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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....JAN. 24, 1880.

SEVERAL cases of small pox have been reported in Baltimore city, and as some apprehensions exist that it may spread to the surrounding counties, it would be advisable for parents to see that their children are all vaccinated.

THE excitement in Maine has not yet subsided. Both the fusion and republican legislatures are in session and profess to be transacting business. The State seal is in possession of the fusionists and State Treasurer White declines to give up the keys of his office.

THE trial of Rev. Mr. Hayden, at New Haven, Conn., for the murder of Mary Stannard, after a continuance of some three months, was brought to a close on Monday by the jury failing to agree. The last ballot stood 11 for acquittal and 1 for murder in the second degree. There is scarcely a probability of another trial.

GOV. GROOME presented in the United States Senate Monday the petition of the heirs of Capt. Lambert Wickes, asking to be reimbursed for his services as a privateersman in the revolutionary war. The papers in the case are voluminous, and set forth the captures of Captain Wickes, amounting to several hundred thousand dollars for which he received no compensation. The petition was referred to the committee on claims.

THE House Committee on Military Affairs have decided to report in favor of the reinstatement of Gen. Fitz John Porter to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the army and the payment of $75,000 in lieu of back pay. This is as it should be, but what if Gen. Porter had been shot, as was proposed, instead of being merely dismissed from the army? His case is a striking illustration of the danger attending trial by courts-martial in times of great popular excitement.

DURING the past few weeks there has been a great deal of polling of people and newspapers on a choice for President, and in no case has Grant come in with a majority. It is probable that if the right kind of people were collected together somewhere there might be found a majority for the old commander, but when the people are taken as they come without any assorting they largely agree with George Washington about a third term.

A BILL has been introduced into Congress abolishing offices and envoys extraordinary and ministers resident of the United States in foreign countries. Experience has shown us that the country suffers no detriment when these places are vacant, and several deemed the most important have been unoccupied for a long time. Their abolishment would save to the people a large amount annually, and do away with a custom founded more upon royal fashion than upon the necessities of the country.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.—The republican State executive committee, Henry Stockbridge chairman, J. Emory Weatherby secretary, met at the Carrollton hotel, Baltimore, on Thursday last, to arrange for the Maryland State convention delegates and an electoral ticket. The State convention will meet in May, and the usual primaries and district conventions will be held in April. The colored voters have started a movement to have a convention of their own, in the interest of a more prominent identification of their race with republican political management. The State convention campaign will be lively. The national convention, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President, will meet at Chicago June 3. The republican State convention of 1876 met at Frederick early in May.

THE Hon. M. P. O'Connor, member of Congress from South Carolina, has with a generous sympathy that does credit to his head and his heart, brought forward a bill for the relief of the starving poor in Ireland. The bill recites that 300,000 men, women and children in that Christian island are suffering for food, and proposes that $500,000 be appropriated, and expended under the direction of the President and Secretary of State, for the relief of the people of Ireland. The donation asked for is a munificent one, but a great and prosperous country like the United States can afford to be liberal when such dire calamities have fallen on the Irish nation.

THE long struggle of the Democratic caucus of the Mississippi Legislature to nominate a United States Senator to succeed Bruce terminated Wednesday night. The forty-eighth ballot stood: Barksdale, 46; George, 45; Singleton, 38; scattering, 4. Mr. Barksdale then withdrew. The forty-ninth ballot resulted: George, 79; Singleton, 50; scattering, 4. The nomination of George was declared unanimous. In the Democratic caucus at New Orleans Wednesday night Gen. R. L. Gibson, on the second ballot, received 55 votes, the number required, and his nomination was made unanimous for United State Senator, to succeed Kellogg, whose term expires in 1883, unless sooner ousted by the Senate, which is now investigating his right to the seat he holds.

THE use of the hall of the House of Representatives have been offered to Mr. Parnell, the Irish Agitator, on the occasion of his addressing a public meeting in Washington early next month. This is a compliment very rarely shown to an individual and indicates that our legislators warmly sympathize with the sufferers in Ireland.

THE Springer heirs, who claim the site on which Wilmington, Del., now stands and a legacy in Sweeden, met in St. Louis on Tuesday and appointed a committee to visit Wilmington and make search as to the validity of their title.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.—Of the Kent delegation in the House, Mr. Hulme is chairman of the committee on Immigration, and a member of the committees on Printing, and the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries. Mr. Ford is a member of the committees on Inspections, the Library, and Roads and Highways.

Both houses on Tuesday voted separately for United States Senator. In the House of Delegates 82 members voted out of 84 constituting the body. Mr. A. P. Gorman received 63 votes, Mr. James A. Gary 19. In the Senate the total vote cast was 24, of which Mr. Gorman received 18, Mr. Gary 5, Mr. S. T. Wallis 1. Mr. Edward Lloyd, of Talbot, was absent, and Hon. A. P. Gorman did not vote. Senator Thomas F. Gary, of Caroline, voted for Mr. Wallis. The separate houses adjourned till Wednesday, when they met in joint assembly, as required by law, and completed the election.

When the nomination of the late democratic caucus had made it certain that Mr. Gorman would be the successor of Senator Whyte he received, among others, a congratulatory letter from Hon. John P. Stockton, now attorney-general of New Jersey, which Mr. Gorman prizes very highly. This letter, dated January 12, is as follows:

"*Hon. Arthur P. Gorman*:—My Dear Sir: I cannot tell you how much pleasure it gave me to see that you had received the nomination for Senator from Maryland. I remember that you were dismissed from your position as postmaster on account of your condemnation of the expulsion of myself from the Senate. Your return as a Senator from Maryland is a glorious vindication.

Yours, very sincerely, JOHN P. STOCKTON."

A large number of bills have been introduced in both Houses, and the present Legislature gives evidence that it will be a vigorous working body.

BANQUET AT ANNAPOLIS.—Hon Arthur P. Gorman and George Colton gave a banquet Wednesday night at the Maryland Hotel, which was largely attended by the Senators and Delegates in the Legislature and other invited guests. The large dining-room of the hotel was opened at 9.30 o'clock, and soon after was filled by distinguished men from all sections of the State.

After the feast President Stump, being called upon, said that those present were doing honor to one of Maryland's noblest sons and the greatest leader of the democratic party in the State. He said Mr. Gorman did not solicit the honor which was conferred upon him, but that it was voluntarily conferred by the Legislature for the welfare of the State and the whole people.

Mr. Gorman, in response to numerous calls, said: "I return, gentlemen, to such of you as are members of the General Assembly, my heartfelt thanks for the honor which has this day been conferred upon me. To my other friends in the State, whether with us to-night or absent, I make my cordial acknowledgment.—Their good-will for me will never be forgotten. I will endeavor to deserve the honor which has been conferred upon me. It will be the single purpose of my life to discharge the duties of the high office to which I have been called in such manner as to merit the noblest reward of public service, the approval of all good men."

Short addresses were also made by Messrs. Colton, Compton and others.

THE name of Col. Wm. G. Whiteley, of Wilmington, was sent to the Senate on Monday for the appointment of Supervisor for the Census of Delaware. This was a great surprise to the Republicans of Wilmington, as they had expected President Hayes would send in the name of one of his party; but there is no objection to Mr. Whiteley on the ground of personal fitness and qualification for the office. The place was tendered him in accordance with the request of the Delaware Senators.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Jan. 20.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shalleross and Willson. T. Shafer, guardian to Virginia E. Rile, returned his guardian account for the year 1879. John W. Morgan, adm'r of John W. Morgan, Jr., returned his first administration account, and received an order to sell personal estate at private sale. B. F. H. Caulk, executor of R. A. Frazier, received an order to purchase tombstones for the grave of the late Hannah E. Frazier. E. M. Wilkins and R. S. Emory, adm'rs of Edw. Wilkins, returned their third administration account, which was passed; they also returned a list of sales of fruit, grain, &c., from the Grove farm in Queen Anne's county, for the year 1879. B. B. Adkinson, guardian to William Walter Legg, returned his guardian accounts for the years 1878 and 1879.

CHESTER CEMETERY.—At a recent meeting of the directors of the Chester Cemetery Company, H. W. Vickers, Esq., was elected president to fill the vacancy created by the death of the Hon. George Vickers; J. A. Pearce, Esq., was elected to fill a vacancy in the board of trustees, and Messrs. J. K. Aldridge, Wm. B. Usilton and J. W. Hines were elected to fill vacancies existing in the board of corporators. Mr. John L. Stam, who has filled the position of secretary and treasurer without compensation ever since the organization of the company, is still at his post and incessant in his efforts to protect lot-holders and improve the appearance of the grounds. The railing in front of the cemetery will be repainted in the spring.

DURING the return trip of the Kent Guards and their guests from Annapolis last week a meeting was held in the mess-room of the steamer, which organized by calling Robert Nicholson, Esq., to the chair, and appointing M. deK. Smith, Esq., secretary. After the chairman had stated the object of the meeting, Captain Vickers offered the following, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the officers and members of the Kent Guards, and the citizens accompanying the organization, be extended to Captain Samuel M. Travers and the officers and crew of the steamer Leila, for the exceeding kindness and courtesy extended to us this day: that a copy be sent to Capt. Travers, and that the "Kent News" and "Chestertown Transcript" be requested to publish the same.

BUSINESS CHANGE.—The firm of Hubbard Bros. has been dissolved by mutual consent. W. L. & J. E. Hubbard, of Wyoming, Del., have discontinued their interest, and, we learn, have purchased a site at Easton Point, Talbot county, for operating their business. T. R. Hubbard & Son continue the business here, and propose to erect additional buildings and purchase new and improved machinery, with a view to the more extensive manufacture of their "Standard."

SALMON FOR THE SUSQUEHANNA.—Fish Commissioner Ferguson received, several days ago, as a gift from the United States fish commission to Maryland, 65,000 Penobscot salmon eggs for distribution in the Potomac and Susquehana rivers. The eggs were shipped by express from the hatching house at Bucksport, Maine. They were packed in moss, and when they arrived at the hatching house in Druid Hill Park, not more than 39 eggs out of the 65,000 had been lost. About a year ago a Penobscot salmon, weighing 19 lbs., was caught at Havre de Grace. Until then the fish commissioners did not think that this fish, which grows to perfection in the cold waters of Maine, would thrive in the climate of Maryland, but they now believe that it will thrive equally as well here as in the native waters.

IMPORTANT DECISION.—A decision of considerable importance was rendered in the Circuit Court for Kent county on Monday last, by his Honor Judge Wickes, in the case of L. A. Lee & Bro., vs. Philip E. Trew. The case was replevin, brought to recover a Champion Reaper. The principal facts are these: The plaintiffs, by their agent, sold to Thomas B. Trew a Champion Reaper, for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, payable in two instalments of seventy-five dollars each, for which notes were given, with a condition that *no title was to pass to the vendee until the payment of the entire purchase money*. Subsequent to the first payment of seventy-five dollars, but prior to the payment of the last instalment, a creditor of Thomas B. Trew levied an execution on the said reaper with other personalty, and an assignment of the execution was made to William G. Trew, who paid the claim, took possession of the personal property, and the reaper included. He subsequently sold the reaper to the defendant. Thomas B. Trew failing to pay the second note at maturity, the plaintiffs, Lee & Bro., sued out a replevin to recover their property. The case being submitted to the court on an agreed statement of facts and the written argument of counsel, a verdict was given for defendant. The court, in rendering its opinion, explained the law as ruled in several cases by the Court of Appeals of our State, that personal property in the hands of an innocent purchaser, without notice of any condition at the time of the sale, cannot be recovered by the vendor, and that the title passes to the innocent purchaser even should it appear that fraud was an element of the possession of the first vendee. The intermediate purchasers in this case had no notice of the conditions of the sale. Messrs. Baker and Pearce were counsel for plaintiffs, and Messrs. Westcott and Hynson for defendant.

Our Circulation.—We are gratified to announce that numerous accessions have been made to our subscription list since the beginning of the present year, and that the circulation of the NEWS is much greater now than at any former period of its history; and this is the more gratifying because it has been brought about without special solicitation. We question whether any newspapers in Maryland are more universally patronized by their local communities than is the NEWS in Kent. Indeed, throughout the bounds of our county it is rare to find an intelligent family in which the KENT NEWS is not a regular visitor, while its circulation outside of the county is also constantly increasing. This statement is made in no spirit of vain boasting, but in grateful acknowledgment of the appreciation and support so generously manifested, and it shall be our constant endeavor in the future to make the paper more deserving the very liberal patronage it has enjoyed in the past.

SATISFIED WITH FOUR DAYS' SERVICE.—Mr. Samuel L. Rawleigh, of this town, who was last week appointed a policeman in Baltimore, resigned his position on Monday last, having been on the force four days. He was frequently told by many of his friends, during the long period he was seeking the place, that it would not suit him, but he thought differently and persisted until the acme of his ambition was reached. He is now convinced, however, that his friends were right, and of his eventful career while in service the *Gazette* says: "The second night after he went to work he lost his way and had to pay a boy five cents to lead him back to his beat. The third night he went to sleep and fell off a pile of stones, bruising himself considerably, which completed his disgust at his duties."

COMMITTED.—Henry Brinkers, James White, Abe Whittington and John Anderson, all colored, and from the neighborhood of Galena, were committed to jail Thursday, charged with stealing wheat from Mr. John W. Ireland. It is believed they are only a part of an organized band of thieves operating in that vicinity, and parties are on the track of others who, it is expected, will shortly be arrested.

THE SCHOOL BOARD for Kent county reorganized last Tuesday. Richard W. Jones, Esq., was elected President, and E. F. Perkins, Esq., re-elected as Secretary, Treasurer and Examiner. The members of the board are R. W. Jones, C. J. Scott and J. A. Pearce, Esqs.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN.—William *alias* Budd Lloyd, who was recently tried in Harford county for murder and acquitted, has again brought himself into prominence by an attempted outrage upon a colored girl named Julia Starling, of this town. He was arrested and committed to jail by Esquire Johnson for the action of the grand jury.

ACCIDENT.—Percy, son of Mr. S. V. Farson, of this town, was riding last Saturday on a dearborn loaded with lumber, when the horse, becoming frightened, ran away and upset the dearborn, spreading its contents, without, however, doing the child any serious injury.

THIS section was visited about eight o'clock last Tuesday evening by a heavy shower of rain, preceded by lightning and thunder. The sky was clear shortly before and immediately after the shower. A thunder-storm in mid-winter is something unusual in this locality, but the like has been seen before.

AN official notice is published in the Baltimore *Sun* that a meeting of the stockholders of the Chester River Steamboat Company will be held at the company's office in that city on the 26th of February to take into consideration the propriety of increasing the capital stock of said company to one hundred thousand dollars.

A DESERVED COMPLIMENT.—A few of the personal and political friends of Mr. John W. Loud presented him on Tuesday with a beautiful carriage whip, gold-mounted and appropriately inscribed. The gift is no doubt duly appreciated by the worthy recipient.

PERSONS from all parts of the county report the roads very muddy and traveling difficult. This will account for the unusually small number of persons to be seen in town this week.

"DEMOREST'S MONTHLY" is undoubtedly the best Lady's Magazine in the United States. It has the most beautiful oil pictures, best fashion plates, and choicest stories, &c.

MR. JOHN TRACY returned from Ocean City a few days ago, where he has been giving directions about the location of the various small buildings connected with the Atlantic Hotel, which will have to be pushed aside to make room for the extensive improvements and additions to the main building, the capacity of which is to be increased one hundred more rooms. This is good news to go to our friends, who prefer Ocean City to any other watering place in the world, and the Atlantic Hotel in particular.—*Salisbury Adver.*

ONE of the most remarkable incidents in this exceptional winter in the South is the ripening of strawberries in the vicinity of Charleston, S. C. It is expected that shipments of this luscious fruit will go forward this week to New York. Another instance of the extraordinary season there is the blossoming of jessamines in the city gardens and on the country roads.

THE *Salisbury Advertiser* trotted out a number of candidates for congressional honors in its last issue. It is liberal enough to give each county in the district one, and for some of them it names two. By courtesy as well as custom the candidate should come from one of the counties north of the Choptank.

THREE thousand razor strops is said to be the average shipment per week from the manufactory of J. H. White & Co., at North East, Cecil county, Md. The factory has been in operation three years, and the proprietors have established a large trade.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, aged 14 years, of St. Michaels's, Md., attempted to pull a gun from a boat, when it was discharged, the whole load taking effect in the boy's temple, shooting off his jaw and horribly mangling the side of his face. It is thought the boy cannot recover.

SEVERAL citizens of Easton were arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Rogers, of Baltimore, last week, charged with selling liquor without a government license. They gave bail for a further hearing.

ABOUT thirty tons of straw on the farm of Dr. A. C. Mackall, near Elkton, were burned on Saturday morning. The fire is supposed to have been started by tramps.

THERE is to be a daily paper published in Dover during the session of the Wilmington Conference, which will convene in Dover on the 17th of March next.

Lynch's and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—Absolute fixity is not to be found save in the silence of death, and even here there are mysterious changes from death to life again. Since our last letter to the *News* another year has passed, and we extend to you and patrons hearty wishes of a happy new-year.

Shadows still seem to rest on the hearts of our disgusted brethren who left Sodom last fall in quest of political honor, purity and peace, moving them to indulge in a very unenviable mood at times, when they slash around generally, so that one might almost suspect he beheld the very original "old Joe kicking up behind and afore." It is now quite time to shake hands and be clever. Loathing corruption, by which these gentlemen say the democratic party lives, moves and has its being, they ought to find comfort in the fact of Africa being near by with affectionate and wide-spread arms, anxious to comfort all that will come unto it. Indeed, it ought to be matter for congratulation all round that the paradise of republicanism is to be found so close to the reeking, bottomless pit of democracy. There are few crimes and outrages of which, in the opinion of these modern crusaders, the infamous democratic party is not guilty, and some of them are now rubbing their dull craniums in efforts to destroy the object of unreasonable spleen.

There is a frightful amount of stealing going on in Still Pond. A band of most daring rascals have terrorized the whole community, and thus far defied successful pursuit. The barns, cribs and meat-houses of J. B. Parrott, Pennington, Stokes, Robinson, Rosswell and others have been broken into the past few weeks, and grain of all kinds, meat, &c., stolen. The store at Price's Corner has also been broken into twice, and Mr. Neal, the proprietor, missing, as near as he could tell, well on to a hundred dollars. These bold robberies have created a widespread feeling of uneasiness in the neighborhood, and I hear application will be made to the commissioners for the appointment of a constable for Still Pond.

Most people hereabouts have sold their corn, settled up accounts and look contented and happy. Wheat is looking splendid.

We learn that Rev. Mr. Little has declined an invitation to preach at Lynch's Sunday afternoons. Union M. E. Church have resuscitated their frost-bitten Sunday School, having made G. W. Parsons superintendent. It still looks sick, but may grow strong by careful nursing. Rev. Mr. English preached for them last Sunday, but owing to his foreign brogue but little of his discourse was understood. SENTINEL.

Chesterville and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—How cruel you were last week! When we took pains to send you all the *good* news and leave out all the bad, you had to go and "let the cat out of the bag" by stating that those three arrests were "all of Chesterville and vicinity." While the truth must be acknowledged, we will say in defence that two of the parties have just come among us—hence their demoralization, while the third lives far outside the "city limits." We will wager a new pin that either the big or little sheriff suggested that item. You were cruel, too, in letting our last go before the public in such a sorry plight. A closer following of "copy" would doubtless have made it appear better.

Mr. R. A. Shallcross and Miss Kate Jones, daughter of Thomas P. Jones, Esq., of Cecilton, Cecil county, were united in wedlock on Thursday evening of last week, by Rev. E. P. Aldred, in the Church at Cecilton. They have taken up their residence in Chesterville. Congratulations are now in order.

Mr. J. Mannon, one of the three parties arrested in this locality a short time since, was bailed out of jail last Saturday and has returned home.

Myrtle Lodge, K. of P., installed the following officers last Monday night: C. C., Wm. T. Silcox; V. C., R. E. Knighton; P. C., T. Davis; K. R. S., J. A. Schwatka; M. F., J. A. Hart; M. E., W. E. Sanders; M. A., P. W. Ruth; I. G., S. W. Aldridge; O. G., T. J. H. Sanders; Representative to Grand Lodge, B. D. Quimby.

Mr. Wilson, one of our shoemakers, has removed to Locust Grove.

Rev. Fay H. Purdy did not get to Crumpton last Sunday, according to announcement, being detained by the extra interest shown at Sudlersville. WALTER.

Roads and Bridges.

Messrs. Editors Kent News:—Being desirous of knowing who is responsible for the condition of the public roads, I think of no better way to ascertain than through your columns. I have heard it stated that the County Commissioner for the district in which he resides is responsible. I have also heard it stated that the neighborhood supervisor, appointed by the County Commissioner, is responsible. The question of responsibility may at some future time disturb the quietude of some one or more. For instance, there is a bridge not far from Rees' Corner without railing at each end to prevent a team from running off. If I am not mistaken, rails were kept up until the last few years. I imagine that if a team should get off the bridge on either side there would be some anxiety about finding the bottom, as the land is somewhat oozy. There is also another bridge that is longer than the road is wide not far from the school house near the village of Fairlee, that more than one person has expressed fears for the safety of his carriage and occupants while passing.

I take it for granted that some person is responsible for the condition of the public roads, and that every person has a right to know who that person is. If it is decided that the neighborhood supervisor is the responsible party, I would suggest that his name and the road that is assigned to him be published in the *Kent News*. The expense, I presume, would be a small item, and I am of the opinion that each supervisor would be careful to have his road in good condition. I hope some person well versed in legal subjects will give the desired information in the next number of your valuable paper. SHARP.

Jan. 19, 1880.

Letter from Wartburg, Tenn.

Messrs. Editors:—Thinking that a letter from this part of our country would not come amiss in your columns, I take the liberty of addressing you a short one, hoping it might interest some one of your many readers and also inform them of a part of the history and growth of Wartburg and the occupation of its inhabitants and those of the vicinity.

Wartburg was settled about fifty years ago by a small company of Germans, who decided on this locality more from its natural beauty and healthfulness than pecuniary advantages, I imagine; little thinking *then*, I believe, that railroads would ever disturb its tranquility and bring it in direct communication with the leading cities of the West. Wartburg is now a flourishing little town of about 500 inhabitants, nestled amidst the Cumberland range at the base of Ward Mountain, one of its noblest and grandest peaks, rising 600 feet above the neighboring plateau and 3,000 feet above the level of the sea. The occupations of the people are various, but principally directed to the raising of stock. The large "ranges" afford ample pasturage for thousands of sheep and cattle nearly all the year. As respecting politics we are not much bothered with them; everything passes off quietly. We do not have "Reform" or "No, 2's" out here.

One serious inconvenience we have at the present season is from the creeks and small mountain streams, which are rendered unfordable by the heavy rains we have had recently, except by boats. Traveling is made bad by them, as they are very numerous. The water rushes with such force as to take a horse off his feet in attempting to ford them, at the same time not being a greater depth than 3 feet. It is indeed a pretty sight to stand on the banks of one of these streams and watch the mad waters rushing violently down its rocky bed, sometimes falling great distances and again boiling over some huge boulder. Truly it is a magnificent sight, the waters remaining as clear and transparent as though nothing had ever occurred to disturb their usual speed. These streams afford ample facilities for mills and manufactories, of which this country stands in great need; and the forests of white and yellow pine, oak and hemlock awaiting the woodman's axe, would yield large incomes to persons engaged in milling.

The forests abound in deer and the smaller game. Many a fine deer has fallen before the leaden missile of his enemy this winter, but they still continue to appear where the haunts of men are. These mountaineers are great hunters; they organize and start out in parties and generally return laden with game, which is equally divided.

The weekly visits of your paper and the perusal of its contents affords us no little enjoyment in our Western home. We always look forward to its coming with a great deal of pleasure.

As far as health is concerned, I hardly think a better location could be found for the promotion of that desired happiness. The people here say that a person will never die if he continues to live on the plateau, but should he want to end his career he will have to go down in the valleys. I cannot vouch for this assertion, but can for its healthfulness. We have a visitor with us at present who is trying this climate for consumption. He believes it will almost effect a radical cure in his case. More anon. L. C. AYARS.

Jan. 14, 1880.

IN the early part of December a dog supposed to be rabid ran through New Castle and thence to Delaware City, biting all the animals that came in its way. On reaching Delaware City it bit Mr. Richard G. Alexander, who was sitting on his front steps. Despite all precautions the symptoms of hydrophobia commenced to manifest themselves on Sunday week, and the unfortunate man died a terrible death from the dread disease on Friday night of last week. This is the fifth case of clearly defined hydrophobia in New Castle county within the past eighteen months. The others were little Lawrence Carson, Geo. Sedgewick and George W. Powell, of Wilmington, and Major Wm. H. Dobbs, of New Castle. No other section of the country has been thus afflicted with this terrible scourge.

THE season of Lent commences this year much earlier than usual, Ash Wednesday falling on Feb. 11 and Easter Sunday on March 28.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

CLUB ROOM, Jan. 19, 1880.

Messrs. Editors:—Good attendance and much interest. The meeting was called to order by the late President. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted, a committee of three was appointed to conduct the President elect, Mr. J. H. Hossinger, to the chair, when, being presented to the association as its President for 1880, he made the following address:

"GENTLEMEN OF THE CLUB: I was somewhat surprised when I was informed that you had selected one of so little experience to preside over the deliberations of this club, when there were other members more competent to fill the office. In assuming the responsibilities I do not rely upon myself, but rest assured that the same kind feelings that elevated me to this office will be extended in maintaining me in the proper discharge of my duties. Gentlemen, please accept my thanks."

The address was received with applause and Mr. Hossinger entered upon his duties. I think all the newly elected officers were present. A resolution was adopted that the roll of the officers be called and their presence or absence marked at each meeting.

The committee to which the treasurer's book was referred reported the same correct and were discharged.

The committee to wait on J. T. Skirven, Esq., was continued.

A premium of $10 was awarded Mr. Josias Ringgold, Jr., on account of the premium crop of corn raised by him.

A resolution was adopted that the 18th article of the constitution be enforced. That article provides that all members two years in arrears for membership dues be notified, and, if the dues are not paid by March next, shall have their names removed from the roll of members.

A motion for an anniversary in May or June was lost through, I think, a misapprehension, and will probably come up again. The idea, I believe, is to have it consist principally of addresses, prepared and impromptu, recitations and readings of poetry, original and selected, and music; the friends of the association and the ladies to be invited. I do not think any refreshments are contemplated.

A motion prevailed for a committee of three to report at next meeting resolutions opposing the taxing of mortgages; to be sent, if adopted, to the House and Senate of Maryland. Some of the wiseacres at Annapolis are never quite easy unless they are agitating this question. How they can expect to pass a law that will compel the lender to pay this tax, in the face of the fact that capital can and will protect itself and the constant violation of the spirit of the usury laws, is a wonderful mystery. All the real estate represented by mortgages is already taxed; taxing the mortgage would certainly be a double tax, and upon a class who find the one tax hard enough to pay. If the estate was exempted to the amount of the lien, the State would not be the gainer to the amount of a cent; and to tax the mortgage and not exempt the estate to that amount would be an awful piece of injustice to the debtor class. If legislation is powerless to help that class, it surely will not so increase its troubles. Two results would surely follow from the very nature of things. First, the debtor *in some way would be compelled* to pay the tax in spite of all the laws that could be passed at Annapolis to the contrary for fifty sessions, instead of one. Second, capital would not only refuse to come to Maryland from abroad, but home capital, instead of helping to improve the farms and build up the State, would seek investment abroad. I think a strong protest against such hurtful legislation will be sent from one agricultural association, and one, too, capable of acting intelligently on the subject. Farmers throughout the State should act at once in this matter, and not wait until the horse is stolen to lock the stable door.

A motion was sustained to ascertain if the State Agricultural School was prepared to analyze soils for farmers.

It was decided as the sense of the association, "that farmers, for their own advantage, should take an annual account of stock, drawing up a balance sheet, and ascertain at least once a year their pecuniary standing."

Question for Jan. 26, "Considering the difference in cost and all other advantages or disadvantages, which is the most economical plow, the cast iron, the steel or the chilled plow?"

PARTICEPS.

Letter to the Kent News.

Theories about Weather—A Happy Wedding Day—No Boom—Fairlee Mill—New Bridge—Tax or No Tax on Mortgages.

The unusual occurrence of a thunder storm in the middle of January did not, as was anticipated by the weather-wise, culminate in a wave of excessively rigorous frigidity. On the contrary it was followed by a day as beautiful and balmy as May.

Already the prophets of evil are foreboding the destruction of the Peach crop of 1880, but I think experience teaches that a mild winter is almost invariably followed by a cold and backward spring. And this is the philosophic doctrine of the compensation of natural law. It may be, however, as savans are now saying, that our mild weather is attributable to a change in the course of the Gulf stream, which it is asserted has found a new channel nearer to our Eastern coast. Or, perhaps we may be at the termination of one of those climatic cycles of which Hon. John Leeds Kerr spoke in an address to an agricultural society some forty years ago. But one thing we may be assured whatever our theories of climate may be, that "while the earth remaineth seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and night and day shall not cease." On this Eternal promise rests all business, as well as all the hopes of man.

Our local news is scarce. The wedding of our genial friend, S. H. Crawford, drew a goodly party to St. Paul's to witness the ceremony and offer congratulations. May the pathway of the happy couple be strewn with flowers to the end of life.

Business is not booming hereabout; it is not the booming season with the tillers of the soil. The Fairlee mill under the superintendence of Messrs. Spicer & Bacon is running on full time, and being in first rate order, is giving entire satisfaction. A good mill with polite and reliable attendants is a great blessing to any community.

A much needed improvement is the new bridge over Poplar run, the brook which forms the dividing line between the third and fifth district. Mr. John W. Corey being the architect and builder, the public may be assured of substantial work. Side ditches, cut last year by Capt. A. L. Corey, have drained this road and very much improved it.

Our citizens in common with those of other localities are taking much interest in the prospective discussion in the Legislature of the question of taxation of Mortgages. That mortgages are property of the best kind cannot be disputed, nor is it at all questionable that the fundamental law demands that all kinds of property should bear its share of taxation. But then will not the mortgagee throw this burden upon the mortgagor; or, if this can be prevented by any clause in the bill, will it not make it impossible for a man to borrow money? It may make it difficult for a time; so much the better for the whole community perhaps. Money can be borrowed now with too much facility, some think. But money will seek investment. No one wants to have it lie idle, and it will not be impossible to borrow it on safe mortgage even though the mortgage be taxed in the hands of the lender. The assessable basis would be extended nearly or quite two millions in this county by including this species of property. It is a fallacy to argue that it would be two-fold taxation.

As ever, yours, SIMON SHARP.

FAIRLEE GRANGE No. 8.

At the regular monthly meeting of Fairlee Grange, held on Saturday evening, Jan. 17th, at the Grange Hall, the officers elected for 1880 were installed according to the impressive and beautiful ritual of the order, by W. Past Master J. W. Corey, assisted by Mrs. C. Hurlock. The following are the officers installed: Master, A. J. Rees; Overseer, J. H. Gale; Lecturer, H. Meeks; Chaplain, J. H. Baker; Steward, J. W. Corey; Secretary, T. A. Hulme; Treasurer, C. G. Wheatley; Ceres, Mrs. A. J. Rees; Pomona, Mrs. T. A. Hulme; Flora, Mrs. Avis Vannort; Lady Assis't, Mrs. J. H. Gale.

After the installation Mr. J. H. Baker delivered an address full of thought and good sense, which was listened to with marked attention.

After the address the W. Master introduced Mrs. J. H. Gale, editor of the *Grange Garner*, a monthly paper published by Fairlee Grange; its motto, "Hew to the line; let the chips fall where they may." Mrs. G. did her part well, and her editorial showed cultivation and refinement.

Mrs. J. H. Baker recited a poem with excellent effect. Mrs. B. is a fine reader and has a cultivated voice.

Upon the conclusion of the ceremonies the large number of invited guests and the members of the Grange partook of a sumptuous supper furnished by the Grange in that hospitable manner for which Fairlee Grange has ever been noted. REPORTER.

A FEAST OF GOOD THINGS.—The *Conference Worker*, published at Wilmington, Del., says: The pastor at Kent Island is luxuriating in green pastures and beside still waters. In a recent communication to the *Daily Republican* of this city, he states that the "annual donation will overlap the winter with sumptuous living;" and that it is donation there all the year round. We were about to rejoice in the good brother's happy state, but he so suddenly goes off on such a high strain of ecclesiastical pomp that we stand bewildered and amazed. He says: "The pastor is not left to count the valuation of a donation, as we often read of in the *Conference Worker*, but he is kept counting a continual influx of good things." We are afraid Bro. George will get spoiled among those Kent Islanders. Well, just wait, it will be somebody else's turn to laugh some day.

THE circulating library of Centreville was sold at public sale last Saturday. The sales aggregated about $403.

WM. W. SCOTT, ex-sheriff of Cecil county, died last week, of Bright's disease.

MARRIED:

At the residence of the bride's mother in Chestertown, on Thursday evening last, by Rev. S. C. Roberts, ALBERT C. WHALAND to Miss MARY L. WELCH, daughter of the late Wm. Welch.

On the 22d instant, at the M. E. Parsonage in Chestertown, by Rev. E. B. Newnam, WILLIAM REDMILE to Miss ANNIE COSDEN, all of this county.

On Thursday evening, Jan. 22, at the residence of Mr. Hyson Dill, near Morgan's Creek, by Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell, Mr. FRANK E. DUYER to Miss IDA E. WOOD, both of this county.

On the 21st instant, at the pastoral residence in Chestertown, by Rev. Father Bradford, Mr. JOHN BRICE and Mrs. LIZZIE M. BECK, both of this county.

DIED:

Departed this life, Jan. 19th, 1880, at the residence of Mrs. Augusta Camp, in Broad Neck, Kent county, Md., MARY E. RAYSOR, in the fifth year of her age, eldest daughter of A. E. and the late Evan B. Raysor, of Philadelphia.

Little Mamie was much loved by her relatives and playmates. She was a peculiarly unselfish child, sharing her playthings with her playmates and playing for hours so quietly and peaceably one would scarcely know they were about. On Sabbath day she expressed a wish to play with a pretty wax doll—a Christmas gift—which was granted, and she seemed much as usual except a perceptible cold and hoarseness, until about seven o'clock in the evening, when a change was noticed and remedies were administered for croup, and throughout the night she seemed to be so much easier at times that those about her were all deceived. Remedies were still administered and a physician called, but the grim monster was inflexible and claimed her for his own, only to bear her to that haven where the streets are golden and the pearly gates are open wide. At ¼ o'clock Monday morning she expired so gently that we scarcely realized she was gone. Mamie looks as though she only sleeps in her burial casket of white and silver.

"Dear mother, I tremble to think I must die,
It is lonely and sad in the dark grave to lie;
Could you but go with me I know that your hand
Would guide me through the gloom of death's shadowy land.
But what is this music that falls on my ear!
Enchanting my senses, dispelling my fears!
Oh! the angels are with me, I am not alone,
They're bearing me safe to my dear Father's home.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

WE, the Students of Washington College and members of Mount Vernon Literary Society, having received the sad intelligence of the decease of our beloved companion and fellow member, JOHN COLLINS, do hereby, in special meeting pass the following resolutions:

Resolved, That as a most devoted and zealous member of this society he has won the highest respect and heartfelt gratitude of its members.

Resolved, That we condole with the bereaved family and friends, and extend to them our sincerest sympathies.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the KENT NEWS and recorded in the annals of the society. 1t.

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ORDER OF DISTRIBUTION.
THE undersigned, Executor of the last will and testament of the late Henrietta E. Willson, in pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court for Kent county, of January 13, 1880, hereby gives notice that he will, on TUESDAY, the 17th day of February, 1880, make a distribution of the net proceeds of sale of the Real Estate of his testator.
JAMES B. WILLSON,
jan17-4t. Executor.

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