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# The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....JAN. 31, 1880.


## LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

A bill has been introduced to so amend the constitution as to reduce the number of circuit judges from three to one, and make the Court of Appeals an independent body.

In the House on Tuesday, on motion of Mr. Vandiver, the committee on education was instructed to report a bill to abolish the State Normal School.

MORE COUNTY SCHOOL LEGISLATION.

Mr. Hepbron introduced another county school commissioner bill into the Senate on Wednesday, requiring boards of county school commissioners to be appointed by the Governor by and with the consent of the Senate. This is the third bill of the kind, one having been offered by Mr. Peter providing that they be appointed by the State Board of Education, and the other by Mr. Steiner that they be elected by the people of each county.

[It is understood that Mr. Hepbron is satisfied with the law as it now stands, as he opposed any change at the last session, but some of the judges of the circuit courts, believing the duty extra-judicial, declined to appoint county school commissioners, and he prefers this mode of selection to either that proposed by Mr. Peter or Mr. Steiner. —EDS. NEWS.]

WILD FOWL, &C.

Mr. Hepbron has presented a memorial of fourteen citizens of Kent and Cecil counties, for the right to use sink-boxes and decoys for shooting wild fowl in Sassafras river; and has obtained leave to introduce bills to permit shooting wild fowl from sink-boats in certain portions of Sassafras river; also to extend the time for Charles W. Warren, collector of State and county taxes for the second election district of Kent county, to Jan. 1, 1881.

AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.

The republican members of the Legislature called on the Governor Wednesday evening in a body, and were introduced by Senator Steiner, individually. The Governor expressed his pleasure at the visit, and spoke very highly of his late opponent, Mr. Gary. The Governor said that in the late campaign the only issue between them was whether the State government should be continued in the hands of the democrats or turned over to the republicans. Incidentally the delegation informed the Governor of their hearty co-operation in all reformatory measures.

THE ST. MARY'S CONTEST.

The committee on elections met Wednesday night on the St. Mary's contest. The committee has appointed a clerk and is examining the case minutely. Probably several weeks will be consumed.

THE OYSTER QUESTION.

The Baltimore *Sun* correspondent says: It is doubted if the oyster counties would ever consent to give up control of any of the waters which they now have, although it is known that some of them, Anne Arundel, Somerset and Dorchester in particular, have within their oyster lines much deep water, thick with oyster bars, beyond the reach of tongs. These oysters lie and rot year by year. It would seem fair and just to all concerned that some of these deep-water oyster preserves of the counties should be surrendered to the operations of Maryland licensed vessels. In other words, an "open bay" beyond the headlands; penalty for violations on the vessel; reduction not only of navy salaries, but of the navy itself, and some other changes in the nature of concessions by the oyster counties on the one part and the State at large and the city of Baltimore on the other side, would seem to furnish proper grounds for compromise and settlement of this much-vexed and important matter.

PAY OF POLICE.

Mr. Wm. A. Boyd, of Baltimore city, dropped a bombshell Tuesday morning in obtaining leave of the House to introduce a bill to reduce the pay of police commissioners and policemen of Baltimore city. The commissioners are now paid $2,500 a year and the policemen $18 a week. Mr. Boyd has not indicated the extent of the proposed reduction, further than to say that it is expected to save about a hundred thousand dollars. He does not propose to reduce the number of policemen. Mr. Boyd, it is understood, takes this step with the approval of Gov. Hamilton.

Other Legislative notes will be found on our first page.

LAST OF THE FUSION GOVERNMENT IN MAINE.—The fusion Legislature on Tuesday received the answer of the Supreme Judicial Court to their queries, unanimously declining to recognize the fusion-[illegible] body, and explicitly declaring the House and Senate now holding sessions in the State House the legal Legislature of Maine. On Wednesday the fusion body, after a prolonged secret session, went through the farce of adjourning to meet on the first Wednesday in August next. Some fusionists claim that it is their honest purpose and intention to meet on the day named, and that they will enter upon heavy campaign work for the next election, endeavor to have two returns of congressional votes, one to be sent to them and another to the Legislature as recognized by the courts, and that they will make up a case to Congress concerning the electoral vote. The republicans, and quite a number of fusionists, say that such an adjournment was the easiest possible way of letting down the counted-in members, who have given their associates a good deal of trouble; that the fusion Legislature will never again meet, as will be shown by its members taking seats in the regular Legislature. The Legislature will declare vacant all seats that are not now filled, and new elections will be ordered. "Ex-Governor" Smith recommends the quiet submission of all good citizens to the will of the court.

SHEEP DECISION.—The Allegany county Court has recently decided that a man was not justified in leaving poisoned meat exposed on his premises endangering the lives of all dogs that might come on his premises, and if he did that he was liable in damages to their owners if they should be killed, unless he could show that the dogs thus killed were engaged in running his sheep and killing them.

THE GRAIN MARKET.—The decline in wheat in the Baltimore market the past week was fully six cents per bushel, and there is a general fall in the other wheat markets of the country. The impression seems to be that the so-called syndicate, which has controlled the gigantic wheat "corner" are letting go. Rumors of troubles of prominent grain brokers were current in New York, but the reports were not verified. The brokers made their margins good, but a lot of outside speculators were completely wiped out. The idle tonnage in the Atlantic ports at this time is greater than ever before, and for nearly three months the movement of commerce has been checked by the corner for high prices. The duration of the grain blockade depends on the length of the purses of the syndicate, but the indications look as if the trade are seeing the beginning of the end.

We make the following Baltimore quotations of grain from Thursday's *Sun*. The receipts of Southern wheat is confined to railroad lots from upper Western Maryland, and is reported very quiet. We quote No. 1 Md. red in elevator at $1.43. Southern corn is reported from 1 to 2 cts. lower for white and yellow. We quote white at 60 cents and yellow at 58 cents. Sales of corn are reported for March at 54½ cts. and April at 55¾ cts. per bushel. Oats are in light supply at from 49 to 50 cts.

STILL POND.—This flourishing little town wants an act of incorporation, and the citizens are moving in the matter. A meeting was held on Monday night last in the hall of the Knights of Pythias, at which Rev. J. A. Merritt was chairman and Mr. Starkey secretary, and after an animated discussion of the subject of *name*, a vote was taken and resulted in twenty-five in favor of "Still Pond" and twelve for "Hepbron," with a few scattering. A committee was appointed consisting of the following gentlemen, viz: Geo. W. Covington, Frank H. Harper, Geo. W. Harper, J. Frank Wilson and Thos. E. Norris, to define the town limits and report at a subsequent meeting. Still Pond village has made rapid progress within recent years, and its present population is about three hundred, and several of the finest stores in the county are located there and do a large business.

SPRING WEATHER.—Last Wednesday was a regular Spring day—the sun shone bright and warm, and the balmy air dampened by the Spring-like showers of the previous day, made one feel that indeed the time of May flowers and the planting of corn had come. Some of our fruit growers are alarmed of course. A little more of such weather would bring out the blossoms, and this indeed would be a novel sight, and unless the weather should continue as mild as May the fruit would be entirely destroyed.

In our issue of last week, in noticing the case of Lee & Co. vs. Trew, we inadvertently spoke of the question as having arisen between the vendors of the reaper and an execution creditor of the vendee. In this we were in error, the action of replevin having been instituted by the vendees, Lee & Co., against a bona fide purchaser of the reaper from Wm. G. Trew, who also purchased in good faith from the original vendee. The rights of an execution creditor were not involved in that case and were not considered by the court.

AN effort is being made in Centreville to shell the streets. It is thought the County Commissioners will aid the work. This would no doubt be better than an "elevated railway." Chestertown is sadly in need of better streets and crossings. Shells are the best remedy we know of, and if some of our enterprising spirits would take hold of the matter the much needed improvement might be accomplished.

ELECTION OF RAILROAD OFFICERS.—At the annual election of the Kent County, Smyrna and Delaware Bay Railroad Co. on the 21st instant, the following directors were chosen for the ensuing year, viz: Jay Gould, J. F. Bingham, Fred. Gerker, John M. Voshell, John H. Hoffecker, H. C. Douglass, N. F. Wilds. Mr. Bingham was elected President; Mr. Douglass, Secretary; Mr. Wilds, Treasurer. Mr. Bingham says that they have a prospect of selling the road. He has been working up the interests of the road for some time past, not only around Smyrna but elsewhere.

A PETITION is in circulation and being numerously signed by citizens of Queen Anne's county, asking the Legislature to so alter and amend the Oyster Law as to make the vessel and cargo responsible for fines and costs and suggesting other salutary alterations. Any law upon this subject without the provision above suggested would be vitally defective.

SUPERVISOR OF CENSUS.—Joseph A. Graham, Esq., of Salisbury, has been appointed by the Superintendent of Census one of the Supervisors of this State. The State is divided into three districts, the Eastern Shore and Harford county being the second, the one over which Mr. Graham has been appointed Supervisor.

AN attractive entertainment and supper is to be given at Masseys next Tuesday night.

At Locust Grove on Thursday and Friday evenings the ladies of Shrewsbury Church will have suppers.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Jan. 27.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

Thomas R. Quimby, admr. of Samuel Mander, returned his first administration account and dividend.

On application, W. E. Jarrell and J. W. Jarman were appointed to appraise the annual rental value of the real estate of Sallie V. Pennington, a minor, for three years.

Mary A. Wilmer, extr'x. of Wm. B. Wilmer, returned her second and final administration account, which was passed as stated.

Wesley K. Ayres, admr. of Jas. M. Ayres, filed and passed his first administration account.

The Register of Wills was directed to notify and cite sundry delinquent administrators and guardians to appear.

A PENINSULAR RAILROAD—*What is Claimed for It.*—The annual meeting of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Delaware Bay Railroad Company was held in Baltimore on Thursday of last week, and the present officers were continued, as follows: President, Dr. G. W. Goldsborough, Baltimore; directors, Sydney C. Long and Dr. R. W. Earckson, Baltimore; J. P. McNiove, Greensborough, Md; Barton H. Jenks, Philadeldelphia and N. S. Gere, Syracuse, N. Y. The *Sun* says: The company was organized in August, 1873, to construct a line of railroad from Kent Island, Md., to Harrington, Del., a distance of forty miles. From the Kent Island terminus connection would be made with Baltimore with steamers, the distance being seventeen miles, and with Annapolis about eight miles distant. At Harrington, connection would be made to the breakwater at Lewes, and thence by the Old Dominion Steamship Line to Cape May, about twelve miles, and to New York. The cost of the new road was estimated, with equipment, at $15,000 a mile, and the capital stock of the company was fixed at $500,000, of which about $100,000 was subscribed. A contract was made with Mr. William Sperry, of Philadelphia, for the work. About one-third of the grading was finished, when in 1874 financial troubles prevented its completion. The work has remained in that condition until the present time, but it is stated that proposals have been recently received both from the Junction and Breakwater railroad and the Old Dominion Steamship Company, which renders it probable that work will be renewed. It is proposed that the construction shall be given to a new contractor, and that the road shall be completed by next peach season. An offer was received some time ago from an English capitalist to advance 70 per cent. on bonds of the company, but negotiations are being carried on with parties in Boston, where, it is believed better terms can be obtained. The proposed road would go directly across the Maryland peninsula, intersecting the Delaware railroad at Harrington, and, it is claimed, would bring to Baltimore a very large proportion of the trade of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and lower Delaware which now goes to Philadelphia and New York. It would also be a through line for New York, besides offering valuable facilities for transportation of Cumberland coal via the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to the coaling station at Lewes breakwater.

Mr. E. W. F. Simpers, formerly of the firm of J. H. Simpers & Bro., has opened a new store opposite Stam's drug store, and in another column extends an invitation to the public to call and see him.

MR. LOUIS K. STAM's furniture wagon is a handsome and complete affair, and was built by Messrs. Chapman & Lambert.

## Mortgage Tax Question.

*Messrs. Editors*:—"Simon Sharp" in the NEWS of the 24th, says: "It is a fallacy to say that taxing mortgages would be double tax."

I would like to ask "S. S." a question or two on that point, and request a categorical answer, not full of side issues, or evasive, clouded with metaphysics, or capable of two meanings, but clear of fog and straightforward, and plain as the questions.

Farmer A is advanced in life, and wishes to sell his farm. Farmer B is young, enterprising, and wishes to buy a farm, but has no capital. A having faith in him says, B I will sell you my farm for $5,000, and will give you ten years to pay the money, and will take a mortgage on the farm on these conditions as security. The sale is made, B does not pay A one dollar in money, B has the farm, A has the mortgage. Now will "S. S." please tell me how much the taxable basis of the county was increased by the transaction?

Again the farm pays a tax on $5,000, now tax the mortgage, and what property is there in the mortgage, or in the farm behind it not already taxed, to pay the mortgage tax?

Again, the mortgage is matured, B can't pay. A takes back the farm. Now if a mortgage is property as taxable basis, does not the $5,000 of taxable basis in the mortgage vanish into thin air?

Now "Simon" tell me. Did the State gain $5,000 of property as taxable basis by the sale, and lose that amount by the return of the farm to A? Please say "yes, it did," or "no, it did not," as there is no middle ground?

Again suppose B pays the mortgage at maturity and it is cancelled. Pray "Simon," where is the $5,000 taxable basis, is it burnt, sunk in the bay, or where?

Again D has a poor farm and wishes to improve it, he borrows $5,000 on mortgage, builds, fences, limes, $10 an acre is added to the assessment because of these improvements. This $10 per acre is the borrowed money put on the farm, and is taxed there; now tax the paper mortgage, and does not the amount mentioned in the mortgage pay tax twice, on the improvements, and on the mortgage?

Now "S. S." can there be a greater absurdity than that going in debt for $5,000 creates a taxable basis of that amount, and that paying the debt destroys it? If it is not an absurdity then the limit of wealth is the ability to make debts.

If "Simon Sharp" will answer these questions, in a plain, and clear manner, there will be "more to follow." JOHN.

## Mills and Millers.

LYNCH'S, Kent Co., Md.

*Messrs. Editors*:—I was glad to see in the last issue of the NEWS that the proprietor of Still Pond mill, advertises to give his patrons a *good turn out, &c.* Upon inquiry and observation for some time past, I find a great many farmers have been purchasing flour from the cities and elsewhere. They say they do not get as good a "turn out" at the mills as they should, and that it "pays better to sell the wheat and buy the flour." I have seen on the road, farmers in the vicinity of one mill going to another, saying "that the miller *takes the grist and gives them the tail.*"

Would it not be much better if the tiller of the soil could get the fruit of his toil in the shape of good flour and a "good turn out" than to have sold his wheat at the figures obtained last harvest, and now purchasing flour at present rates?

I will just give one example of my experience which I thought was an *extraordinary* "turn out." Sent five bushels of wheat to mill weighing 61 pounds, making 305 pounds. I got as a "turn out," 184½ pounds flour, 26 pounds of coarse flour, 43½ pounds of bran, making 254 pounds, or one-sixth taken as toll!

Now I do say and I think the farmers will accede to it, that if the millers would grind chop stuff for stock for one-tenth toll, as they formerly did, and give us seven-eighths as "turn out" for other grain, the mills would be kept running night and day, and the chopped stuff would be used to a much greater extent than heretofore, as it has become an indispensable article.

We would be glad to hear from the other millers through the medium of your paper, which is read by all in this vicinity. FARMER.

## BRILLIANT WEDDING RECEPTION.

Mr. John Brice and Mrs. L. M. Beck of this county were married Wednesday morning, Jan. 21st, 7 A. M., by Rev. Father Bradford, rector of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Chestertown. Quite a number of friends and relatives were present at the ceremony, immediately after which the party proceeded to the B. S. Ford, which was gaily decorated for the occasion, on which the happy couple embarked for Baltimore; at every landing *en route* they were greeted by friends, and the same evening, at the Maltby House were met by a number of Baltimore friends and a very pleasant evening passed.

Upon their return home Mr. and Mrs. B. gave a very handsome reception, to perhaps one hundred and fifty or more friends. Among those who graced the occasion, were Rev. Father Bradford and part of the church choir at Chestertown, (of of which Mrs. B. is a member,) who tendered their respect and esteem to the bride by the presentation of a beautiful prayer-book bound in bronze and gold. The affair was not stiff and formal, but genuine hospitality and cordiality was extended, which was heartily enjoyed by all, and made us think of the hospitality of the "olden times." The supper table was richly laden with the greatest delicacies of the season, not forgetting the substantial, in the form of the famed Maryland ham and turkey; we also noticed, placed in the centre of the table, a beautifully decorated ham, presented by a friend of the groom's. About midnight another table was spread with the greatest profusion of most excellent cake and wine flowing, and all went merry as a marriage bell. After supper the young folks repaired to the barn to worship at the shrine of Terpsichore; they appeared to enjoy themselves greatly. During the interval between supper and refreshments, the bride, in her usual charming manner entertained her friends with some delightful piano music.

We might mention some very elegant toilettes present; diamonds, and lace with handsome silks, but deter. The bride was attired in a handsome black silk made *princesse en traine*, with white lace, elegant jewelry, also lovely flowers of every hue. The groom looked remarkably well, and radiant with happiness and good cheer. Altogether it was a very enjoyable evening, all being delighted with their entertainment.

Mrs. B. has been a teacher in the school at Lankford for the past seven years, where she was fondly endeared to the pupils, and highly esteemed by parents, who regret parting with her exceedingly. C.

## Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

CLUB ROOM, Jan. 26, 1880.

*Messrs. Editors*: Good attendance to-day but the absence of some who are accustomed to take an active part in the meetings was felt. Many of our members are very quiet indeed, throwing the burden of the meeting on a few; if all would take part in the exercises they would be more interesting and profitable.

A very polite and kind letter was received from J. T. Skirven, Esq., thanking the Association for its interest and sympathy, as expressed by its committee, expressing his gratification at the continued prosperity of the Club, and extending his best wishes to all the members. Mr. Skirven referred to a previous letter from him, advocating the growing for sale by the organization of the best kinds of corn, wheat, &c., for seed, he also asked for a remedy for hog cholera, having lost fifteen fine hogs since the first of last September; some of the members recommended tar and sulphur. The letter was accompanied with a box of fine apples, some of which—the "Grindstones"—grew on trees ninety-five years old, and being still vigorous promise to bear for twenty years more. The apples were much enjoyed, and the corresponding secretary was instructed to return the thanks of the Association to Mr. Skirven for the letter and fruit.

The report on taxing mortgages being written so as to apply to the Club alone, was recommitted with instructions to report a petition to the Senate and House of Delegates against taxing mortgages, in such a form that all citizens could sign it.

The committee on ground was instructed to ascertain the wisdom and expediency of selling part of the land of the Association, a buyer having applied to purchase.

Several members thought that now was a good time to sow clover seed.

Discussing the regular question was chiefly confined to the merits of chilled or adamant plows. All who had used them, except one, spoke of them very highly, and the member not so speaking stated that the mould-board of the one he tried was not rightly adjusted.

Question for February 2d: Home-made fertilizers. PARTICEPS.

THE Cambridge *News* of Saturday last says: "Farmers in this section of the county are extremely uneasy about their growing wheat. They state the fly is making sad havoc in their fields, and if there is no severe weather to kill the fly between this and spring the greater portion of their wheat crop will be cut off."

EDWARD B. BATES, Esq., late of the Baltimore bar, son of the Rev. Dr. L. W. Bates, so well and favorably known here, has removed to Snow Hill and commenced the practice of his profession at the Worcester bar.

A PETITION is in circulation for signatures in Talbot county, praying the Legislature to authorize the county commissioners of that county to build a new jail at Easton, and to levy not more than $15,000 for that purpose.

MR. M. C. CASEY, of Crumpton, gives notice that he has been reappointed Constable and bonded and will give prompt attention to any business that may be entrusted to him.

A NUMBER of Washington county farmers have gone into the poultry fattening business, and find that it pays much better than fattening hogs.

THE Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, meets in Ninth Street Church, Washington, D. C., on March 10.

THE Wilmington Conference of the M. E. church will convene at Dover on the 17th of March.

## UNION ALMSHOUSES.

An adjourned meeting of citizens having in view the establishment of a Union Almshouse for the Eastern Shore counties, with the exception of Cecil, was held at the Arlington Hotel in Centreville on Monday. The members of the several committees present were:

Caroline—Col. R. C. Carter, and John Daily, a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

Queen Anne's—Hon. James T. Earle, William Kent Sparks, president of the Board of County Commissioners, and Wm. McKenney, Esq.

Talbot—John W. Cheezum and Jas. H. Wilis, one of the County Commissioners.

The St. Michaels *Comet* says: The gentlemen present freely and frankly interchanged views upon the subject under consideration. It was found that they were favorable to a Union Almshouse, provided it could be gotten up on a proper and economical basis. The chairman was authorized to increase the committees by placing thereon a representative tax-payer from each of the election districts in the counties represented, and to convene the convention thus increased in representation at his discretion as to time and place.

Recognizing the great importance of this matter in its bearings upon the social and economic relations of the community, the *Comet* is endeavoring to procure the views of prominent and thoughtful citizens of the counties, for the instruction of the people, and we have this week the pleasure of presenting statements from three citizens, of Queen Anne's and one from Talbot, which we hope to follow up by others in succeeding articles.

HON. JAMES T. EARLE,

a citizen of Queen Anne's, who takes great interest in all matters of public welfare, and whose valuable counsels have been of service to the State, writes to the *Comet*:

"My faith in conjoint almshouses has not in the least abated. Further reflection has only confirmed me in the belief that the progression of ideas is fast making them a necessity which must sooner or later result. I would very much prefer seeing the whole Shore join in this humane and laudable object. If not, and if Cecil cannot be prevailed on to join, the Shore is susceptible of two natural divisions, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline and Talbot composing one, and the four lower counties the other."

WM. MCKENNEY, ESQ.,

of Queen Anne's, the chairman of the meeting, states his views briefly, as follows: "I am fully convinced, that our present system is defective in both an economic and humanitarian point. This conclusion has been reached after a long and continued membership of our Board of Trustees, and I believe our house is managed as well as the average."

JUDGE RICH'D B. CARMICHAEL,

the venerable jurist, in response to a letter from the *Comet*, gives at some length some valuable considerations in reference to the subject. He says: "The subject of a Union Almshouse in place of a county almshouse is one of the deepest interest alike to the politician, the philanthropist and the christian. I approve of the change contemplated in your inquiry; if that change will result in the reduction of the expenses of the present system, by making the pauper labor defray the whole or a considerable part of the expense, it becomes the part of every public man and politician to lend his energies to effect the change. Elsewhere it has been tested, and the result has been to render productive the heretofore inert and unproductive labor of the almshouses. Under the present system while a great deal of good has been done in relieving the physical wants and sufferings of the poor, the alms house has become the hive of hereditary pauperism, an evil which springs from and is inseparable from the system. With nothing to do for the exercise of the body or the mind, there is nothing to disarm the temptations which beset the paths of men and women; and when it is considered that it is impossible under the present system to regulate the social relations of the sexes as they are maintained in society and in reformatory institutions, and that the evils of this condition of things are too glaring to escape notice and too gross to be mentioned, the moral sense can but be shocked at the reflection. There is no christian man to whom this condition of things is brought home as an undesirable fact, who can remain insensible for a moment of the duty it devolves upon him; and if it were doubtful as a measure of public economy it cannot be denied the existing evils are a shame and a sin in a moral and religious community. You ask me to say if I think the plan is feasible, my answer is, it has been carried into effect elsewhere. To doubt if that which has been done by others may be done by ourselves under the highest incentives that can move man, would be to impute an imbecility which none of this community would admit. As to the location most suitable the answer would depend in some measure on circumstances. It would be desirable that the institution should be as central as might be; if all the counties from Kent to Worcester should unite in the project it would require some topographical inspection to determine the question, because it would be of the greatest importance that the situation should be healthy. If the counties of Kent, Queen Anne's Talbot and Caroline should unite, probably no better location could be found than that of the present alms house in Queen Anne's. Caroline and Talbot extend along nearly the whole of her Eastern and Southern border, Kent along nearly her entire Western border, Queen Anne's therefore would be central to these counties. The site of this alms house is very desirable in reference to health; upon a high plain, it is remote from water courses where it is supposed malaria is engendered, the soil around is a sandy loam for the most part, there are no towns or villages near, and the neighboring population are industrious and prosperous and generally of good habits. The edifice is of solid structure and readily utilized to the purpose of the contemplated change. But of course I have no preference for this over any other site, if the central point can be found elsewhere as healthy. I have been a member of our county board of Trustees of the Poor for twenty-six years, and succeeded to the place of my father who had been there longer, my grandfather was one of the original corporators. Our institution has had the credit by visitors from the boards of your own and other counties and visitors from other parts of the country, as being exceptionally well conducted, and it might seem therefrom I should have a bias to our present system; yet I have to confess misgivings in my own mind whether the evils above alluded to, as incidents to this system are compensated by the good."

OSWALD TILGHMAN, ESQ.

"I have only to say, that I fully concur with Dr. Chancellor in the philanthropic views expressed by him in his address here recently. Such an institution as he proposes if located in or near one of our county towns and properly conducted, would be less expensive than our present system of county almshouses and would afford far greater comfort to the inmates. The imbecile poor should by all means be provided for in a State institution for the especial care of such unfortunates."

SWINDLERS.—The Centreville papers are telling how a New York sharper hoodwinked a number of Queen Anne's farmers:

For some time past a man named Speers, who claims to be a New Yorker, has been making a business tour of the Peninsula as agent for an alleged firm known as the White Washing Machine Company of St. Louis, Mo. The man drove a fancy team and was a glib talker. In the course of his travels he made quite a number of bargains and took in payment for local agencies from a dozen or so of gentlemen a note and contract jointly, with the understanding that the company was to do certain things before the note could be honored. He has visited Cecil, Kent, Caroline and Queen Anne's counties and New Castle and Kent counties, Del. His victims in this county were Daniel C. Hopper and Lorenzo Fogwell. The notes were about a dozen in number. Counsel have been employed by Mr. Fogwell and Mr. Hopper to contest payment. Give agents of all kinds, unless known personally, a wide berth.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.—As a contrast to the exceeding mildness of the present winter, it may be interesting to note the great degree of cold which prevailed in Maryland during the winter of 1780, just one hundred years ago. Mr. David Ridgely, State Librarian of Maryland, in his Annals of Annapolis, published in 1841, and printed by Cushing & Bro., of Baltimore, says, on page 180: "The winter of 1780 was one of unusual severity. 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. It is said to have been one of the coldest winters ever known in our climate."

CHURCH WEDDINGS.—Rev. James M. Brown, of the M. P. Conference, now stationed at Ruthsburg, Queen Anne's county, was married on Wednesday morning last, at the M. P. Church, Centreville, to Miss Annie Thompson, daughter of James W. Thompson, Esq. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev D. L. Greenfield, the pastor, assisted by Rev. Chas. M. Thompson, brother of the bride. The bride was attended by Miss Lois Thompson, Miss Lina Wooters and Miss Lucy Stevens, and groom by Rev. William E. Thompson, Rev. J. A. Weigand and Mr. Eugene Arringdale. After the marriage ceremony the bride and groom drove to Queenstown and thence by steamer B. S. Ford to Baltimore.—*Record.*

KILLING DUCKS BY WHOLESALE.—The 'big gun' which the wild fowl law, under severe penalties, prohibits the use of, is brought into almost nightly use, by some of our bold and fearless gunners who have not the fear of the law deep in their hearts, as the loud reverbrations bursting upon the ears of the slumbering community in the "soft, stilly night," attest.—*Havre Republican.*

The weapon alluded to is known in common parlance as the "swivel," and by its means, as many as twenty hundred ducks are often killed at one discharge.

THE man who was born on the 29th of February will have the unwonted luxury of a birthday this year.

HIRAM GOODHAND, a prominent citizen of Queen Anne's, died of consumption on the 24th, aged 62.

## MARRIED:

On the 21st inst. at the M. E. Parsonage in Galena, by the Rev. J. E. Bryan, Mr. JOSIAH BLACKWAY to Miss LAURA V. CARTER, both of this county.

On the 21st inst. at the M. E. Parsonage in Galena, by the Rev. J. E. Bryan, Mr. JOHN HUSFELT to Miss HESTER A. JONES, both of Sassafras Neck, Cecil county.

## DIED:

On the 27th instant, near Morgan's Creek, of cancer, DANIEL VINCENT, in his 80th year.

In Chestertown, Jan. 27, of membranous croup, EMMA ADELLE, daughter of S. Murray and Rosa Frazier, aged 2 years, 3 mos. and 21 days.

"There beamed a smile
So fixed, so holy, from that cherub brow,
Death gazed and left it there. He dared not steal
The signet-ring of Heaven."


VALENTINES.—SPARKS has a large assortment of all kinds. Call and see them. j31.

"PURE CIDER VINEGAR" for sale by E. W. F. SIMPERS.

AS nice a line of "TEAS" as you will find in town for sale by E. W. F. SIMPERS.

REMOVAL.
MRS. KATE GILL has removed to the storeroom recently occupied by Mr. E. T. Willis, where she has a complete assortment of MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS, adapted to the season. Also, a lot of first-class GAITERS, SHOES, &c., which she is selling at low prices. Give her a call. j31-3t.

$50,000 TO LOAN ON GOOD FARMS in Kent county, at low rates.
THOMAS HILL,
Fayette & St. Paul sts., Baltimore, Md.
jan31m.

Supper at Locust Grove

THE LADIES OF SHREWSBURY CHURCH will have a SUPPER at Locust Grove on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, the 5th and 6th of February. Doors open at 6 o'cl'k. It.

LOUIS XVI
Supper and Musical Entertainment!

THE LADIES of MASSEYS and neighborhood will give a SUPPER at Masseys on TUESDAY NIGHT, Feb. 3d.

During the evening a scene in the life of Louis XVI's celebrated Queen will be represented. Vocal and Instrumental Music will enliven the audience.

Admission to Entertainment and Supper together 50c. Children under 12, 35c.
Jan. 31, 1880—1t.

MILL NOTICE.

THE MILL at GOOSE HILL, having undergone thorough repair, is now in fine running order and prepared to grind Wheat and Corn in the best manner. A liberal share of patronage solicited, and satisfaction guaranteed.
jan31-3t* WM. K. TAYLOR.

THE STAFF OF LIFE.
*KEEP IN MIND!*
THAT THE FAIRLEE MILLS are in prime order, and turning out first rate work. We shall continue to use our very best efforts to please our customers, old and new. Our experience of nineteen years in Mill management justifies us in the confident belief that we can satisfy the most fastidious.
We are grateful for past favors, and we respectfully solicit a continuance of public patronage.
Flour, Graham Flour, Meal and Feed of all kinds delivered free.
jan31-3t* SPICER & BACON.

A CARD TO THE PUBLIC.
THIS is to certify that WILLIAM T. HOLDEN can be found at the
STILL POND MILL
ready and willing to accommodate and give satisfaction to all who may patronize him and with a good turn out.
JAMES A. MOFFETT.
jan24-3t. Still Pond Mill.

FOR RENT,
A SMALL OFFICE, adjoining my Store.
LOUIS K. STAM,
jan24-3t. Chestertown.

FOR RENT, for 1880,
THE STORE HOUSE in GALENA, recently occupied by E. Lane & Son. A neat room and a good stand for business.
Apply to
Mrs. ARAMINTA SUTTON,
jan24-3t. GALENA.

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.

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

STRAYED from the subscriber a few days before Christmas a WHITE SETTER BITCH, 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.

CLOVER SEED.
200 Bushels Prime CLOVER SEED, for sale at low prices, at the GRANARY, Chestertown.
jan17-3t. JOS. W. THOMPSON.

Rogers' Extra Early Rose,
The earliest and most productive in the market.
CLOVER, TIMOTHY, ORCHARD and HERD GRASS SEED, and a general assortment of
*GARDEN and FIELD SEEDS.*
Send for priced catalogue.
C. B. ROGERS,
j17-3t. 133 Market St., Philad'a.

METHODIST HYMNALS.
A FINE selection, in various styles of bindings, can be found at the Drug Store of M. A. TOULSON,
jan24. Chestertown.

CLOCKS! CLOCKS!
Finest assortment in town, cheap at
jan24. L. K. STAM'S.

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.

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.

LOOK at my stock of Chewing and Smoking TOBACCO.
E. W. F. SIMPERS.

FOR a 5c. SEGAR call on
E. W. F. SIMPERS.

A CARD.
To the Business Men & Legal Profession of Chestertown:
HAVING been reappointed CONSTABLE by lawful authority for my 3rd term for Queen Anne's county, and given good and sufficient bond for the faithful discharge of all the duties of the said office, I solicit a share of the business of Chestertown.
I promise to give my undivided attention to all business intrusted to me, and make prompt returns of all moneys collected by me. I will solicit for a reasonable commission or bring suit according to law as instructed.
*M. C. CASEY, Constable,*
CRUMPTON, Q. A. Co., MD.
*REFERENCES:*
W. N. E. Wickes, Esq., Chestertown.
Messrs. Harrison & Bro., Crumpton.
Dr. F. N. Sheppard, "
Dr. W. G. Wallis, " ja31y.

TO THE FARMERS
OF KENT,
AND ADJOINING COUNTIES.
We have ENLARGED
Our Shops in Chestertown
in order to accommodate the public with good work and at low figures. We have associated with us
MR. THOMAS A. SAPPINGTON,
whom we consider one of the best machinists and mechanics in the State. He has worked in our Shops for four years; he also worked in the Champion works for four years at Springfield, Ohio, which gives him a knowledge of the business he undertakes, and persons may rely upon whatever he says in business.
Feeling thankful for past patronage we respectfully ask for a continuance of the same, as we shall endeavor to make it the interest of farmers to patronize us.
j31-tf. W. A. HYLAND & CO.

LADIES'
SHOE STORE
*IN CHESTERTOWN.*
Millinery and Fancy Goods!
MRS. KATE GILL respectfully announces that she has made arrangements to keep in stock a general assortment of
LADIES', MISSES' and CHILDREN'S
SHOES,
*OF DIFFERENT GRADES,*
to which she invites the attention of all. She will give special attention to FINE WORK, including the latest and most desirable styles for Ladies' wear.
Parents are requested to call and see her excellent styles for Misses', Youth's and Children.
She will also keep, as heretofore, a general line of MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS, and hopes by fair dealing and low prices to merit and receive the continued favor and patronage of the public.
MRS. KATE GILL.
Jan. 31, 1880—tf.

NEW STORE!
NEW GOODS!
E. W. F. SIMPERS
*Opposite C. F. Stam's Drug Store,*
DEALER IN
DRY GOODS,
NOTIONS,
QUEENSWARE,
GROCERIES:—Coffees, Teas, Sugar, Rice, Molasses, Syrup, Chocolate, Vinegar, Cheese.
CANNED PEACHES, TOMATOES, CORN, COAL OIL.
FLOUR—by the bbl., bag or pound.
MEATS:
HAMS, SHOULDERS, DRIED BEEF.
*Tobacco and Segars,*
☞ My goods were bought at CASH prices, and will be sold at small advance. A call solicited.
*E. W. F. SIMPERS,*
Jan. 31, 1880. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Notice of Dissolution.
MESSRS. HUBBARD & BRO., of Wyoming, Delaware, who associated themselves lately with T. R. HUBBARD & SON, of Chestertown, Maryland, under the firm name of HUBBARD BROS., deem it expedient, in consequence of failure to secure a site suitable for the contemplated extension of their works, to discontinue their interest from this date, and the business will hereafter be conducted by T. R. HUBBARD & SON.
W. L. HUBBARD
J. E. HUBBARD,
T. R. HUBBARD.
Chestertown, Jan. 15, 1880. 3t.

NOTICE.
WE take pleasure in informing our customers and the public that we have made arrangements for building an addition to our present Factory, for the purpose of putting in new and improved machinery which has already been ordered. These improvements will be completed at an early date, and we will thereby be much better prepared for manipulating and supplying the increasing demand for our "STANDARD."
Thanking our many friends for past favors, we solicit their future valued orders. Respectfully,
T. R. HUBBARD & SON,
jan24-4t. CHESTERTOWN.

PAPER HANGINGS.
*HOWELL & BROTHERS,*
Being the only manufacturers of
Wall Papers
South of Philadelphia, can offer great inducements to country purchasers, both in regard to assortment and prices.
Persons not caring to come to Baltimore, can have samples sent by mail.
Our WINDOW SHADE Department is stocked with Window Shades of all descriptions, at lowest prices.
Country Merchants will find it advantage