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The Kent News.

SATURDAY .....APRIL 24, 1880.

Baltimore *American* says it is of t importance that the republi- te should be *anybody* but "in a campaign against the nciple it must be admitted erats would have the ad- ons."

s of the Sixth Massachu- whose march through pril 19, 1861, resulted in ous loss of life, came to Monday and celebrated the niversary of their march by ith the Grand Army of the

Tilden and anti-Tilden democratic te conventions of New York met at Syracuse Tuesday. The former warmly indorsed their favorite and denounced the processes by which he was supplanted by Hayes in 1876; no instructions were given the delegates to the national convention, except to vote as a unit. The latter spent most of its time in bitter denunciation of Tilden, though an effort was made to harmonize with the Tilden convention. Uninstructed delegates were chosen.

AFTER a boisterous voyage across the Atlantic the good old frigate Constellation, freighted with food supplies for suffering Ireland, arrived on the 20th instant safely at Queenstown. A portion of the cargo will be unloaded at that port, and afterward a tug will be furnished to tow the Constellation around to the coast of Galway, if the American commander wishes such assistance.

THE most disastrous storm for many years swept over Missouri and several adjacent States last Sunday afternoon, doing immense damage. The principal disaster was at Marshfield, Mo., where part of the town was demolished and then destoyed by fire, and over 75 persons were killed and 200 wounded. All the physicians of the town were killed excepting two, and there was great need of doctors to attend the wounded. A relief train with twenty physicians and nurses and full of supplies left Springfield, Mo., Monday morning for Marshfield. The storm was general in Southwestern Missouri, and other places probably suffered damage. A violent hail and rain accompanied the wind.

ON Wednesday next the democratic State central committee of Maryland will meet at Barnum's, in Baltimore, to fix the date for the State convention, primaries, &c., preceeding the selection of delegates to the national convention at Cincinnati, June 23. It is expected the meeting of the State central committee will bring together many influential democrats. The selection of delegates to the national convention has been for some time a subject of interest and speculation to those who take an active part in political affairs. One of the questions to be decided by the central committee, in which the counties are particularly interested, is whether or not the convention and the congressional primaries shall be simultaneous. Among the names for legates at large to the national conven- which have been canvassed are ex- John Lee Carroll, W. Pinkney Philip F. Thomas, and Hon. Hi- Cullough, speaker of the House tates. In the second, fifth and ngressional districts public opin- not seem to have been formed candidates for convention or though in Western Maryland m. T. Hamilton has been strong- d by his friends there to represent at Cincinnati, but it is not known her he desires to go to the national vention. Mr. Gorman is understood very distinctly not to be an aspirant for Cincinnati honors, especially as ex-Gov. Carroll is so generally considered one of the possible delegates at large. Mr. I. Freeman Rasin had also been spoken of as one of the city delegates, but it is understood that he, too, is not in the field. The names mentioned in the city are S. Teackle Wallis, James Bond, Wm. Keyser and Bernard Carter.

GROWTH OF LOCAL OPTION.—The reports and discussions in the Maryland Temperance Alliance in Baltimore last week recognize the steady advance which has been made towards the prohibition of liquor in this State. The policy of the Legislature of 1880 was very different from that of its predecessors on the liquor question. It was decided quite early in the session to remove discussion of it from the halls of legislation to the platform, and to submit it finally to be determined at the polls. The right of the people to vote for or against prohibition was scarcely questioned, whenever their representatives demanded it for localities in the counties. By the course pursued concession after concession was made, and local option privileges were quietly granted in county after county, until summing up at the close it is found that prohibition will be submitted at the next election in Montgomery, Carroll, Frederick, Alleghany, Cecil, Charles, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Calvert and part of Washington counties. Stringent license laws were passed for Garrett, in addition to scattering prohibition in several localities in various counties for which it had been asked directly. Heretofore prohibition on the vote of the people of the locality has been enforced in Caroline, Calvert, Kent and Talbot counties wholly, and partly in Somerset, Dorchester, Wicomico, Queen Anne's, and in the neighborhood of extensive factories in Baltimore, Prince George's and Howard counties, while Worcester has had high license.

EDITORIAL CHANGE.—Mr. James F. Melvin, who was last year a student at Washington College, has connected himself with his brother in editing the *Denton Journal*. The *Journal* is a well conducted paper and will no doubt further improve under the joint management.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.—The trite maxim that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," has a complete reversal in the case of Woodcock, recently tried in Denton for arson in Easton. Twelve men, says the Denton *Journal*, chosen from the most intelligent citizens of Salisbury—Woodcock's former home, and where his respected father now resides—testified to his good character, having known him from boyhood to manhood; and that he was without blemish. As to his character in Easton, it was proven by many witnesses to be bad—"very bad." Thus it seems that when the young man left the fostering care of his kind father, those influences which had been his guide in the past served him no longer; he lost his *character*, then goes to the State prison a condemned felon.

A TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION—*Dwelling and Farm Buildings Destroyed and a Child Burned to Death.*—Mr. Comegys Brown met with a terrible loss yesterday morning in the destruction by fire of his dwelling, farm buildings and utensils, on his farm in Quaker Neck, about eight miles from Chestertown. A sad incident of the fire also was the burning to death of a colored child, about one year old. The particulars are as follows: Mr. Brown was awakened about one o'clock by a bright light shining into his bed-room window; looking out he discovered his stable and granary on fire and both fully enveloped in the flames. He at once aroused all his family, consisting of his mother, sister and brother, but they had barely time to escape from the dwelling before it too was on fire—the wind blowing the flames in that direction. A few articles of clothing and two or three chairs only were saved. The kitchen caught before the main dwelling, and the colored woman sleeping up stairs, being aroused, made her way out with a bundle of bed clothes in her arms, doubtless supposing she had her child wrapped in them; but it had been left behind in the bed, and was burned to death. The dwelling was of brick, and two stories, with brick kitchen attached; the out-buildings consisted of stable, granary, corn-crib carriage house, meat house and poultry house, and were all in a row, near together, but some fifty yards from the dwelling. All were totally destroyed, except the brick walls of the dwelling, which remain standing. Besides the buildings a most serious loss to Mr. Brown is the total destruction of all his farm machinery and implements, reaper, mower, drill, wheat rake, fan, carriage, &c., together with a large quantity of meat, 125 bushels of corn, lot of wheat, blades, all his household furniture, five head of horses, one colt, and several hogs.

Mr. Brown's total loss will amount to over $4,000. The buildings were insured in the Kent Mutual Fire Insurance Company for $1,690.00. The cause of the fire is unknown, but must have been the work of an incendiary, though Mr. Brown cannot imagine the motive prompting so diabolical a deed.

TOWN ELECTION.—Next Monday is fixed by the new law as the time for holding the town election, at which time *three* commissioners shall be elected for a term of three years. After the election they are to be divided by lot, to serve one, two and three years respectively; so that hereafter there will be but one commissioner to elect each year. Voters, in addition to age and residence, are required to be "assessed for the purpose of State and county taxation upon real or personal property located in said town." By an oversight of some one, the rate of taxation for corporate purposes is left optional with the board. The new law is published in full in another column. Every citizen of Chestertown eligible should take sufficient interest in the good government of his town to cast his ballot next Monday, and it is to be hoped that the narrow issue of "who shall be bailiff?" will not be allowed to influence the result.

In this issue we publish also the law permitting the shooting of wild fowl from sink-boxes on Sassafras river, and another regulating the time and manner of catching fish in Chester river and its tributaries.

WOODS ON FIRE.—The woods on the farm of Mr. Benj. Legg near Belair caught fire on Thursday last about noon, from a brush fire, and communicated to the woods adjoining, on the farm of Mr. G. B. Westcott, occupied by Mr. Joshua Walbert, and another on the farm of Mr. William Vannort occupied by Mr. A. J. Hynson, and destroyed about 75 acres of wood. It was gotten under control yesterday morning. About 4,000 chestnut rails on Mr. Westcott's farm were destroyed. Burning brush during high winds we would suppose rather unwise—at least so it proved in this case.

GOOD MANAGEMENT.—The report of the Commissioners of Chestertown for the year ending April 16, 1880, is a most satisfactory exhibit of the financial condition of the town. The net revenue was $1,613.37, and the expenditures $960.23, leaving a balance of $653.14, of which latter amount $454.52 was applied to the payment of debts contracted in former years. The report further states that the debts contracted by the present board left unpaid will not exceed *eight* dollars. This healthy financial condition of the town has been brought about by the wise expenditures and general good management of the present board of commissioners, and we are sure every one will be inclined to give them due credit for this result rather than indulge in faultfinding because of their failure to accomplish extensive improvements, or it may be, in some cases, needed repairs to streets.

RUNAWAY.—Two young ladies, daughters of of Mr. T. C. Parsons, met with a startling adventure last Sunday on the way to attend divine service at St. James'. The reins became unfastened or broke, and the horse ran away; finding it impossible to check him, one of the ladies—Miss Annie—jumped out near the residence of Mr. C. E. Allen, alighting on *terra firma* without other injury than a sprained wrist; the other—Miss Mary—tried the same plan of escape about one hundred yards further on, but not so successfully; her head was severely bruised by striking the ground and she remained unconscious for several hours. She was taken into the residence of Mr. C. Myers and Dr. J. B. Merritt called in, and she was able to be returned to her home in the afternoon. She is now convalescent. No damage was done the team; the horse kept straight on to the church and was there stopped by persons standing outside.

THE SPECIAL SERVICES at the Catholic Church in this town, which commenced last Sunday morning and continued until Thursday, were largely attended by both Protestants and Catholics. The reputation of Father Magevney as a distinguished elocutionist and orator had preceded him, and many declare that in these particulars they have never seen such marked perfection combined in one individual. His discourses were not altogether of a doctrinal character, and much that he said might have been spoken without offense to any Protestant congregation.

EAGLE KILLED.—A few days ago Mr. C. Wilkinson shot a bald-headed male eagle on his farm at Deep Landing, near Rock Hall, in this county. It measured 6 feet 4 inches from tip to tip of wings. The shot only wounded the bird, which fell into the bay. A Newfoundland dog, "Bolo," swam out to where the eagle was, but failed to "retrieve" it, and Mr. Wilkinson rowed out in a boat and dispatched it with an oar.

PERSONAL.—The following lawyers from a distance have been in town this week attending court: Messrs. John B. Brown and Edwin H. Brown, of Centreville; Messrs. George A. Blake and Wm. S. Evans, of Elkton; and William Hopple, Jr., of Philadelphia.

SALES.—To-day, the personal property of Wm. Bowman, near Belair, by W. A. Cleaver, exec'r.

NEXT TUESDAY.—Personal property, at the Market House, by C. T. Westcott, Esq., attorney.

MR. F. H. HARPER, of Still Pond, has recently been elected a director in the Fruit Growers' National Bank of Smyrna, Del.

THE CORNER STONE of the new Meth. Protestant Church at Lynch's will be laid with appropriate ceremonies next Wednesday.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.—The April Term of the Circuit Court for Kent county convened last Monday. Present, Judge Stump; Dr. Samuel Beck, Clerk; Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., State's Attorney; Eugene Gooding, Esq., Sheriff. Judge Wickes was detained by indisposition, but took his place on the bench Tuesday morning:

The drawing for Grand Jury resulted as follows: Wm. N. E. Wickes, foreman; William A. Taylor, James J. Spear, Barney J. McCauley, J. W. Hines, Henry J. Gray, L. M. Bean, Josiah Lusby, Samuel Hurlock, Garrett Foxwell, Samuel A. Reed, Dennis J. Nowland, James S. Harris, Wm. Stevens, Thomas S. Bordley, E. N. Roland, A. W. Melvin, N. G. Westcott, Rd. Ll. Nichols, E. S. Morris, J. C. Burchinal, Geo. R. Stephens, Thomas A. Jacobs.

The following constitute the Petit Jury: N. T. Hynson, Jeremiah Peacock, John F. Beeks, Geo. W. Davis, E. E. Miller, R. T. Turner, Jr., G. R. Beck, John Gale, John R. Gill, B. F. H. Caulk, Francis A. Wallis, James H. Plummer, Geo. W. Covington, N. W. Comegys, C. J. Scott, J. F. M. Woodall, David Stewart, E. B. Woodall, Jno. B. Parrott, Wm. Morris, F. H. Boulden, Theodore Diehl, Robert G. Nicholson, J. Frank Wilson, James H. Thompson.

State vs. Wm. B. Austin, presented at October term, 1879, for an assault with a pistol on Chas. Miller. Plea of not guilty admitted by the State, the prosecuting witness not being in attendance. Hynson for defense.

State vs. Emory Ward, indicted at the October term, 1879, for selling whiskey at Tolchester Beach, on or about September 1, 1879. Tried before the court. Adjudged guilty and fined $50 and costs; in default of payment of which he was committed to jail to be there confined until the same shall have been paid. Westcott for def.

State vs. James F. Pennington, indicted at a prior term for selling spirituous liquors without license, at Morris' Station, on or about September 15, 1877. Tried before the court and adjudged not guilty. Hynson for defense.

Jos. Miller and Geo. Seeney vs. James Shuster. Appeal from the decision of Justice Wheatley. Action to recover a sum of money alleged to have been justly due, of some standing. Tried before the court. Verdict in favor of appellee vs. Jos. Miller, appellant, for $26.75, and in favor of appellant vs. Seeney, on the plea of limitations. The Court's decision reversed the decision of the Justice of the Peace. Vickers for appellants, Baker for appellee.

State vs. John Manning, indicted at a prior term for selling liquor contrary to law, on Riley's Neck camp ground, in the month of August, 1878. Tried before the Court. It appears that the defendant had been tried and convicted before a Justice of the Peace, whereupon the State entered a plea of not guilty, and the court so adjudged him. Pearce for defense.

The Grand Jury recommended the discharge from jail of Daniel Kelley, Wm. Lawler, Patrick Mullen and Wm. Higgins, committed by a Justice of the Peace for violation of oyster laws; also the discharge of John W. McLeon, under bail for the same offense; and the discharge from jail of Wm. Lloyd, alias "Bud" Lloyd, (recently tried in Harford county for murder) committed by a Justice of the Peace on the charge of attempting to commit a rape on Julia Starling; and of Joseph White, committed by a Justice of the Peace on a charge for a petty offense, and the court directed their discharge accordingly.

Annie G. Eno, by her husband and next friend, George A. Eno, vs. Emanuel Peters. Bill filed on the equity side of court for an injunction and appointment of a receiver. Tried before a jury, which have already been occupied nearly three days in receiving testimony, which had heretofore been taken before a commission. Hynson and Pearce for complainants, and Messrs. Vickers and Brown & Brown (the two last named of Queen Anne's) for respondent. Yesterday the jurors were withdrawn by consent; the jury discharged and judgment for plaintiff rendered for $3,800, as per agreement filed.

H. E. Cooper, collector of taxes for third district. Petition for an extension of time to complete collections. Order of Court granting extension of time for one year from April 20th, 1880.

Jno. R. Gray, collector of taxes of 4th district. Petition as above; order of Court as above.

Jas. Brice late collector of taxes of 4th district. Petition as above. Order of Court granting extension of time for one year from April 21.

The Grand Jury recommended the discharge from jail of Wm. Steward committed on a charge for a petty offense, and the Court directed his discharge accordingly.

There have been a number of indictments for violation of oyster laws, and other misdemeanors, found by the grand jury.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, April 20.—Present Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

Daniel E. Jewell returned an appraisement and valuation of the real estate of Frisby Redding, colored, as made by himself and Geo. T. Williams.

R. T. Turner, one of the adm'rs of A. Wilson, col'd, returned an inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of said deceased.

WESTMINSTER MANSE,
Georgetown, Md., April 20, 1880.

Dear News:—On Friday night of last week several of the good people from Kennedyville and vicinity dropped into our house in this town and spent a social evening with their pastor and wife. Baskets and bags of good things were brought, all who were present seemingly desirous to encourage their pastor by their sympathy and gifts. A pleasant afternoon was spent, and after supper the friends departed, leaving our hearts warmer and lighter for their manifestations of regard.

A Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has recently been organized in this church, auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of New Castle Presbytery, with the following officers: Mrs. Wm. H. Stewart, president; Mrs. Wm. Archibald, vice-president; Mrs. Emma Holden, sec'y, and Mrs. E. J. Hurlock, treas'r.

The Presbytery of New Castle will hold its spring meeting at St. George's, Del., beginning on Tuesday evening, April 20. Mr. Wm. Archibald is delegate from the Kennedyville church, and Elder T. H. Hewitt from the Westminster church, Georgetown. E. W. GAYLORD, Pastor.

Conviction of Woodcock.

From the Easton Star of Tuesday.

The trial of Jesse L. Woodcock, for arson, which lasted ten days at Denton court, was concluded on Saturday, by the jury returning a verdict of *guilty*. The verdict was rendered about 2 o'clock P. M., and Mr. Russum, counsel for Woodcock, immediately made a motion for a new trial, which was argued on Saturday night and overruled by the Court, after which Judge Wickes sentenced the prisoner to serve a term of eight years in the State Penitentiary. In his address overruling the motion Judge Wickes declared that the prisoner had had a fair and impartial trial, and had been convicted upon the law and the evidence, leaving no good grounds for a new trial. The defence was very ably conducted by Hon. John W. Crisfield, of Somerset; George M. Russum, Esq., of Denton; Maj. Wm. E. Stewart and O. Tilghman, Esq., of Easton. All that the ingenuity and eloquence of the learned and experienced counsel could do to save Woodcock from the penitentiary, was done by these eminent lawyers. We understand that Mr. Crisfield said it was one of the most interesting cases he had ever tried in his long practice, and involved many nice legal questions. Woodcock rented the store which was connected with a dwelling owned and occupied by Mrs. Robinson and her family. The fire was discovered and extinguished before it reached the dwelling, although there was a communicating door. The defense claimed that the offense in law was only a misdemeanor, and for that he was not indicted, and labored to get him off on the law; but the State showed that the gas pipes of the dwelling ran through the cellar of the store, and that they were melted by the fire, making it a clear case of arson. Law upon law was read by the prosecuting attorneys to prove it a case of arson upon the facts given in the evidence. After the evidence was in, few that heard it doubted that Woodcock fired the property. He had policies of insurance on his stock amounting to $2,500, and an invoice made after the fire, showed that he had in stock all told only about $210. He had bid or sent away the balance of his stock. This evidence conclusively showed his motive in firing the store.

The prosecution was conducted by Joshua W. Bryant, Esq., State's Attorney for Caroline county, assisted by Charles H. Gibson, Esq., ex-State's Attorney for Talbot county. As Mr. Gibson was intimately acquainted with all the facts of the case the brunt of the prosecution necessarily rested upon him. He had Woodcock arrested after the fire, had him indicted at the November term of the Circuit Court for Talbot county, drew the indictment, and was thoroughly posted on the law of the case. Mr. Bryant did not take a prominent part in examining the witnesses, but made an able and effective argument in closing the case on the part of the State. Everybody we have met from Denton compliments his speech. All who heard the trial speak in the highest terms of the great ability displayed by Mr. Gibson in conducting the prosecution. His address to the jury is spoken of as a master-piece of argument and eloquence, leaving the counsel for the prisoner not a single peg to hang their defence upon, and not a crack for Woodcock to crawl through. Woodcock has been taken to Baltimore by Sheriff Sisk, of Caroline, and is now safely caged in the State prison. His father, a highly respected citizen of Wicomico county, now broken-hearted and ruined by the conduct of his worthless son, was present at Denton throughout the trial, and received the cordial sympathies of the court, the bar, and the public.

THE Hagerstown *News* says: "There was a bet made Thursday in our town, by two of our citizens of opposite politics, of ten bushels of potatoes, that the Hon. Wm. T. Hamilton would be the next President of the United States."

THE Rev. Mr. Hoblitzell, (says the Pocomoke city *Record and Gazette*, of the 17th instant,) preached his initial sermon on last Sunday evening to a delighted congregation.

Two Elkton sportsmen bagged 76 snipe last week in four hours' shooting.

CITY SWINDLES.

A Kent Countian's Adventure in Philadelphia—A Shrewd Device for Catching Countrymen—Mr. Westcott's "Nephew" Personated—How the Thing is Done.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—I was called to Philadelphia on the 15th instant on business, where I met with quite an adventure, of which I beg leave to give you a short account. After transacting my business and disposing of what little *cash* I had on hand, I was sauntering down Arch street, when I was recognized by a gentleman (?) as Mr. Pennington, of New Jersey. I assured him he was mistaken in the man. He begged my pardon, saying that he was traveling agent for a firm on Chestnut street, and met so many people that he often made mistakes, &c. He seemed so very sociable and communicative that I at once suspicioned that all was not right. Having spent all my money and having none to lose, I readily gave my right name when asked, with a view of seeing where the matter would end. I proceeded up the street, my man in the opposite direction. Before going far I concluded to turn back and see if I could see anything more of my man or anything to confirm my suspicions. I had gone but a short distance before a very well dressed young man, with beaver hat, passed immediately in front of me, stopped short and extended his hand, saying, "How do you do, Mr. B.; you do not recognize me. My name is Westcott, and I am a nephew of Mr. Westcott in the bank at Chestertown. I have no personal acquaintance with you, but have seen you in Chestertown often, and being from my old county I took the liberty of speaking to you. Is Mr. Peterson still in the bank? My uncle told me he was the last time I saw him. Mr P. is a nice man, is he not? By the way, Mr. B. you can do me a favor if you will. I am traveling agent for the Southern California Tea Company, and we want to introduce our teas through the country, and I want to give you a pound or two of the tea to take home and use in your family, and when I come down, in the course of ten days, you can give me a certificate, &c.; the tea will cost you nothing." I replied that I did not use tea, and was a poor judge of the article. "Oh, but you can tell good from bad," &c. Wishing to see how much farther or what would be the next dodge, I consented to take the tea as requested. "Would you mind," said he, "stepping around the corner to a railroad office, where I left my samples, and I will fix you up a couple of pounds." We went to the office, in the centre of which stood a plain table with quite a collection of railroad circulars, &c., lying around. On the wall hung a small map with a red line drawn across to represent a railroad line. Behind the table sat an officious looking gentleman, supposed to be a railroad agent. Mr. Westcott (so-called) entered first and asked permission to show some samples upon the table, which was granted. Seats were furnished and the samples handed out for my inspection, with the request, "Just smell that." I took the package, held it up to my nose, but took pains *not* to smell. "Has that boy come with my package of pound samples?" "No, he will be here in five minutes. Take a seat, Mr. B.; you won't mind waiting five minutes?" Just at this time a most perfect specimen of a frontiersman and cattle trader pushed opened the door and entered, saying, "Can I get a ticket here? They told me I could buy 'em cheaper here than down yonder." "Certainly, sir," said the agent; "to what point?" "Southwestern Missouri," was the reply. "Take a seat, sir, (placing a chair directly opposite to me at the table) I will wait on you in a minute." Saying this the agent threw on his coat and vanished from the scene, when the following dialogue was enacted:

Missourian—I say, boys, this is a big town, ain't it? This is the biggest town in the world.

There must be 10,000 people here.

Mr. Westcott, (laughing immoderately)—Oh, no, New York is much larger than this.

Missourian—Don't believe it. My G—d, boys, but she's a big town. I come over to Baltimore with four car-loads of fat cattle and I come over here to look for my sister, who ran away with a Yankee soldier and married him during the war and come here, and dad he disinherited her; but, boys, she's my sister, and I thought I'd come over and see her.

Mr. W.—Did you find her and what's her name?

Missourian—No, I did not find her; her name is Jones. Maybe you boys know her.

Mr. W.—No, my friend, there are so many people here named Jones that you might look for months, and unless you knew her address you would never find her.

Missourian—Boys, this is a big town, ain't it? I tell you, I had lots of fun last night.

Mr. W.—Ah! how was that?

Missourian—Well, the boys round to the tavern here asked me if I did not want to see some fun. I said yes, and they took me around to one of those houses where they have a place fixed to dance and had fiddlers and some gals dancing. I had lots of fun; but a fellow says the most fun is in the back room, and I went back there and saw a fellow throwing three little papers—two of 'em had "dog houses" on 'em and one had a little red boy—he said it was the keeper; and some fellows were betting that they could turn up the keeper and they lost $10 apiece, two of 'em, and the fellow what threwed 'em looked up and said, "Missouri, I'll go you $5," and I said I'd do it, and pulled out a roll of money; says he, "How much you got there?" "$300," says I. "I'll go you the whole thing," says he; and I bet the whole pile, and boys, I lost $300 that quick.

Mr. W.—Oh, shame! did they get all you had?

Missourian—Now you think I have got no money, do you? (Pulled out a roll of greenbacks and put his hand on his belt, saying) I've got a thousand in there.

Mr. W.—Don't do that any more—don't show your money to strangers. Somebody will rob you before you leave the city.

Missourian—But, boys, I got the fellow in the back room and give him $25 to learn me how to do it, and I have been "practicing," and you ought to see how I can do it.

Mr. W.—Did he give you the papers?

Missourian—Yes, he did, and I am going to make $5,000 before I am home a week. Johnson (the man what came along with me) played a trick on me at Baltimore, and I am going to win a thousand off of him.

Mr. W.—Let me see your papers. (Aside to me)—It is a shame to rob a poor green countryman that way; let us try and get him to tear them up and give up the idea of betting on it. The Missourian took from his pocket a red cotton handkerchief, in which he had carefully rolled the cards, and began showing how he could do "the thing," taking care to show me the red card every time, and would say, "Now, boys, just for fun, turn him up." Mr. W. would insist on me turning the wrong card, but I took care to turn the right one, which was plain to be seen, and was what they wanted me to do. Missouri would say, "Ah! yes, but you can't do it for money; I'll bet $5 you can't." Failing to induce me to bet, Mr. W. bet $5, and whispered to me that he would give it back and only wished to show him he was trying something he knew nothing about. Mr. W. won $10 and endeavored to get the cards destroyed, but to no avail. The dealer said he would not bet him (Westcott) any more; that he was an old hand and knew all about it, but would bet me $100 or $200, and insisted that I should put up my money. I told them I had spent all my money, and had none about me. Mr. Westcott insisted that I should go out and borrow $100 and come back and he would put in $100, and we would be sure to win it and teach him a lesson and then make him tear the cards up, and we would give the money back. Insisted that I should go and he would go with me. To which I replied that I would not have time, &c. He became so pressing that I thought it about time I was letting them know that I fully understood the whole scheme. Looking Mr. Westcott straight in the eyes I remarked: "Sir, I neither *drink tea* nor play *three card monte*. I think you have gotten hold of the wrong man, and if your time is worth anything to you it would pay you to give up this chase at once!" He looked much surprised and wounded, declaring his innocence and that he would send the tea on Monday. So I bid them good-day and left them. I watched them for an hour and saw three men taken to the same *railroad* office in the same way. I am told the tea is saturated with something which deadens the senses of any one smelling it. I relate this for the benefit of my friends and the public who visit the city occasionally. Respectfully, B.

THE LEADERS OF FASHIONABLE DRESS AND LOW PRICES.—C. N. Oehm & Son, proprietors of the largest one-price double Clothing House, Baltimore, now occupy two entire three-story buildings with their splendid stock of Men's, Youth's, Boy's and Children's Clothing. Having bought and manufactured their entire stock before the great advance of woolens, they are selling great bargains in every department for spring and summer wear, which none can afford to overlook. We feel it our duty to call the attention of our readers to this truly famous and reliable establishment, corner of Pratt and Hanover Sts. No one in need of clothing, ready-made or made to order, should fail to call on Oehm & Son and see the low prices at which the most choice and perfect fitting garments are selling.

THE grand jury of Somerset county last week found two bills of indictment against the Rev. Z. Bowen—one for marrying an old man named Shores to his step-daughter, and the other for marrying Shores to a mulatto by the name of Lou Ella Shores, in February last. Shores, who has been in jail ever since one week after the marriage, has been indicted also. Bowen's trial commenced last Monday.

E. F. BOYER, Esq., a prominent merchant of Centreville, and a senior member of the firm of E. F. Boyer & Sons, died suddenly of paralysis at Stamford, Conn., on Wednesday night of last week. He left home on Tuesday morning for New York for the purpose of purchasing goods. He spent Wednesday engaged in business in New York and in the afternoon went to Stamford, Conn., to visit some friends.

THE new oyster law does not interfere with the tenure of office of the present oyster police force, whose terms expire December 31st, 1880.

A NEW lodge of Odd Fellows has been established at Hillsborough, under the name of Nelson Lodge. Dr. Thos. Hackett is the Noble Grand.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

CLUB ROOM, April 19, 1880.

Messrs. Editors:—Our meeting was thinly attended this afternoon, court being in session. All the interest centered in the regular question, "Should manures be drawn out and spread as made?" Nearly all the arguments were to two points—spreading manure in winter and spring on the sod to be ploughed down, and broadcasting it on the wheat after seeding in the fall. Opinion seemed to be about equally divided. My own experience, after many years trial of both methods, is decidedly in favor of the latter.—While I have been frequently disappointed from manure plowed down, both in the corn and the wheat following, broadcasting on the wheat ground either just before or after seeding has been entirely satisfactory, so much so that I use that method alone. Difference of soil or location may account for the opposite views given and well sustained to-day. No doubt both are the best under varying conditions, and, like almost every other important question, must be decided by each farmer for himself, according to his circumstances.

Question for April 26, "Will it pay to use bought fertilizers on corn ground that will produce at the rate of 30 bushels per acre without such aid?" PARTICEPS.

LARGE SALE OF LAND IN CECIL COUNTY.—The sale of the land of the late George Davis, of Smyrna, Del., lying in Cecil county, Md., took place at Elkton on Tuesday last. The attendance was large and the bidding spirited. Farm No. 1 was purchased by Mrs. Elva Brown, of Smyrna, one of the heirs, for $6,300; No. 2 by W. K. Lockwood, of Warwick, for $8,800; No. 3, Sam'l Hurlock, of Kent county, Md., $17,700; No. 4, John W. Davis, Cecilton, $8,600; No. 5, J. M. Budd, Cecilton, $8,600; No. 6, by the widow, Mrs. J. M. Davis, for $10,125; No. 7, Woodland, by B. J. Green, of Warwick, for $1,500. Aggregate amount, $61,225.

LLOYD HOPKINS, of Onancock, Accomac county, Va., after eating twenty-five molasses cakes a few days since, attended a wedding and further gorged himself with good things. He died before sunrise next morning.

A MARE belonging to Alfred Lord, of Somerset county, recently foaled three mare colts, and all were doing well at last accounts.

THE first shipment of asparagus from Queen Anne's county was made to Boston last Monday by George Davidson, Esq., of Queenstown.

LICENSES.—The Clerk gives notice in another column that only bankable funds will be received in payment of licenses. Bear it in mind.

THE steamer "Pope Catlin" has commenced running up Chester river.

MARRIED:

At St. Paul's Church, Chestertown, on Tuesday morning, April 20, by Rev. S. C. Roberts, GEORGE B. WESTCOTT, JR., to Miss POLLIE WICKES, daughter of the late Simon Wickes, both of this county.

On the 15th inst., in Kent county, Md., by Rev. W. W. White, Mr. WILLIAM H. ROLLISON and Miss LIZZIE HURLOCK, both of Queen Anne's county, Md.

DIED:

Near Fairlee, on Wednesday evening last, Mrs. RACHEL T., wife of Bartus P. Hatcherson, in the 58th year of her age.

Near Chestertown, suddenly yesterday morning of heart disease, ARTEMUS COHEE, aged about 50 years.

On the 12th inst. at her late residence in Crumpton, Mrs. ANN ELIZABETH WALLIS, wife of Dr. W. G. Wallis, and a sister of Messrs. Geo. E. and John T. Harrison, of Crumpton, in the 42nd year of her age.

Near Church Hill, on Sunday, April 18th, EMMA, wife of John L. Spry, aged 34 years.

Departed this life, on the 13th instant, at the residence of her son, John R. Pearce, near Swan Creek, Mrs. MARY A. GODWIN, in her 67th year. Ours is indeed a sad loss, but her's is an eternal gain.—[Centreville papers please copy.]

On the 13th instant, MARY ELIZABETH, youngest daughter of Wm. T. and Emma E. Stradley, aged 2 years and 9 months.

Put away the little dresses
That our darling used to wear,
She will need them on earth never,
She has climbed the golden stairs.

She is with the happy angels
In that land of light so fair;
We will miss our little Mary,
She has climbed the golden stairs. SISTER.

At Rock Hall, on Thursday, 15th inst., ANN ELIZABETH, in the 49th year of her age, beloved wife of James Rodney and daughter of the late George and Elizabeth Scoon, of Kent co.

Over the river the boatman pall,
Carried our mother, our household pet;
Her brown curls waved in the gentle gale,
Darling mother! I see her yet.

She crossed on her bosom her dimpled hands,
And fearlessly entered the phantom bark,
We felt it glide from the silver sands,
And all our sunshine grew strangely dark.

We know she is safe on the other side,
Where all the angels and ransomed be;
Over the river, the mystic river,
Our darling mother is waiting for me. A SON.

Near Chestertown, April 14th, of typhoid fever, MOLLIE EUGENIA, daughter of Elijah and Elizabeth A. Staats, in her fourteenth year.

The day that our darling was called from my sight
To dwell with angels in Heavenly light,
Was the day when began my sorrow on earth
To unfold its power to teach me her worth.

I turned my eye to my Father above,
Remembering he chastens his own in love;
I said to my heart, be quiet and still,
I'll yield myself up to suffer His will. MOTHER.

Departed this life, on the 11th inst., of scarlet fever, CLYDIE, son of James and Eliz. White, aged 13 years, 3 months and 9 days.

Farewell son, brother dear,
Tis hard to see thee die;
But on thy grave we'll drop a tear,
And meet thee up on high.

'Twas hard to see that fair bud fade,
And wither e'er it bloomed;
Cut down by time's unerring blade,
And planted in the tomb.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.

The Northern Convocation, Diocese Easton, will be held in Shrewsbury Parish, commencing Tuesday, May 4th, at 10 A. M., when the new Church will be consecrated.

Public Services will be held every morning at 10 o'clock, and every evening at 7 o'clock.

Rt. Rev. BISHOP LAY will be present—with the Dean of Convocation, Rev. S. W. WALKE,—and a number of Clergy, members of Convocation, and others, who will participate in the appointed services of the occasion. J. MARTIN,
a24-2t. Rector of Shrewsbury Parish.

THE CORNER STONE of the "Lynch's Station Methodist Protestant Church" will be laid (D. V.) on Wednesday next by Rev. Rees Murray will deliver an address, and other ministers of the denomination are expected to be present. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Should the day be inclement the ceremony will take place the next fair day.
1t. F. T. LITTLE, PASTOR.

FESTIVAL *AND SUPPER!*
The Ladies of PINEY NECK M. E. Church will give a Festival and Oyster Supper at the Church on *Thursday evening next*, April 29. Supper 30 cts.
Liberal patronage respectfully solicited.
April 24, 1880—1t.

FOR SALE,
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NOTICE.
THE COMMISSIONERS
For Justices of the Peace, Coroners and Registers of Voters for Kent county have been received. The law requires that they shall qualify within thirty days from (April 17th) the receipt of their commissions, as their places will otherwise be vacated.
SAMUEL BECK,
Clerk Circuit Court for Kent Co.
April 24, 1880—4t.

WOOL! WOOL!
I will still pay the highest prices for WOOL this season. I want all the Wool I can get. Shear your sheep and bring the wool to my place at Rock Hall.
apr17-5t M. ASCHER.

NOTICE.
I have this day disposed of my interest in the Hardware store formerly kept by me, in Chestertown, Md., to Mr. Franklin Pratt, who will continue the business at the old stand on High st.
S. B. FOARD.
Chestertown, April 15, 1880—3t.

MATTING, white, check and fancy matting at the lowest prices.
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WM. KIRBY, Florist,

Has on hand for 1880 a very large quantity of VEGETABLE PLANTS ready for planting out. Three best varieties of Early Cabbage Plants; five best varieties of Tomato plants, early and late. I have bedded 25 bushels of Sweet Potatoes; they are up nice, ready for drawing when wanted—yellow, white and red varieties. The demand has been so great upon me for plants heretofore, that I am making a special effort of raising plants, so that I may be able to supply all orders in the future. Thanks for past favors.
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NOTICE

TO MERCHANTS and Others Taking out License.

I HEREBY NOTIFY all persons applying for Licenses on and after the first of May next that only such money will be received in payment thereof as the Kent National Bank will receive on deposit. Trade Dollars and Silver Certificates are not received on deposit at said bank.
SAMUEL BECK,
1t. Clerk of Circuit Court.

REAPERS and MOWERS.

The Buckeye Self Binder.
" " *Table Rake.*
" " *Mower.*

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April 24, 1880.

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