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The Kent News.

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...blican State Convention.

...of the Republican State ...Frederick last week seems ...with anything else but ...ts for the custom-house ...supporters. Although ...e "Ins" faction include ...wdest Republican politi-...e, such as Col. John L. ...d Mr. Peter Thompson, ...eir opponents in the recent ...to have been more than a ...em if not in strength of num-...st in political trickery. From ...e the convention first assembled ...Mr. Henry Stockbridge, the chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, recognized the Grant contesting delegates of Baltimore county and the second legislative district of Baltimore city, the Blaine men became aware that they were going to have a tough time of it. When the convention was approaching an adjournment they were reassured by the adoption of a resolution, with only 14 negative votes, requesting that the delegates to Chicago use every honorable means for the nomination of Mr. Blaine for President. The election of delegates followed, when almost without knowing how it was done, the Blaine men found that many of their candidates had been defeated and others substituted in their places. The list of delegates chosen is as follows:

First District.—Charles T. Westcott, of Kent; Samuel Mallalieu, of Queen Anne's. Alternates—E. F. Duer and R. E. Bradley. Elector—A. J. Mowbray, of Dorchester.

Second.—Delegates—J. A. J. Creswell, of Cecil; Dr. J. J. Weaver, of Carroll. Alternates—H. C. Longnecker, of Baltimore county; Dr. Geo. Motter, of Carroll. Elector—James E. Hooper.

Third.—Delegates—D. P. West, W. W. Johnson. Alternates—J. W. Locks, O. H. Deaver, Elector—Dr. H. R. Watts.

Fourth.—Delegates—Dr. H. J. Brown, W. J. Hooper. Alternates—Warfield Monroe, J. H. L. Smith. Elector—Jehu B. Askew.

Fifth.—Delegates—Col. J. Parran Crane, of St. Mary's; John W. Bell, of Prince George's. Alternates—David E. Hopkins, of Howard; Jas. H. Logan, Seventeenth ward. Elector—S. E. Mudd, of Charles county.

Sixth.—Delegates—Upton W. Boarman, of Frederick; B. H. Miller, of Montgomery. Alternates—Francis Adams, John Swaldner. Elector—H. W. Coombs, of Garrett.

At Large.—James A. Gary, Jacob Tome, Lloyd Lowndes and J. Morrison Harris. Alternates—George C. Maund, J. Parker Bosley, Joseph E. Briscoe and William Perkins, colored.

Electors at Large.—Col. J. C. Mullikin, Talbot county; H. Clay Naill, Frederick county.

The day after the adjournment of the convention the score was carefully counted up at the custom-house, but somehow or other it wouldn't work straight for the Blaine Senator in spite of the resolutions of indorsement. James A. Gary, Lloyd Lowndes, Jr., J. Morrison Harris and W. J. Hooper are counted for Sherman certain—that is on first ballot, with Grant for second choice. Then Upton Boarman, of Frederick county; Benjamin H. Miller, of Montgomery; Col. J. Parran Crane, of St. Mary's; Dr. H. J. Brown, of the fourth district, and D. P. West, of the third district of Baltimore city, are Grant delegates first, last and all the time. There are also several others who are uncertain, but from their proceedings at Frederick they are expected to vote for Grant at the National Convention. The result of a careful estimate by even the opponents of the third term count a possible fourteen out of sixteen for Grant.

The result of the convention is conceded to have been anything but satisfactory to the principal men of the party in Maryland. The custom-house people are ...ribly disconcerted by the turn affairs ...taken and are disposed to lay the ...blame at the feet of Mr. Stock-...chairman of the Republican State ...Committee. A reporter of one of ...papers called at the custom-house, ...Thomas was absent. Captain ...d, the first deputy collector, how-...at his desk and attending to du-...seeming none the worse for wear ...long vigil.

"...Captain, what think you of the ...?" queried the reporter.

"...at prospect?" was the innocent ...se.

"...hy, the presidency, of course. Who ...be nominated?"

"General Grant."

"Do you really think that?"

"Yes, I do, if the train of events follow each other as successfully as Maryland has set the example."

"How did you happen to lose?"

"By the unjust action of Mr. Stockbridge."

"But how did he act unjustly?"

"Why, when he recognized the irregular delegates from Baltimore county and the second legislative district of this city."

"Were they not entitled to their seats in the convention?"

"Of course they were not; they had not been regularly elected. The whole thing was corrupt and fraudulent."

"What could have prompted Mr. Stockbridge to act in this manner?"

"The influence of J. Morrison Harris, C. Irving Ditty and a few of the other irrepressibles, who have molded him to their purpose."

"Was not the result very disappointing?"

"Yes, it was. We did not think matters would turn out as they did, although we feared that Mr. Stockbridge would act against us."

The Baltimore *Sun* of last Saturday has the following from its Washington correspondent:

Ex-Senator Creswell returned to Washington to-day from Frederick, and brought words of good cheer to the Grant people. Mr. Creswell was of the opinion that the Fulton and the custom-house wing, as he styled them, were sadly discomfited, and it is understood among the Grant people at least nine out of the sixteen delegates are for the great silent man. Mr. Blaine was woefully down in the mouth, as he had counted upon Maryland as being almost as certain for him as his own State. Mr. Blaine's friends say, however, that the Maryland delegation, no matter what their personal preference may be, will find it the wisest policy to follow the spirit of the convention's resolutions, because, if they set the example of bolting, they will absolve the Blaine men in the Pennsylvania and New York delegations from obedience to their instructions. Secretary Sherman was not very well pleased over the result in Maryland, as stated in one of the party papers, as he thought he would have a piece of the Maryland pie. He did get a very comfortable slice, however—a much bigger piece than Blaine.

DR. WM. H. COLE, who has been attached for a number of years to the staff of the Baltimore *Gazette*, and who has been the reading clerk of the House of Delegates for several sessions of the Legislature, sailed Saturday last, accompanied by his wife, in the Inman steamer City of Berlin from New York for Liverpool. Dr. Cole will spend the summer abroad and will write frequent letters from different portions of Europe to the *Gazette*. The Doctor is a veteran jour-...

THE General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session at Cincinnati, on Wednesday elected four new bishops, as follows: Cyrus D. Foss, President of the Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut; John F. Hurst, President of the Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.; Henry W. Warren, of Philadelphia, and E. O. Haven, Chancellor of the Syracuse University, N. Y.

THE Methodist Protestant General Conference meets in Pittsburg, Pa., next Friday. Forty-five or more conferences will be represented by about two hundred delegates, equally divided between ministers and laymen. At its recent session in Washington the Maryland Conference elected the following: Ministers—L. W. Bates, J. J. Murray, S. B. Southerland, J. T. Murray, E. J. Drinkhouse, W. S. Hammond, J. D. Kinzer, David Wilson, T. D. Valiant, J. T. Ward. Laymen—C. W. Button, W. J. C. Dulany, J. W. Hering, O. Hammond, W. B. Usilton, J. W. Thompson, H. F. Zollickoffer, Gaven Spence, W. G. Baker, S. H. Green.

THE Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* is authority for the statement that Mr. Hayes will not consent to another Presidential term! He declared only last Wednesday that "If a second term was tendered me on a silver platter I would not take it."

POWERS OF JUSTICES CURTAILED.—Judge Brown, of the Court of Common Pleas, Baltimore, has rendered a decision, under the provisions of the Act, chapter 200, passed at the late session of the Legislature, that "all breaches of the law, however trivial, for which fines are imposed, are elevated to the grade of criminal misdemeanors, subject to indictment by the grand jury and to trial before a petit jury." This being the law the office of a Justice of the Peace is reduced to a mere sinecure and stripped of more than one-half its former profits. The opinion of Judge Brown is given in full on our first page.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.—The farm called "Seward's Hope," above Urieville, containing 214 acres, was sold on Tuesday by C. T. Westcott, Esq., attorney for mortgagee, to Mr. James Brice, of Chestertown, for five thousand and thirty dollars.

Capt. Andrew Woodall purchased at public sale, in Elkton, last week, the James W. Morgan farm, in Sassafras Neck, Cecil county, 148 acres, for $3,800, subject to a claim of $150 30.

THE STEAMERS of the Chester River Company on Tuesday last commenced running on a new schedule. The FORD came over that afternoon looking brighter than ever, after undergoing a thorough repainting. The boats now leave Chestertown every morning at half-past seven o'clock; the Ford arrives in Baltimore at 12 M. and the Law at 1:30 P. M. Both steamers are in the best possible condition, and the company and its officers will spare no effort to give entire satisfaction to the traveling public.

THE REV. MR. GAYLORD, pastor of the Presbyterian churches of Georgetown and Kennedyville, started last Tuesday morning for Madison, Wisconsin, where he goes as a delegate from the New Castle Presbytery to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. His stay may be prolonged to five weeks, as he intends visiting his parents, residing in Kansas, before his return.

A FOX CAPTURED AND KILLED BY SOME SMALL SCHOOL BOYS.—Last Monday morning, May 10, Masters Richard Leaverton, Walter Lusby and James Taylor, pupils of the Forest School, came up with a fox, two-thirds grown, about half a mile from the school house, and actually "ran him down" and finally put an end to his earthly career by a series of well aimed blows. Let the veteran fox-hunters of Kent county take a note of this.

CHURCH FESTIVALS.—A strawberry festival and excellent supper will be given at St. Paul's P. E. Church on the evening of the 20th instant. Be sure to go.

The ladies of St. James' M. P. Church will have a Festival on the 25th and 26th instants, at the Worton Fair grounds. The usual good time may be expected.

The ladies of St. Andrew's Episcopal Chapel, Galena, will give an entertainment on the 26th and 27th instant, illustrating the old English May-Pole Games. Supper each evening.

The ladies of the M. P. Church at Kennedyville will hold a festival on the 10th, 11th and 12th of June.

All these festivals are for the benefit of church enterprises and should be liberally patronized.

LEFT FOR LEADVILLE.—Two of our citizens, Messrs. Benj. H. Gardner and Henry S. DeFord, left here Wednesday morning for Leadville, Colorado. Both are good mechanics and propose to work at their trade unless they can do better at something else. Should their report of things in that distant region be favorable others from this place will shortly join them.

STONEWALL, sold last fall by Mr. Johnson, of Millington, to Mr. Rosenfeld, of Baltimore, won the 2.32 class race at New Huntington Park, Pa., last Friday week, after a hotly contested race.—Time 2.30. It is claimed that he can trot in 2.25.

THE wool business is lively, but the fun is not all on the farmer's side. Unwashed started at 40 cents, went down to 35 last week, and the latter part of this week 36 has been the ruling price. There are numerous buyers in the market.

THE DROUGHT still continues. It has been very dusty the past week, with hot and cool days, alternating, and all kinds of vegetation is suffering badly for rain.

SPRING OPENING.—Mrs. L. J. Davis and Mrs. H. Usilton have received their new spring goods and can supply the ladies with the latest styles in the millinery line.

The opening of Mrs. Slingerland's new Spring and Summer millinery has, on account of sickness, been postponed until Saturday, 22d inst.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, May 11, 1880.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson. John C. Sutton, adm'r of Caroline A. Sutton, returned his first and final administration account of the personal estate of said deceased. Letters of administration on the personal estate of James B. Hance, were granted unto Cornelius J. Scott. Aug. L. and Samuel Vannort, adm'rs of E. Adams Vannort, returned their seventh and final administration account on the personal estate of said deceased. H. W. Vickers, adm'r c. t. a. of Geo. Vickers, returned the fourth and final administration account on the personal estate of John K. Willis, late of Kent county, deceased. Chas. T. Westcott, adm'r d. b. n. of Alexander Chaney, returned the fourth and final administration account of the personal estate of said deceased. Mrs. Sarah E. Aldridge, guardian to Sarah V. Pennington, returned her guardian account for said ward for the years 1876, 1877 and 1878. Thos. Gale and John N. Usilton, executors of John Gale, returned their seventh and final administration account of the personal estate of said deceased.

AN ERROR.—The announcement of the recent marriage of the Rev. J. M. Holmes, which has been going the rounds of the press, is untrue. It appears that his name was inadvertently put in the place of the groom's at a marriage at which he officiated.

READ advertisement of an excursion by rail to Philadelphia on Wednesday next. Round trip only $2.00, and good for four days. This is a rare chance to visit Philadelphia at a nominal figure.

HYMENEAL.—Rev. James A. Mitchell, rector of St. Paul's Church, Centreville, was married last Tuesday morning at the church, to Miss Eleanor L. McKenney, eldest daughter of Wm. McKenney, Esq. The marriage ceremony was performed by Bishop Lay.

PAINTING UP.—Mr. Jas. A. Shaw has given his store-house and shop adjoining, on Court street, a new coat of paint, and they now present a very ...

AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.—Last Tuesday morning Wm. Hill, colored, from the Kent Forest, confined in jail on the charge of assault with intent to kill, attempted to effect his escape. Sheriff Gooding had him at work with other prisoners whitewashing and cleaning up the premises, and at a certain juncture, when no one saw him, Hill started to run across the old grave-yard, in an easterly direction, and had made about one hundred yards, when he was espied by the sheriff, who put out in pursuit, and overhauled his prisoner in Dr. Geo. T. Perkins' marsh, on the suburbs of the town. Shortly after being remitted to jail, Hill was overheard by the sheriff praying very earnestly but complainingly, and saying, "Lord, thou didst deliver Daniel; why didst not Thou deliver me?" Perhaps it never occurred to William Hill that Daniel's offense did not consist of an assault with intent to kill, and that an angel was not sent down to impede the progress of the sheriff in his pursuit.

TOLCHESTER BEACH.—This attractive summer resort will be opened Thursday, May 20, on which day the "Pilot Boy" will make her first trip from Baltimore. This resort has been very much improved since last summer; twenty-five acres of ground have been added to the cool and shady groves; a new and handsome pavilion has been erected, and a bridge built across the ravine 210 feet long and 20 feet high. A number of beautiful flower-beds have been laid out and everything about the place improved and adorned. For the gratification of the little ones, the big centennial flying-horse machine, affording prancing steeds for fifty youthful riders, has been brought on from Philadelphia, and put up on the grounds. See advertisement for further particulars.

TARGET PRACTICE.—The Kent Guards resolved to have three target practices for the purpose of selecting twenty of their best marksmen to compete with the Governor's Guards in the match which is expected to take place near this town on the 9th of June. The first practice took place yesterday morning, with the following result:

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Average.
Jesse Copper	36	36	36	36
A. J. Dugan	36	33	36	35
John Chatman	36	36	6	26
J. W. Bordley	36	36	36	36
Jesse Dwyer	36	36	13½	28½
Wm. Pippin	36	36	14	28⅔
Wm. Gudgen	13	21½	36	23⅔
W. A. Biscoe	7½	36	5	16 1-6
Wm. Helmsley	36	36	36	36
James Dugan	36	36	36	36
Wm. Malin	3	11	36	16⅔
Joseph Palmer	36	36	12	28
J. L. Hamilton	5	13	10½	9½
George Hudson	36	36	36	36
T. J. Wroth	36	36	36	36
J. F. Connelly	7½	12	36	18⅙
Wm. Vannort	36	36	7½	26½
Corp'l H. Smith	10	10	6	8⅔
Sarg't Wm. A. Wheatley	36	2½	36	24 5-6
" J. N. Wheatley	36	36	8½	26 5-6
" C. W. Kennard	4½	21	23	16 1-6
" R. R. Calder	7½	36	36	26½
Lieut. T. G. DeFord	1	5½	7	4½
" T. S. Bordley	7	9	31½	15 5-6
Drum'r Walter Pippin	36	36	36	36

The figures 36 indicate that the ball did not strike the board within that many inches of the target, and the average column gives the number of inches from the "bulls-eye."

Letter from Shrewsbury.

Messrs. Editors:—Have you space in your paper for some account of the Convocation services recently held in Shrewsbury Parish? As they were of more than ordinary interest, I should like to send you a brief record of them. Many of your readers were present at the services, but others living at a distance will like to read of our recent doings in this ancient parish. This Convocation includes all the clergy of the P. E. Church in the two counties of Cecil and Kent. Of these there were present at the services Rev. G. W. Easter and Rev. S. Walker, of Cecil; Rev. J. N. Watson, Rev. S. C. Roberts, Rev. S. S. Hepbron and Rev. J. Martin, of Kent county. Bishop Lay brought with him Rev. Dr. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia, who preached the sermon on the day of consecration. Rev. S. D. Hall, former Rector of Shrewsbury, was also present and took part in the special services. In all there were five full services and two administrations of the holy communion and confirmation. The weather was charming and the congregations large—in two instances very much crowded. All seemed animated by a spirit of social kindness and religious interest.

The consecration was an imposing and interesting service and made a deep impression on all who witnessed it. The clergy, led by the Bishop, entered the church, in their robes, at the front door, where the vestry and wardens were in attendance to receive them and join in the procession, which proceeded up the centre aisle to the chancel and altar, repeating the 24th Psalm. Here the service proceeded; the clergy call the congregation standing to hear the exhortation, after which, all kneeling, the Bishop proceeded with the appointed prayers of intercession and dedication. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rector and then laid on the holy table. The usual morning service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by Rev. Wm. Hall. The sermon by Dr. Morton was an admirable discourse, full of holy comfort and encouragement to all who in humility seek to draw nigh unto God through the merits and mediation of His dear Son. "If I may but touch the hem of His garment I shall be made whole," was the text, applied in part to our drawing nigh to Him in the worship and sacraments of His house.

Wednesday night was confirmation, and the attendance was very large. Ten persons offered themselves at the altar, which, with eight at a recent confirmation at St. Andrews, Galena, makes eighteen who have been received since March to the communion of the church. The communions were largely participated in by members of adjoining parishes, who all seemed animated by a spirit of unbounded kindness and deep interest in our church work. God has greatly blessed this parish of late and increased among us the spirit of His holy fear and love, the spirit of peace and brotherly kindness.

Shrewsbury Church, architecturally considered, is not an imposing edifice, but very neat, attractive and comfortable, with a spacious and handsome chancel, sweet toned organ and fine bell. Few country churches are more attractive and convenient for public worship. The sittings are for about two hundred persons. Outside the surroundings are lovely; the quiet church yard with its many graves lies all around under the very shadow of the sanctuary. The grounds are still shaded by ancient trees, which carry one back in thought to times long ago, for they must have been already in their prime when the parish first drew breath beneath their shade two hundred years ago. M.

Letter to the Kent News.

Quiet People—The Sabbath and Preachers—Peaches—A Little Scare—That Man Under the Bed—Where to Look for Him—Tolchester.

"All is quiet along the lines" in this vicinity. I think we may justly boast of a neighborhood in which people attend chiefly to their own business, though "people will talk" everywhere, you know.

The religious portion of the community had every opportunity to enjoy worship last Sabbath. Mr. Little discoursed at St. James in the morning to a full house on the justice of God, and of course ran against Universalism to some extent. His argument, drawn from the perfection of *all* the divine attributes and the twofold nature of that of justice as relates to God himself and his creature man, was both novel and strong. At the same hour service was held in St. Paul's, and though unable to be present, have learned that it was an impressive one. Bishop Lay preached the sermon to a crowded house. The discourse was founded, I learn, on 4th Eph., 31, 32, and is spoken of as an exceedingly appropriate and forcible exposition of the topic, the proper government of the temper. The Bishop is always interesting and impressive. A class of nine, seven ladies and two gentlemen, were confirmed. At 3 P. M. Presiding Elder Martindale preached at Salem to a good congregation, on God's personal presence with His people. It was a practical, plain sermon, and full of vigorous thought. Mr. M. is a pleasant and effective speaker.

Peaches promise yet an abundant crop in this vicinity, and may be considered out of danger from frost, at least. Rain is badly needed for most crops, including peaches.

Quite a little scare occurred at one of our neighbor's recently. Two young ladies were there on a brief visit. On retiring for the night they must of necessity look under the bed to see that no man was thereunder. This being the last thing done always, one of them stooped down to make the examination, when oh! horrors! there he was. A scream and a rush for the door, and they were soon in the bedchamber of their host and hostess, scared out of their wits. An explanation followed. The man was a man of straw, and the whole thing a merry joke perpetrated by the youthful husband and wife. The moral is, never look *under* the bed for a man, but *in it*. There is where a sensible man might be expected to be found.

Tolchester Beach will re-open on the 20th with additional attractions. SIMON SHARP.

A NEW enemy to grain has made its appearance in St. Mary's county. Multitudes of small green bugs invade the oat fields and corn land wheat and threaten to destroy the entire crop.

Chesterville and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—Trustee Jacobs, late a member of the Almshouse board, who is well known for his philanthropy and good deeds to his fellow man, knowing, we presume, how fast we were approaching poverty, called on Wednesday of last week and offered to transfer us free to the almshouse. As his authority as a county official would end with that day, and he would be compelled to vacate his lucrative (!) position to give place to another, we thought it best to avail ourself of his kind offer and go while we had a chance. Putting on our appearance "duds" (for you know, though poor, all men like to appear well) we were soon in the official vehicle and bound westward. From Chesterville to Chestertown the road is quite familiar, and nothing remarkable occurred, unless it was the few drops of rain that fell gently to the earth while we were ascending the hill nigh unto the Temple of Knowledge. Passing on through the town the first live thing we saw was the telephone—the next dead thing we *smell* was the phosphate factories. The former being connected with the latter, presented a strange sight—a link between the living and the dead. Of these factories there are four, we believe, the scent of which extends far and wide. However that may be, the erection of the same shows enterprise, and may serve to keep some of the vast sums of money spent in fertilizers at home. The next object of interest is the old mill, a relict of the eighteenth century. It looks as though it had been built a hundred years ago, and but little had been done for it in the meantime. Probably its insides have been renewed, while the outside has been let alone. It needs a touch of Yankee enterprise. This point passed, a fine plateau of country presents itself, forming one of the most desirable farming districts we ever saw. As is often said, Kent county has within its borders thousands of acres of the very best and most easily tilled farming lands in the United States. Among the most noticeable estates on our way to the almshouse was that of Mr. Henry W. Carvill, whose spacious brick residence and other surroundings at once attract the eye of the stranger. There were other places, not so fine in appearance, but perhaps equally deserving of notice, but, as you know, space will not permit. Arrived at our destination, we find one substantial, commodious frame building, erected for the overseer, his family and friends. When this was built the projectors must have thought that the two latter would be quite numerous, and hence the ample house room. Immediately back of this stands a two-story brick house, divided off in comfortable apartments, in which are quartered the white unfortunates who are depending upon the charities of the county for support. The rooms were clean and cheerful looking, and the accommodations were as good, perhaps, as the county feels able to afford. Among the inmates were some pleasant, cheery faces, which looked as though they might have a little sunshine to share with some of the other afflicted and less fortunate occupants. Some of the female inmates, also, seem to be quite agile as well as demonstrative. For instance, while the board was inspecting, one made a sudden dart—trustee Jacobs made as sudden a one, and trustee Ford received the fond embrace. By the by, it is said that Mr. Ford is quite a favorite with the ladies of the institution, and it was really surprising how well Mr. Hyland, the new member of the board, took with the same individual. To the left of this house stands the *poorer* house. Here are located the colored population, with the exception that one end of the building, entirely separate from the rest, is occupied by a white lady and her children. In this latter house the accommodations are as good as one could expect. The occupants can be comfortable, but a lack of tidiness is very manifest. This, we presume, is not in accordance with the desire of the overseer, but owing greatly to the nature and habits of the colored race. Among the people to be found at this institution are some very aged ones, who have been there for many years, but who still cling tenaciously to life as if it were by far too precious to let go. Among the latter is "Aunt Sallie," a very small and decrepit creature, who lies in bed and sleeps the most of her weary hours away, while old Time is gradually stealing, inch by inch, all that is mortal of her. If we had our way there are some reforms we would inaugurate at the almshouse, but as we can't have that, we will not even suggest them.

While partaking of the good dinner provided by Mr. Copper, on the occasion, we thought it would be a good place to stay; but upon inspecting our quarters, should we be compelled to take up our abode, we changed our mind and prevailed upon our friend to take us back. We were not a little surprised, as well as pleased, also, to meet at the almshouse such company as Dr. Perkins, Thos. S. Wickes, T. W. Russell, Jno. Bell, Frank Wright, Mr. Webster, and another Mr. Wickes, from the "Neck." If these should remain, then we *might* secure rooms at the big house and board at the big table, with overseer Copper as host, and what a time we'd have! There would then be such grand overseeing and farming done as the county has not witnessed before! The old board wound up; the new board swore in; the new mares and the new colts were inspected, as the farm and garden had been; and as the sun was setting the trustees and others getting—to their homes, and this ends the chapter.

A movement is now on foot to build a Methodist Episcopal Church at Locust Grove. A society was formed there several years since, and it has of late received accessions from a revival just closed. A church is needed there, and we think the prospect is good for securing one soon.

The Chesterville M. E. Sunday school, now larger and in a more flourishing condition than for years past, is preparing to observe the Centennial Sunday school service, on the last Sunday in this month. Among the new features of this school is an adult Bible class, taught by S. W. Aldridge, Esq.

Harrison & Bro. have erected a fine new mansion in Crumpton. It is built in modern style, with late improvements and conveniences, and when finished will prove quite attractive. Mr. Reese Woodall is the contractor and builder.

The evangelists closed their labors at Still Pond on Monday night. On that occasion there were thirteen at the altar, ten of whom were converted. "Sentinel" will probably give you the result of the meeting. His last week's criticisms of the evangelists, however, we thought, were a little unjust and too severe. And this is *all* we have to say about it. WALTER.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

CLUB ROOM, May 10, 1880.

Messrs. Editors:—Farmers are very busy; even those who have finished planting corn have so many things that they have put off until that was done, that unless there is something very attractive before the association they give their individual business the preference. The debate today from the nature of the question, "Have the meetings of the association been sufficiently instructive to pay the members for their attendance?" partook of the nature of an experience meeting, and it was encouraging that every member who spoke testified to the value derived from the meetings, either financially, intellectually or socially, or in all of these ways; where there has been a failure it has been the fault of the member. The weekly contact with so many good farmers, with the opportunity and the perfect freedom for the interchange of views, cannot fail to broaden the views, expand the intellect and arouse the enthusiasm of the members. Some make a great mistake and injure themselves as well as the association, by viewing the meetings simply as a place of entertainment; if something exciting is likely to happen or deeply interesting to themselves, they attend; otherwise not. The meetings should be considered as a normal school, where each scholar is bound to contribute to the general good. Probably selfishness is the greatest hindrance to complete success. When the duties of membership are conscientiously admitted and fully met by the members, then and then only will the best results be had by association. Membership implies something more than voting at the annual meeting and viewing the horse-racing. As well might members of a trading firm say, "Oh, well, the other partners may manage the business," and expect success, as for our members to refuse to do their part and expect the meetings to be a real good. Let us be helpful outside of self.

The question for next Monday, May 17, is "How can the meetings of the club be made more attractive and useful?" We hope that those who think there is room for improvement will come out and give the association the benefit of their views.

The anniversary has been postponed, as speakers could not be obtained for the time appointed.

The loss of the annual appropriation from the State will make it necessary to conduct the finances of the association much more carefully than heretofore. With a clear income of $1,000 a year a margin was left for contingencies; but it the society is conducted in the true interests of agriculture it can be made not only self-sustaining but can add yearly to its wealth—otherwise not. PARTICEPS.

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.

AN Eastern Shore mule has kicked once too often. Launching out with a mule's characteristic disregard for what may be in his way, he kicked over a beehive, and before he had time to gaze upon the ruin he had made, he and his companion in harness were attacked by thousands of the hive's angry denizens. Both animals died the next day.

OVERWORKED CHILDREN.—A German physician, who has been giving attention to the lassitude and habitual headaches of children, says that he finds the trouble to be largely on the increase. He attributes the cause to excessive intellectual exertion, which ambitious parents, instead of checking, as they should do, are inclined to stimulate and spur up on all occasions. Children who have a variety of subjects to study up and do much night work are almost invariably exposed to these disorders, caused entirely by exhaustion of the brain. A London physician, commenting upon the German's observations, remarks that he has sometimes found the brain to be growing faster than the skull which contained it. "What seemed like a great stupidity was for a time the result, but in time the skull effected its enlargement and the brain was relieved." A brain overworked in childhood prepares a man for great evils later in life.

CAMBRIDGE and Crisfield have been having lots of fun with one another for several years over the mosquitoes. The following in the Crisfield *Leader* opens the fight for the present season: "An act to add certain other sections to Article 150 of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled 'Wild Fowl.' Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, that it shall be unlawful for any mosquito, gnat, flea or sheep-fly to visit the towns of Cambridge and St. Michaels. Section 2. And be it enacted, that any mosquito, gnat, sand-flea or sheep-fly caught violating the provisions of the preceding section shall be deemed a common nuisance and shall be 'spanked' on the 'spot' till its nose bleeds. Section 3. And be it enacted, that this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

IT is said that the usual camp-meeting, under the auspices of the Rehoboth Beach Association, will not be held this year. The new chapel is now under way, and is being constructed under the supervision of W. J. Hooper, President of the Association. In lieu of the camp-meeting there will be a continued series of religious meetings, under charge of the preachers of the Dover district. Arrangements for these meetings are now being perfected, and they will probably be held almost daily during the season.

WORCESTER county is said to have become unintentionally a local option county. The law passed by the last legislature is reported as providing that all applicants for license to sell liquor must first be recommended by the grand jury at the term of court next preceding the first day of May. As the time has passed no licenses can be recommended before next spring. There is considerable anxiety among the tavern-keepers, and they have closed their bars until the true state of affairs can be ascertained.

JAMES BISHOP, of Selbyville, Delaware, has come into possession of a fortune of $50,000. He thinks this fortune removes him from all legal restraints, as he is able to pay for any infraction of the law. The other day, in Snow Hill, he drove his Chincoteague ponies through town faster than the ordinance allows. He was arrested and fined five dollars, which he paid. He immediately repeated the offence, and the same penalty was enforced five times. "A fool and his money," &c.

BEN GREEN, a colored man who was convicted at Centreville last Saturday of robbing Mr. W. T. Dean, attempted to escape from the officers as he was being taken from court to jail, but was overhauled after a short chase and taken back to prison.

PRODUCE commission men have been looking around among the Peninsula orchards and report the peach prospect good, so far as New Castle co. and the Eastern Shore counties are concerned.

IT has been decided to hold a camp-meeting at Camden this year, commencing on Wednesday, August 11th.

FARMERS say that the wheat crop will be ready to harvest earlier than usual this year.

DIED:

Near Galena, on the 26th of April, Capt. JAMES B. HANCE, in the 76th year of his age.

In Quaker Neck, May 10th, MARIETTA, wife of John W. Loud, aged 42 years.

At Lankford, on the 9th instant, MARY E. M., wife of Edgar H. Strong and daughter of the late Robert A. and Ann C. Gamble, aged 31 years.

At Locust Grove, on Friday night, May 7th, SUSAN KELLEY, aged 75 years. [Baltimore papers please copy.]

Near Locust Grove, on Monday afternoon last, of typhoid-pneumonia, JOHN W. REDGRAVES, in the 49th year of his age. [Cecil papers copy.]

At the residence of his son-in-law, Rev. N. McQuay, in Georgetown, Del., April 30, WM. H. STANLEY, of Still Pond, Kent county, Md., aged 66 years. [Talbot and Cecil papers copy.]

At her residence near Battershell Hill, on the 7th instant, of consumption, MARY McLAIN, wife of Thomas McLain, aged 44 years.

LINES ON THE DEATH OF ISAAC LAWRENCE CULLY.

Why should we mourn for our dear departed
friends when we know that it is the work of an
all wise God, in thus removing them from
a world full of cares and troubles. God in his
infinite wisdom has called our dear brother Law-
rence to his eternal home ere the cares of this life
had been laid on his young mind. His parents
have lost a good and obedient son, one that was
ever willing to go at their bidding, no matter how
hard it was. Sisters and brothers miss a kind
brother. His seat in the Sabbath school is now
vacant, no more to be filled by his presence.

Gone, on the verge of thy beautiful youth;
Gone, in life's beautiful morn;
Gone, ere the burdens of noonday
Thy willing shoulders had borne.

Gone, when the prayers of thy loved ones
Fain would have chained thee to earth.
Gone, leaving home in deep sorrow;
Gone, sadening places of mirth.

Gone, robbing home of its music,
Turning its songs into tears.
No more thy melodious strains
Fall on our listening ears.

Oh, hushed be the song and the lute,
Drape earth in mourning to day;
Let all the bright warblers grow mute
For ours has hushed its sweet lay.

Thy school-mates they gather at noon time
Out on the once merry lawn,
But the games have all lost their pleasures
For one of their leaders has gone.

Father forgive; but tell me why
Thou callest our darling to rest.
Listen, child, let your darling reply,
The Lord knoweth what is best.

Weep for the living, not for the dead
Saved from the evil to come;
Angels will guard their lowly bed,
And finally gather them home.

Oh, listen to the Saviour's voice;
He sometimes wounds to cure,
He bids you cast your grief on him
And he'll help you to endure.

And when thro' trials you reach that land
Where weary ones find rest;
When you can know and understand
Then you'll say, God knew best.

Gone but not forgotten. MOTHER & SISTER.

JUST RECEIVED—a superior brand of Flour, the "Sunny South," for sale by the barrel, bag or pound.
Also, Fresh Groceries.
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May 1—3t*

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EXHIBITION!
PROFESSOR BRITON, of Baltimore, will give one of his GRAND MICROSCOPICAL VIEWS of Palestine, &c., at PINEY NECK M. E. CHURCH on *Thursday evening next*, May 20th. If rainy it will take place Thursday, May 27th. For the benefit of the Church building. 1t.

Strawberry Festival and Supper!
AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,
THURSDAY AFTERNOON, May 20th.
SUPPER, consisting of Fish, Oysters, and all the delicacies of the season, served in the best style. Supper tickets 50c. Strawberries, Ice Cream and Cake in profusion. 1t.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!
ON TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 25th and 26th days of May, the Ladies of St. James' M. P. Church will give a FESTIVAL at the Worton Fair Grounds, for the benefit of the Parsonage. Festivities will commence in the afternoon and continue till 10 P. M.
SUPPER each evening. Also, Vocal and Instrumental Music. A cordial invitation extended to the public. 2t.

FESTIVAL!
THE Ladies of the Meth. Protestant Church of Kennedyville will hold a FESTIVAL for the benefit of the Church and Sabbath School, on the Church Green on