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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....FEB. 21, 1880.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

THE committee of the House of Delegates which has been investigating the contested election case in St. Mary's county has reported, awarding the seat to Mr. John N. Graves (Republican), which he now holds, and dismissing the petition of Mr. Ignatius Mattingly, Democrat.

Mr. Ford, of Kent, on Monday obtained leave to introduce a bill to repeal and re-enact sections 36 and 46, article 14, local laws of Kent county, relating to the election of the commissioners of Chestertown, and the assessment and valuation of property within the limits of Chestertown for corporate taxation. Mr. Ford, on Tuesday, offered joint resolutions for the opening of the channel of the Chester river, and they were read a first time.

Gov. Hamilton on Tuesday sent in his first veto, giving reasons for not approving a bill extending the jurisdiction of notaries public. The bill gave notaries the same power to acknowledge domestic deeds and other instruments of writing as justices of the peace, and to that extent conflicting with their functions. The veto was sustained the veto.

CONFIRMATIONS.

In executive session the Senate confirmed the following appointments for Kent County—Justices of the Peace: First district, Wm. A. Miller, Wm. Blackiston; second, Wm. Medders, Wm. K. Everett, George W. Jones; third, James H. Cohee, Robt. L. Usilton; fourth, J. Evan Thomas, C. W. C. Johnson, Arthur B. Wheatley; fifth, Samuel Brannock, Robert W. Calder. Coroners: Robert Miller, Geo. O. Roeder, Phillip Ashley. Notary Public, Chestertown: Charles Estes.

LOCAL OPTION.

The local option bill which has been reported by the special committee on temperance, provides for submitting the liquor question to the votes of the people of fifteen counties, viz: Allegany, Garrett, Washington, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, Howard, St. Mary's, Anne Arundel, Charles, Carroll, Baltimore, Wicomico, Harford and Cecil. In nearly all the other counties not enumerated in this list local option prevails to a greater or less degree. A clause in the bill gives the right to recover at law exemplary damages for injury to individuals by the sale of intoxicating drinks.

THE REGISTRATION LAW.

The Registration law prepared by Attorney General Gwinn, under the direction of Governor Hamilton, has undergone considerable revision by the special committee appointed for the purpose; the committee have decided that the number of registers of voters shall not be increased, and have amended the bill so that instead of one register for each precinct there shall be one for each ward in the city of Baltimore and in each election district in the counties. There shall be a new registration of voters in 1881, and every four years thereafter, for the city of Baltimore, and every ten years in the counties; and it is proposed that a constitutional amendment be submitted to the people to accomplish this. The new bill gives the person aggrieved the right to appeal to the court after the registration books have been closed, and the court may direct his name to be entered on the registration lists. In all other matters the old law is unchanged.

REFORM MEASURES.

The legislative caucus committee appointed to confer with Governor Hamilton in regard to measures of reform have had several interviews during the week, and the various subjects thoroughly discussed. At the meeting of the caucus on Wednesday night, Hon. Herman Stump, chairman of the committee, submitted a report, stating that the conference has been of the most satisfactory character throughout, and likely to be productive of most desirable results. The caucus then adjourned until Wednesday evening next, to give further time to confer with State officials. When the caucus meets then the conference committee is expected to make a lengthy report, covering all the recommendations which have been deemed advisable, not only of those suggested by Governor, but of their own motion. It is report the caucus will decide, when the real work of the session begin in earnest.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

In the House on Monday, on motion of Mr. Vandiver, an order was adopted for the appointment of a committee of five of the House to examine into the condition and management of the State Normal School, with power to send for persons and papers, examine witnesses and report. On Wednesday Mr. Hulme offered an order referring all business relating to the State Normal School to the joint committee, under section 24, article 3, of the constitution, which was rejected by a vote of 34 to 14. The complaint against the Normal School seems specially to be aimed at Prof. Newell, as its principal, and the above action will no doubt lead to considerable discussion. A correspondent says: "It is believed that there will be but slight change in the present school law, and that the Normal School cannot be reached."

MORTGAGE TAX.

In both branches of the Legislature on Wednesday the mortgage tax question came up prominently, and the signs are that this matter will soon be brought to an issue. In the House the question came up on a motion to substitute the bill taxing mortgages for the unfavorable report. The vote on the motion to substitute was carried by yeas 45, nays 32, but the vote was not significant of the sense of the House, as several who voted yea explained that they did so out of courtesy and a desire to bring the question on its own merits squarely before the House. In the Senate the deck was cleared for a similar issue. By agreement, Senators Franklin and Sulivane withdrew their mortgage tax amendments to the bill defining what property in this State shall be taxed and what exempt. This relieves the revenue measure, which will now go booming on its way. Mr. Gorman then reported favorably two bills of Senator Sulivane from the finance committee in regard to mortgages. One of these repeals section 4, article 64, of the code, which allows covenants between parties to a mortgage as to which shall pay the tax. The second bill proposes to tax mortgages, for State and municipal purposes, excepting however, unpaid purchase money. Clerks of courts are required to report to county commissioners and to the Appeal Tax Court, respectively, all mortgages recorded which may under this law be subject to taxation. Mortgages at present in existence are exempted. These bills have been made the special order for the day in the Senate, where it is probable that there is barely a majority for taxing mortgages. It is understood Senator Gorman will vote for the tax. In the House the measure does not stand so good a stand, though the vote there will be close also.

DEATH OF COL. HANSON.—After a lingering illness of several months, Col. George A. Hanson died at his home in Chestertown on Friday evening of last week. Col. Hanson was the son of Col. A. B. Hanson, and was born in the upper part of Kent county, near Sassafras, where he resided until about eight years of age, when he removed with his father to Frederick city, where he studied law and spent the greater part of his after life. About 1871 Col. Hanson returned to Kent county and purchased "Radcliffe Hall," near Chestertown. After residing here a few years, he sold the estate and went to Baltimore to live. In 1877 Col. Hanson again returned to Kent county, and purchased the *Chestertown Transcript* in July of that year. In May, 1878, he disposed of the *Transcript* and devoted himself to the practice of law. Col. Hanson was the author of the work entitled "Old Kent," and was in 1876 a member of the Maryland State Centennial Board. In 1878 he took an active part in the local option campaign, making speeches in different sections of the county against the sale of liquor, and in the campaign last fall in this county he was a candidate for State's Attorney. At the time of his death he was in the fiftieth year of his age. He leaves four children—three sons and a daughter—the eldest son having just reached his majority. Funeral services were held at the Protestant Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, and a large concourse of people was present, including the Masonic fraternity of this town.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.—The 22d falling on Sunday, Monday, the 23d, will be observed by the "Kent Guards" by a dress parade in the morning through the town, and then engage in a target practice. At 4 o'clock a handsome silver goblet will be presented by Capt. Vickers, through Lieut. Bordley, to the successful soldier at the shooting. At night the company will spread in their armory to the public an excellent supper. Tickets can be had at 50c. The object of the supper is to raise money to pay debts and purchase fatigue caps.—We understand that the public have responded liberally to the request of the company in offerings of pigs, turkeys, chickens, bread, coffee, &c., but that the supply is not yet equal to expectations, and it is hoped the friends of the company will increase their subscriptions to the supper.—Anything for the company may be left with W. Hudgins, who will have charge of the supper. A special invitation is extended to the ladies. The affair should be made a success, and the organization encouraged. It is steadily improving, and is a credit to the county and State.

PHILLIP PHILLIPS gave one of his "evenings of Sacred Song" at the Court House in Chestertown on Friday evening of last week. A very large audience was present and the entertainment one of the best of its kind ever given here, though the Court room is not at all adapted to such purposes. Mr. Phillips has a world-wide reputation, and his remarkable talent as a vocalist and masterly skill in instrumental performance none could fail to appreciate on this occasion; his clear bell-like voice seemed under perfect control and in harmony with the chords of his instrument whether in volume and power or in tenderest, whispered cadence. His son's voice is somewhat similar, but could not be expected to equal the father's in cultivation and maturity. The town public school received one-half the net proceeds, about $38.

SCHOOL BOYS WITH PISTOLS.—Three boys were suspended from the public schools of Baltimore city last Tuesday for carrying fire-arms. Parents ought to be fully apprised of the fact that carrying fire-arms by any one to the public schools is contrary to law, yet we have been told that in some of the schools of this county boys are often to be found with pistols in their possession. It is no excuse to say that no harmful use of them is intended. It is a dangerous and vicious practice, and in all cases the trustees should be informed and summary action taken.

THE double wedding of T. L. Walton Harley and Miss Lou Kibler and W. Harrison Newnam and Miss Kate Kibler took place at St. Luke's P. E. Church, Church Hill, on Tuesday night of last week. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens, &c., and crowded to overflowing by persons from Queen Anne's and Kent.

NEW CHURCH.—A new Methodist Protestant Church has been organized at Lynch's Station, in this county, and solicitors are actively engaged in obtaining subscriptions for the erection of a church edifice. Encouraging success has attended their efforts thus far, and preaching service is expected there to-morrow afternoon, by Rev. Mr. Little, of St. James'.

THE public schools will not be closed next Monday and no doubt many of the scholars will be disappointed. It does strike us that the boys ought to have a chance to "celebrate." What if they do play base-ball? That is equally as appropriate as the manner in which the majority of older persons celebrate the Fourth of July.

A GRAND entertainment is advertised to be given at Kennedyville next Friday evening. The object is good, and a full house should encourage it.

REV. J. B. MERRITT, of Still Pond, who has been quite sick, is recovering, and expects to be out again soon.

WE call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Wagner's Green House Restaurant, 190 West Pratt st. It is so well known that it only remains for us to say that everything in season can be had at his place.

Baynard's White House is well kept, and one of the best of the kind in the city. Any one wishing to spend a few moments of quiet rest can do so in his place, where can be found comfortable chairs and all the late papers.

Mr. O. A. Godwin, the gentlemanly and obliging purchasing agent on the steamer Ford, has become so well acquainted with the people of this county, and made himself so popular by his accommodating spirit and attention to his business, that he not only makes the office he holds profitable to himself but also to the steamboat company.

KENT CO., MD., Feb. 17, 1880.

Messrs. Editors:—Seeing the advertisement of Dr. S. E. Brown, 61 Lexington st., in your paper, and having known his father when living as one of the best Dentists of Baltimore city, and wishing work done in his line, I called on him. I had heard that he was his father's equal, and certainly I was not disappointed. He has his father's old stand fitted up in the most modern style, and has a practice second to none in the city. He has also a large practice from this shore. I must say that his charges are as moderate as his work is good. Persons visiting the city in need of a Dentist, will do well to give him a call. He is prepared (as I know from experience) to extract teeth without pain, and not the least danger. CITIZEN.

A "Surprise" Visit.

Messrs. Editors:—The writer had the pleasure of being present last Tuesday evening at a "surprise" demonstration. The numerous friends of Rev. E. B. Newnam, the popular pastor of the M. E. Church, Chestertown, met at the parsonage as by one impulse, and gave the reverend gentleman a truly grand surprise. The visitors began to arrive at the house at 7½ o'clock, laden with baskets and bundles; the large table was spread in the hall and the good things put thereon until it fairly groaned beneath its ponderous weight, and still they come, and put baskets and bundles on the floor, until the passage way was considerably obstructed. The assembly numbered one hundred and one. Early in the evening the ladies set the table and all present partook of refreshments. After the "surprise" was put in the pantry it was found to be more than could be placed on the shelves and had to be left on the floor in baskets. The presents consisted of muslin by the roll, cash, and quite a number of articles of wearing apparel, with a nice display of glassware. After spending one of the most pleasant evenings in our history, prayer and thanks were offered at eleven o'clock and we retired to our homes. PRESENT.

Letter from Rock Hall.

Rock Hall—Its Character and Characteristics—Church News, &c.

This town is constantly growing in wealth and numbers, and will soon be a town of great importance. A baker would do well here. There are many demands for the staff of life from oystermen and men who often come in from the bar, saying "we want bread." A barber could do a good business here. To see the hair-cutting going on Saturday night at Mr. C.'s and Mr. D.'s is a caution to all unclipped heads. A number of men will tramp five or six miles to be here on Saturday night. It's interesting to hear the bursts of laughter peal forth from those honest-hearted fellows, one of them being engaged in spinning a yarn, hence the merriment. To spend a night here is to have one of those impressions which stick like life. A number of those old men seem to have a memory like a glue pot—everything (of a yarn nature) that has deposited itself in their minds for the past fifty years has *stuck*; get them around a warm stove, how it melts! They then proceed to stick it in the minds of the young, never to be erased.

The trustees appointed by the quarterly conference for Kent circuit are negotiating with Mr. P. Reynolds for his house and lot, just opposite the M. P. Church at Rock Hall, for their preacher next year. This will be a good location for their parson; hope the parson will find it such with this people. I think he will, whoever he may be.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, M. P. Church, who has labored very successfully for the past four years, leaves next month—where I know not. Hope and pray he will find pastures green and waters sweet. This itinerant wheel is a great institution in accomplishing good for the blessed Master.

Revs. Jewell and Collins also expect to leave next month—where, I guess they know not.

This place is healthy. Heard the drug-store man say a few days ago he hadn't put up a prescription for a whole week. Rev. Mr. Leary is often seen here, bright, jolly and happy as usual; James H. Ides is still strong and robust for his age, eighty-two. His step is firm, his hope strong in the God of Jacob.

The patience of Mr. Crosby must be as long as he is tall, judging by the scores and scores of children pouring out from the academy every afternoon. We consider Mr. C. a pedagogue of no ordinary skill and ability.

The Lyceum here is developing great argumentative ability. The young men of this place deserve great credit in this particular. So thinks a SOJOURNER OF A NIGHT.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Feb. 17.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

On application of Chas. H. Baker, adm'r of Wm. Gale, he was authorized to sell the personal estate of said deceased at private sale.

On application of James B. Willson, executor of Henrietta E. Willson, the distribution of the proceeds of the real estate was postponed until Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1880.

J. J. Hurlock, adm'r of John S. Hurlock, returned his first administration account

Dr. Samuel G. Fisher, executor of Stephen Kendall, returned his first and final adm. acct.

W. N. E. Wickes, guardian to Frank Wilkins, returned his guardian account for 1879.

Mary M. Baker, guardian to John F., Mary J. and W. R. Hodges, returned accounts for 1878.

THAT EXTRAORDINARY MARRIAGE—*The Somerset County Scandal.*—Sidney Shores, of Somerset county, who married his 13-year old step-daughter a few weeks ago, is still in jail, not having been able to furnish the required $1,000 bail. A telegram to the Baltimore *Gazette* from Princess Anne states that the excitement and feeling against Shores has considerably abated since the discovery that he is an illiterate and simple-minded individual, scarcely able to comprehend the enormity of his offence. Bowen, who, it seems from the testimony, had knowingly performed the unlawful marriage, was also committed, but has since been bailed by members of the Methodist congregation, of which he is a local preacher. The dispatch further states:

Shores made several attempts to obtain the services of the ministers of this town to perform the ceremony, but was told that it was a very grave offense, for which he (Shores) as well as the minister would be liable to punishment. Failing to obtain a clergyman here who would perform the ceremony, he drove at night to Mount Vernon, an adjoining district to the one in which he lives, and seeking out the residence of the local preacher, Bowen, who is an old man of 78 years and now quite in his dotage, succeeded in carrying out the infamous design against which he had been warned. Gussie, who was examined at the hearing before the 'squire, gave her testimony in a clear and audible tone and without embarrassment. She said she had entered into the marriage of her own free will, but no one believes that she is aware of the nature of the obligation she has assumed. Her manner is simple and child-like, but she is known to be a bright and intelligent child. Her form is symmetrical and attractive and her face quite pretty. At the trial her dark auburn hair was arranged as becomes a child, and while she is quite well grown for her age there is nothing in her appearance or conduct that gives evidence of extraordinary precocity.

The Somerset *Herald* says the motive for the marriage, it seems, was Shores' desire to get possession of $1,500 to which the child lately fell heir. The little bride has been taken charge of by her guardian, Mr. H. P. White, one of the Judges of the Orphans' Court.

THE OYSTER LAW.—The Cambridge *News* of Saturday last says:

Captain Samuel M. Travers was in Cambridge this week, and we called upon him in regard to the proposed new oyster law and the oyster interest. He spoke very freely in regard to the repeated violations of the oyster law, and gave many facts to prove the impossibility of enforcing the present law. He stated that some time ago he found near Magothy river a number of pungies catching oysters on forbidden grounds, and as soon as he came in sight they launched their yawl-boats and the captains hurried ashore. He followed, and on reaching the bank asked several persons which way the captain went. They replied, "We would sooner furnish the captains horses to escape than give one word of evidence against them," explaining that the dredgers furnish them with oysters whenever they went aboard, whilst tongers charged two prices for them. A short time ago he caught a captain dredging without license. The captain had started for shore in his yawl-boat, but was intercepted before reaching land, and as Capt. Travers was bound for Baltimore he took the captain there and went before three different magistrates to make complaint, but not one of them would hear the case. A few days ago he found a number of vessels dredging and boarded them to examine their licenses. All had license except one, which had come to anchor before he arrived near enough to see them handling oysters. On boarding her the captain said he was not dredging but buying oysters. The winders were on deck and a lot of unculled oysters, but no dredges or dredge ropes. On taking off the hatches he found them in the hold. He arrested the captain and took him to Queenstown. The justice of the peace said that in his opinion it was a good case, but that the State's attorney had released four captains from jail in the last thirty days in similar circumstances, and it was useless for him to commit. In every case there were the vessels that he dare not touch, and the captains escaping by means over which the law gave him no power to act; violations which by the imperfections of the law were done with impunity. The captain further added that if this law was repealed and another enacted similar to the one under which Capt. Davidson acted, he would make ninety-nine out of every hundred vessels in the bay license properly, or he would forfeit his commission as commander. Then the license was placed in a frame and hung up in the cabin, and those who failed to have it there were finable. Then the captain and vessel were both responsible for the fine. Now whilst it is no trouble to capture the vessel, it is almost impossible to catch the captain and procure such evidence as will convict him under the present law.

A GREAT RELIGIOUS REVIVAL, at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Galena, has been going on for nearly six weeks, and is of a more extended character than any similar meeting that has been held there for years past. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy and Mrs. Kenney, the well known revivalists, have been laboring there for the past few days, and will remain during the present week. People of all denominations, both white and colored, throughout the surrounding country, flock to the church every night. It is said that last Tuesday evening there was an attendance of at least seven hundred persons, a much larger number than the edifice would hold. The evangelists have been very successful.—*Transcript.*

COL. LEGG, one of the Queen Anne's delegates in the Legislature, is announced by his physicians as now convalescing, and will probably be able to return to Annapolis next week.

Letter to the Kent News.

"JOHN" AND THE TAX ON MORTGAGES—THE PARSONAGE EMPTY—REV. MR. MERRITT—ACCIDENT.

Oh! John, si es ubi es? If you are, where are you? You raised the expectations of the great public. You excited my liveliest apprehensions! You menaced us with a revised and enlarged catechism on the subject of taxing mortgages! You raised a fog and in it hid yourself! Well, well, Messrs. Editors, before perhaps your readers see these lines the die will have been cast and the Legislature will have decided either to do justice to the great mass of tax-payers by taxing *all* the property of the State, including all kinds of private securities, or to perpetuate the present one-sided system. Yet I hope you will allow me to speak my mind. In the hypothetical case of our friend "John," A transfers his farm to B and takes a mortgage as his security. Of course B pays the tax on the farm, but who pays the tax on A's property, this security? Evidently the tax-payers of the county collectively. Now, why should A be permitted by law to throw this additional burden on his fellow citizens? Had his security taken another name—had it been called a bond, a judgment or a promissory note—he could not have done it. What magic is in the word "mortgage" to work this exemption to him and this injustice to others? Perhaps it may be claimed in this case that the mortgage was good for nothing. B never paid a dollar on it, yet it was good for something, even though B had failed to pay the accruing interest. It secured to him the re-possession of his farm. It must have been good for something, for the State passed laws and instituted judicial machinery at heavy expense to protect that mortgage for him, and the county incurred heavy expense and taxed its citizens to insure its safe-keeping. That this particular mortgage was not a productive investment for A was not the fault of either the State or the county. Both had done all that could be done or needed to be done to secure his property; but is there any considerable number of mortgages for the protection of which (in part) laws are enacted, court-houses built, judges and clerks elected and paid and jurors empaneled and paid, in the same category with this of old farmer A's? Nobody will claim it. Nobody will pretend to deny that they are, as a rule, productive property, yielding usually much more than the legal rates of interest, and the very safest kind of investment. Now, gentlemen, suppose we leave "John" as he has left us, to plod our way alone in darkness without the aid of the rush lights in the hands of A and B. Let us take the county and see if it will make any difference to the tax-payers and tenant farmers whether mortgages are taxed or not. I have not the records at hand and must depend on memory. In the Maryland code, vol. 1, art. 81, sec. 2, I read what property shall be subject to taxation. Among other things are included "all debts secured by or due on judgment, decree, mortgage, bond, bill of exchange, promissory note from solvent debtors, &c. Under the law as it then stood the assessment of property in Kent county was in round numbers eight millions of dollars. By a subsequent law mortgages were exempted from taxation, and the assessment fell to six millions. The tax on a basis of six millions is in 1879 (State and county together) 97½ cents on the $100. On eight millions it would be 73 cents on the $100. In many other counties and cities the assessment would doubtless be larger and the reduction greater. Who is to pay this difference? The landholder? Certainly at first, but is it not added to the rent paid by the tenant? In a large degree. But does not every tax-payer, whether owner or renter, bear a part of the burden? Most assuredly so. But we are told that the taxation of mortgages would drive capital from the State; that capital is shy and would seek investment elsewhere. It might be added, with propriety, that capital is exacting and cruel. But suppose that it is true, that capital would seek other fields of employment, would that be an overwhelming calamity? Would it not rather be a boon every way desirable? Are not the facilities of borrowing on mortgage now too great? Are not some checks needed to restrain the extravagance of the improvident, the sanguine and speculative, and especially of the young and inexperienced? Would not difficulties thrown in the way of borrowing operate to bring us back to the frugality and plainness of our fathers? Would not these checks throw us more upon our self-dependence and lead to the development of our own resources? Would not the final effect be to make us lenders and not borrowers and thus break up the tyranny of capital? It is as true to-day as in the days of Solomon, "the borrower is the servant of the lender."

That parsonage at St. James' is now vacant. I predicted that the occupant could not "go it alone" for any great length of time; the button on the back of the shirt collar needed too much talking to, and I should not be surprised if he should get some one to do that part of the preaching for him.

Rev. Mr. Merritt's friends will regret to learn that he is laid up with a troublesome ulcer.

Little Ida, daughter of the widow Sparks, of this village, in attempting to leap across a ditch fell and broke her ankle. Dr. Hessey was called in and pronounced it a very bad fracture. The patient, however, is quite young and I presume that is in her favor. SIMON SHARP.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

Messrs. Editors:—CLUB ROOM, Feb. 16, 1880.

—But little routine business was transacted. A letter from W. H. Parker, Esq., President of the State Agricultural College, was read, stating that any one wishing their soil analyzed could have it done by sending specimens to D. Headden, College Station, Prince George's county, Md., the sender simply paying the cost of transportation.

The chief interest was in the regular question, "Are agricultural exhibitions productive of good?" All admitted that the exhibition of farm machinery and implements, of stock of any sort, of all things of domestic and household production, did great good—instructed, inspired and elevated the farmer and his family. Neither can this be questioned. It was claimed, and justly, that the Kent county fairs had improved Kent county agriculture in all its branches, but especially as to farm stock. The social influence was admitted to be excellent. The demoralizing side shows were strongly condemned. I cannot recall a word that was said in their favor. They should be excluded. Those who bring them care nothing about farming or the welfare of our county, and only come to fleece our people, and by means so questionable, or rather so wicked, that if not protected by authority of the association the law would probably be enforced against them. And even such exhibitions as that of the "fat woman," while possibly not strictly immoral, are disgusting and as offensive to good taste as repugnant to nature. Monstrosities neither educate or refine, and the exhibition would be better without the huge daubs representing writhing snakes and disgusting deformity of flesh and blood, the miserable racket called music and the ghastly yelling of the door-keeper, with which the exhibition has been afflicted from year to year. The sentiment as to horse-racing was divided, a small but growing and eminently respectable minority opposing it altogether; and I thought the disposition on the part of its friends to offer excuses and apologies for it before a word was said against it, was a most encouraging sign. It looks a little as if there was a slight disposition on the part of the racing party to encourage nobler and better things. A resolution banishing the gambling and demoralizing side shows from the exhibition was moved and seconded, and I believe would have been sustained by a large vote; but it was judged best to lay it over until next Monday for more careful action, at which time the members will have the opportunity to show by their votes and their words that they are tired of these miserable abominations.

Question for next Monday, 23d, "What does it cost per acre to raise wheat and corn?"

A stop in the wrong place, in my last article, either in the MSS. or by the compositor, caused me to say what I did not intend and had no right to say. The "considerable research and inquiry" in the sixth paragraph was not intended to apply to the president in selecting the executive committee, but to your correspondent in trying to ascertain how that committee was appointed by other societies; and I have no reason to believe the President had any trouble in naming said committee. PARTICIPS.

C. H. GIBSON, of Easton, one of the best criminal lawyers in the State, will assist Mr. Bryant at the April term in the prosecution of J. L. Woodcock, who was indicted for arson at the November term of court for Talbot county, and whose trial was removed to Caroline county. With Bryant and Gibson for the State, and Page, Crisfield, Holland and Stewart for the defense, the case will doubtless prove an interesting one.—*Denton Journal.*

ELEVEN oyster dredgers were lodged in jail at Centreville Sunday, having been arrested by Capt. Clements on the charge of dredging on Sunday. The captain of the sloop, of course, escaped to the shore, leaving the hands to face the music.

ALL the prisoners in jail at Centreville, four in number, were released Saturday night, a colored woman having unlocked the door for them. One of the prisoners, Ben Green, returned Sunday evening and surrendered himself.

CHRIST CHURCH (Episcopal) on Kent Island is about to be torn down to give place to a new edifice. It is said to be the oldest church in Maryland, and built in 1650.

"WITHIN less than two miles of Snow Hill there are thousands of tons of rich iron ore," says one of the papers of that town.

ST. MICHAELS, Talbot county, claims to have the best arranged and regulated postoffice between the bays.

"ELECTRIC POLISH" The best thing you ever used for cleaning gold, silver or plated ware; used by Canfield & Co., Baltimore. Buy a bottle and you will never be without it. For sale at SPARKS'.

FINE CHINA TEA SETS, very low, at SPARKS' opp. Court House. fe14.

MARRIED:

On February 11, at the M. P. Church, Ninth Street, Washington, D. C., by Rev. J. D. Kinzer, assisted by Rev. Dr. David Wilson, Rev. F. T. LITTLE, of the Md. Annual Conference, to Miss KATIE WILMER, daughter of Pere Wilmer, Esq., of Washington, D. C.

At St. Luke's P. E. Church, Church Hill, on the 10th inst., by Rev. W. A. Davenport, T. L. W. HARLEY to Miss LOUISA KIBLER, both of Queen Anne's county.

At same time and place, by same, W. HARRISON NEWNAM, of Baltimore, to Miss KATE M. KIBLER, of Queen Anne's.

October 18, 1879, by Rev. C. M. Thompson, CHARLES H. SMITH to EMMA W. SMITH, of Kent county.

DIED:

In Baltimore, on Wednesday, February 16, Miss HALLIE CHAMBERS, aged about 35 years, daughter of the late Wright & Harriett Chambers.

In Chestertown, on the 13th inst., Mrs. JULIANNA M. EASTWICK, aged about 65 years, and eldest daughter of the late Walter J. Clayton, of Queen Anne's county. She was an exemplary Christian, in full membership of the Protestant Episcopal Church. [Centreville papers copy.]

Feb. 13, 1880, at his residence near Smithville, of Typhoid pneumonia, JOHN A. BENNETT, aged 43 years. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn their irreparable loss. [Centreville papers please copy.]

Suddenly, at Rock Hall, on the 10th February, SUSAN E., consort of Jas. Rollison, and daughter of Rev. George and the late Mary A. Leary, leaving many relatives and dear friends to mourn their loss.

February 11th, at his residence in Piney Neck, JOHN GLENN, aged 52 years.

In Chestertown, Feb. 14, of membranous croup, MARY EMMA, daughter of James M. and Mollie E. Lecates, aged 6 years, 2 months and 5 days.

The Saviour has taken our darling little Mary
And placed in the tender Sheppard's care.
May he heal our bleeding hearts
And help us at last to meet her there. MOTHER.

God has taken her from her mother's breast
And placed her in that heavenly rest;
She's a happy little angel now
And we in saddest sorrow bow. PAPA.

IN MEMORIAM.

Allow me the medium of your paper to add a feeble tribute to the memory of Col. GEORGE A. HANSON, who departed this life on the 12th inst., in the 50th year of his age. He contracted a cold in the fall of '78 from which he never recovered, but which settled upon his lungs and ended in rapid consumption. He has gone, but not without hope. A few weeks prior to his death he sent for one of his relatives and told her he was going to die and that shortly, but that he had no fears; that he was prepared for the change. The strong staff is broken, and the beautiful rod, but his memory will be cherished by his family and his numerous relatives and friends. There beat in his bosom a kind and sympathetic heart; he was true and noble, a kind father, and sincere in all the relations of life. Whatever may have been his imperfections, I hope the mantle of charity will be thrown over them now that the last resting place puts them out of sight. He sleeps the last long sleep of death in his lot, of which he was so careful, in Chester Cemetery, beside his devoted wife, who passed away nine years ago. They will know each other in that land where sorrow and sighing will be no more. However dark and disconsolate the path of life may be to a man there is a place of undisturbed repose, whither he has gone, and at his grave genious and religion mingle their tears. Farewell.

"'*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,*'
Sung above a coffin lid;
Underneath all restfully,
All life's joy and sorrow hid.
Never more, O storm-tossed soul,
Nevermore from wind and tide,
Never more from billows' roll
Wilt thou ever need to hide?
Could the sightless, sunken eyes
Closed beneath the soft white hair;
Could the mute and stiffened lips
Move again in pleading prayer,
Still, aye still the words would be:
'*Let me hide myself in Thee.*'" B. B. W.

Tribute of Respect.

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father, who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind, has in His inscrutable providence removed from us Past Master GEORGE A. HANSON; therefore, it is

Resolved, By Chester Lodge, No. 115, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in special communication solemnly congregated, that while we bow in entire submission to this afflictive dispensation of an all-wise Providence, by which the ties that bound us together have been sundered, human nature will assert itself, and we drop a tear upon his grave and mourn the loss of a well beloved and worthy brother, whom we respected and admired for the purity of his character in all the relations of life.

Resolved, That as a marked token of respect for the deceased the secretary shall transmit to his sorrowing family a copy of these resolutions, under seal of the lodge, with the sincere respectful expression of our profound, manly and brotherly sympathy and condolence.

1t. W. G. RUSSELL, Sec'y.

LOST, on Thursday night last, between the Postoffice and Bordley's Corner, an enamel gold Album LOCKET, containing four pictures. The finder will be rewarded on leaving it at the KENT NEWS office. feb21-3t*.

BOARDING. Mrs. ROCKWELL, residing on Queen street, is prepared to accommodate permanent boarders on moderate terms. fe21-3t.

FOR SALE, A very fine four-year old MULE, broken to harness; perfectly gentle. Terms accommodating. A. J. HYNSON, fe21-3t* Lankford, Kent co., Md.

FOR SALE, ONE ODD MULE, seven years old, fine size, and well broken. H. S. DEFORD, feb21-3t. Chestertown.

WANTED—A KEEPER for CHESTER RIVER BRIDGE. Compensation $250 per annum, and a house without rent. All applications should be made prior to or on Thursday, the 26th of February, instant. GEO. W. T. PERKINS, 1t. President.

STRAYED, From the subscriber, in Chestertown, on Wednesday last, a MILCH COW, dark brown, near black color, and long horns; condition rather thin. Any information thankfully received. H. W. VICKERS. Feb. 21, 1880—3t.

NOTICE. FOUND on the shore of the subscriber a YAWL-BOAT, about 14 feet long; painted black and green. The owner or owners are requested to come forward, prove property and pay charges. R. B. WILLSON, fe21-4t. near Rock Hall.

KENT COUNTY, To Wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that Edward S. Clothier, farmer, of Kent co., Maryland, brought before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the said county, this 10th day of February, 1880, as a stray, trespassing upon his enclosures, a dark red COW, horned, with brass knob on one of the horns. Given under my hand. SAMUEL C. BRANNOCK, J. P.

NOTICE.—The owner or owners of the above described property are hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away, otherwise it will be dealt with according to law. fe21-3t[2.25] E. S. CLOTHIER.

CLOVER SEED.

12,000 LBS. CLOVER SEED FOR SALE, at R. F. PARKS'. Chestertown, Feb. 14—tf.

$3,000 TO LOAN on a good Farm in Kent Co., at 6 per cent. A. J. HYNSON, Lankford P. O., Kent co., Md. Feb. 14—3t*

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

$25 A WEEK to Agents, ladies and gentlemen, to sell our illustrated Lord's Prayer; sells wherever it is shown; beautifully mounted. WARD & HASKELL, 1t* 1 S. Calvert st., Baltimore.

HAMBURG EDGING and LACES, a large lot just received by fe14. MRS. E. N. MELVIN.

DO NOT FORGET to go to SPARKS' when you want a good CLOCK for a little money. feb14.

IRON-STONE CHINA TEA SETS, only $4.50, at SPARKS'.

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The programme will consist of serious, humorous and dramatic pieces. A splendid AMATEUR BAND will furnish instrumental and vocal music. Pieces have been selected with care and, while it will be the most laughable and enjoyable performance ever given by amateurs in this county, there will be nothing that the most sensitive and refined can object to.

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WHAT not dead, nor even sick? Why, the Rag-baby, to be sure! All citizens of the State who are in favor of Taxing Government Bonds, as other property is taxed; who wish these bonds paid in full as soon as possible, in the lawful money of the Nation; all who care to understand the "true inwardness" of the Greenback Labor Party, are invited to meet in the G. L. Club room, in Baltimore, at 11 o'clock A. M., on

TUESDAY, Mar. 16, 1880

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By order State Exec. Committee, G. L. party, of Maryland.

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ROAD NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give the notice required by law, that thirty days from the date hereof they intend to apply to the Hon. Board of County Commissioners for Kent county, to

OPEN A PUBLIC ROAD

IN THE FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT of KENT CO.,

commencing at or near the division line between Jonathan Hodgson and Stephen Boyer, on the road from Masseys to Smyrna, and running South near the present neighborhood road, through Mrs. Dulaney's land till it strikes the land of John F. Whittington; thence in a West direction with or near the line of said Whittington and Delaney and on or near the division line of Samuel Hurlock and said Whittington, till it strikes the West corner of said Whittington's land; thence in a Southerly direction by or near the line of said Whittington till it strikes the neighborhood road through the said Hurlock's and the Spear land, and thence by and with or near the said neighborhood road till it intersects the road from Masseys to Millington.

JOHN F. WHITTINGTON,
JAMES R. JONES,
JOHN McFEE,
SAMUEL CACY,
D. C. BLACKISTON,
Feb. 21—5t. and 39 others