subject myself and bond to suit. Therefore, all who would avoid the cost of advertising must call and settle immediately. R. F. MOFFETT. Jan. 10, 1880. Coll. 1st Dist.

Cigars! Cigars! WE are still ahead in FINE CIGARS. The Arango, Bon-Bon and Kilpatrick take the lead. C. F. STAM. Jan. 10, 1880.

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

WANTED. A good, reliable White man, with a small family; one willing and able to do all kinds farm work. Address, with reference, "FARMER," jan3-2t. Fairlee, Kent county, Md.

NEW YEAR Announcement! C. F. STAM, DRUGGIST, Prepares Physicians' Recipes from the purest Foreign and Domestic Drugs, and according to the improved methods in Pharmacy. The public can depend upon the QUALITY of his goods and the ACCURACY of his work.

C. F. STAM, BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER, BLANK BOOKS! DAY BOOKS! LEDGERS! Pass Books, Check Books, Memorandums, Diaries, Pocket Books and Wallets, all very cheap at STAM'S Drug Store. Jan. 10, 1880.

IMPORTANT! $1,000 Secured for $8! THE U. B. AID SOCIETY of Pennsylvania, chartered by the Legislature is one of the best institutions of the kind in the country, and its *kind* has many advantages over what are known as simple "Life Ins. Companies." This Society is upon the following plan: The payment of $8 on application; $5 annually for four years; and thereafter $2 annually during life, with pro rata mortality assessments at the death of each member of his class, according to age, will entitle the member to $1,000, to be paid to his heirs or assigns at his death. The undersigned is authorised to receive memberships, and will take pleasure in explaining the working of the institution, and will show its great advantages over anything of the kind. Pamphlets on application. WM. H. DUDLEY, jan10. *Lynch's Station.*

Boot & Shoe Making At LYNCH'S STATION. WM. H. DUDLEY Respectfully announces that he is prepared to make to order at Lynch's Station. BOOTS AND SHOES of all kinds For LADIES and GENTS, at the very lowest prices. Also, REPAIRING of every description. Good work, good material and every effort to please is my motto, and I hope to merit and receive a liberal patronage. Give me a call. WM. H. DUDLEY, jan10. LYNCH'S.

READ! AND REMEMBER! *That you can buy Goods as Cheap at* J. A. PERKINS' AS ANY PLACE IN TOWN. See our prices:

Yellow Sugars	from 7 to 9c.
White "	" 11 to 12½.
Coffee	" 12½ to 22.
Teas	" 50 to 80c.

FLOUR

By the Barrel	$6.25 to $9.50
" Bag	80 to $1.30
" Pound	2½ to 6c.
BUCKWHEAT, by the bag	$1.00
TOBACCO	45c. to $1.00
Home-made Mince Meat	12½c.
" " Sausage	12c.
Crackers	10 to 15c.
CIGARS—the best in town	2 for 5c.

We keep on hand at all times a stock of first-class VEGETABLES and MEATS. Any patronage thankfully received.—Give us a call and see if we do not do business conscientiously. J. A. PERKINS, Opposite the new M. E. Church. *Country Produce wanted.* jan10.

BARGAINS!! —IN— WINTER GOODS. J. H. SIMPERS, CHESTERTOWN, MD., Is now offering a large and carefully selected stock of WINTER GOODS, at the Lowest Cash Prices! DRY GOODS—Dress Goods in various styles; Dress Ginghams, Calicoes, Muslins, Red, White and Grey Flannels, Canton Flannels, Cassimeres, Kerseys; bl'k, Navy Blue, Seal Brown, and Grey Waterproof, &c. NOTIONS.—Gents' Ladies', Misses' & Children's Hosiery, Gloves, Hdk'fs, Collars, Shawls in variety, Skirts and Clouds, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Vests, Gents' Underwear, &c. *Boots and Shoes! Boots and Shoes!* Men's Heavy Boots, all prices. Boys' Heavy Boots, all prices. Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes, in great variety, all at low prices. HATS and CAPS For MEN AND BOYS, of the Latest Styles. Ingrain, Rag and Hemp CARPETS. Floor, Table and Step OIL CLOTHS, at low prices. Queensware and Woodenware, Groceries, Sugars, Coffee, Syrup, Soap, &c. Tobacco and Segars. Stock large—Prices the Lowest. A call solicited. Jan. 10, 1880. J. H. SIMPERS.

SCHOOL BOOK DEPOT! *Buy your SCHOOL BOOKS where you can get them CHEAPEST!* C. F. STAM'S Drug Store is the place. Jan. 10, 1880.

LECTURE —AT— Wesley Chapel M. P. Church, *By Prof. E. C. REIDER.* PROF. E. C. REIDER, a native of Joppa, and for many years actively engaged as a Jewish Rabbi in labors among his own people, will Lecture at Wesley Chapel on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 12, 1880. Subject—"Jerusalem and the Jews." Again on Tuesday evening, 13th; subject, "The Jewish Tabernacle." These lectures are entertaining and instructive. The public are invited. Admission 25c.; children under 12 yrs. 10c. C. M. THOMPSON, Pastor. Jan. 3, 1880—2t.

COLLECTOR'S SALE. BY VIRTUE of authority conferred upon me as Collector by Act of Assembly, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of Geo. Oldham Massey, and any and every other person or persons holding claim to said property, of, in and to

All that FARM or TRACT of LAND *Known as THE WM. BOY