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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....MAY 22, 1880

POLITICAL NOTICE.

The Democratic and Conservative voters of Kent county are hereby notified to assemble in their respective Election Districts at the usual places of holding elections therein, in primary meetings, on SATURDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF MAY INSTANT, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of selecting five delegates from each of said Districts to a County Convention hereby called to convene at Chestertown, on Tuesday, the 1st day of June next, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of choosing three delegates to represent the county in the Democratic State Convention which is called to meet in Baltimore, on Wednesday, the 9th day of June next, for the purpose of selecting two delegates from each Congressional District and four delegates from the State at large to the National Democratic Convention to be held at Cincinnati on June 22d next, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, and for the nomination of Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, favorable to the election of the Democratic nominees for President and Vice President of the United States to be made by the Convention to be held at Cincinnati as aforesaid.

In pursuance of the request of the Democratic State Central Committee, made at its last meeting, in Baltimore city, on April 28th, 1880, the following gentlemen are requested to act as Judges at said Primary Meetings in their respective Districts, provided, the meeting decides to ballot for delegates, and in the first and third districts the first named Judge will, at the hour specified, call the meeting to order, and preside until the selection of a Chairman. The Judges have power to fill vacancies and appoint their clerks.

First District—William Cacy, William M. Gilpin, Richard F. Moffett.

Second Dist.—Daniel U. Dewees, H. Creighton Wallis, William S. Busick.

Third Dist.—Samuel H. Crawford, James S. Gemmill, James C. Roseberry.

Fourth Dist.—George W. T. Perkins, John R. Gray, James P. DeCorse.

Fifth Dist.—Benjamin F. Beck, Dr. Samuel G. Fisher, S. A. J. Wickes.

MARION deK. SMITH,
DAVID JONES,
JOHN F. BEEKS,
Democratic-Conservative State Central Committee for Kent County.

May 20, 1880.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES were held in Baltimore on Tuesday for five delegates from each ward to compose a new city convention to direct party affairs for the ensuing year. The result is claimed as a sweeping victory for what are called the "regulars," or those at present controlling in the city, the opposition carrying only the first and eighth wards.

SENATOR JOHN B. GORDON has sent in his resignation to the Governor of Georgia as United States Senator, to take effect immediately. The Governor has accepted his resignation and has appointed ex-Gov. Joseph E. Brown in his place. This action of Senator Gordon will naturally excite surprise, as no intimation of such a purpose on his part has publicly transpired, and it will also occasion much regret.

LAST Monday the Baltimore *Sun* entered upon its forty-fourth year, and we believe that, "always prosperous and profitable, it is doing to-day, as its columns abundantly testify, a better and more productive business than ever before." The *Sun* is one of our very best exchanges, and we could scarcely get along without it.

THE New York Senate has adopted a resolution proposing a female suffrage amendment to the State constitution, but as it has to be passed also by the Assembly, then adopted in the next legislature, and finally voted favorably upon by the people in 1881 before becoming a law, the women need not be in a hurry to prepare themselves for discharging at the polls the highest functions of citizenship.

CONFEDERATE DECORATION DAY at Winchester, Virginia, takes place this year on the 5th of June, at which time there will be a monument erected in the cemetery to the memory of the Maryland boys who gave their lives to "The Lost Cause." The Fifth Regiment will go from Baltimore, and many others from that city and the counties of the State. Gov. Holliday will deliver the annual address. The occasion will be a most interesting one.

A LITTLE more than a week from to-day about 25,000 persons will be employed in taking the national census. The census of 1870 gave as the total population of the United States 38,558,371, showing a rapid increase over that of 1860. If the ratio of increase has kept pace with that of the ten years preceding the seventh census, the present population may be safely estimated at 55,000,000, outstriping every other nationality on the globe. Foreign emigration has added largely to swell the tide of numerical strength. The entire work of enumeration is to be completed in thirty days.

A BOAT RACE took place Wednesday afternoon upon the Potomac at Washington between Edward Hanlan, of Toronto, Canada, and Charles E. Courtney, of Union Springs, N. Y., for $6,000, the purse having been made up by outside parties. The distance was five miles, and was made by Hanlan in 36 minutes and 49 seconds, Courtney giving up the contest after rowing about two miles, claiming to have been attacked by violent headache as soon as he got in his boat. It is estimated that 100,000 people lined the shores of the river and boarded the water craft to witness the race.

SANFORD E. CHURCH, LL. D., chief justice of the Court of Appeals of New York, and a leading lawyer and politician of that State, died on the 14th inst., aged sixty-five. Judge Church was an eminent jurist, a native of Otsego county, and always prominent in the councils of the democratic party. He was a favorite of the country democracy, and accepted as their leader in opposition to the followers of Mr. Tilden. He was Lieutenant-Governor of the State in 1850 and in 1852, and in 1857 was elected comptroller. In 1870 Gov. Hoffman appointed him chief justice. He has several times been put forward by his New York admirers as their favorite for the presidency, but he has not latterly taken an active part in politics. He was a clear-headed, able jurist and a speaker of great force and eloquence. The funeral took place at Albion, N. Y., Tuesday, attended by the leading members of the State judiciary and bar and many other persons. The public buildings and places of business were draped in mourning, and business was generally suspended. Bishop Coxe officiated. Some 8,000 people attended.

THE investigation into the outrage on the colored cadet Whittaker is rapidly drawing to a close. Whittaker's position throughout has not been an enviable one. He was placed before the public as a guilty man, and he asked a committee to vindicate his innocence. The committee asked for was appointed, and experts were summoned to trace the writer of the mysterious note of warning. As a general thing, experts are noted for the fervor with which they contradict each other and the seemingly logical arguments which they bring to bear in order to support their respective theories. In this case they have examined many specimens of writing and are unanimous in the opinion that Whittaker himself wrote it. To prove the truth of this conclusion, it is shown that the note was written on a piece of paper torn from a sheet found in Whittaker's room, and on the remainder of which he had begun a letter to his mother. This leaves no doubt in the minds of an unprejudiced people. Although the decision of the investigating committee has not been announced, there can be no doubt that Whittaker will be dismissed from the academy, upon the students of which he has endeavored to fasten the stigma of his own evil doing; and, in the face of the fact, no one can question the justice of such a proceeding.

ATTACK BY HIGHWAYMEN.—On Monday night last, shortly before ten o'clock, as Mr. Chas. T. Dill was returning to this town from a trip up the county, he was attacked on the flats just beyond Morgan's Creek Bridge by two negro highwaymen, who demanded his horse and carriage, saying that they were going to Middletown and preferred riding to walking, and at the same time siezing his horse on either side by the bridle. One of the darkies is described as being very large and the other quite small. Having no pistol with him, Mr. Dill dismounted and dealt the small negro a heavy blow over the head with the butt of his whip, when the larger man assaulted him and a fearful struggle ensued, Mr. Dill himself being a very strong man. Finally he succeeded in getting his knife open and cut the man in the abdomen and afterwards in the back, and left him lying by the roadside, the smaller one in the meantime effecting his escape. Nothing has since been heard of the wounded man.

HYMENEAL.—Society circles of Chestertown were astir about a month ago over the announced nuptials of one of their young members, Dr. W. Frank Hines to Miss Mollie Emory, formerly of this town, but lately residing in Queen Anne's county. The nuptials were consummated on Thursday evening last at 8 o'clock in St. Paul's Prot. Episcopal Church, Centreville, by the rector, Rev. James A. Mitchell. We are informed that a large company of the friends of the bride and groom from Queen Anne's and Kent counties and Baltimore city filled the church. The party reached the church at the appointed hour, and as the organ peeled forth Mendelsshon's Grand Wedding March they proceeded up the aisle of the church, accompanied by the three ushers, Mr. Thomas L. Hines, (brother of the groom,) Dr. C. P. Gilpin and Mr. John N. Sparks. In accordance with the latest customs there were no bridesmaids or groomsmen. After the ceremony the party took carriages for Chestertown, accompanied by the friends who went down in the afternoon.

THE County Commissioners have executed a lease to the Town Hall Company of the lot bordering seventy-eight feet on High street and running back to a depth of forty-eight feet on Market Space, and lying between the market house and the old Methodist church building. This will leave a space of 15 feet between the town hall and the market house and twelve feet at the upper end of the lot. A town hall is greatly needed in this place, and if liberal stock subscriptions are made by our citizens the erection of the building will be soon commenced.

THE new Building and Loan Association commenced operations last Monday under very flattering circumstances—about 250 shares of stock were subscribed for, and $675.00 paid in. The Stock Books will be open for several weeks yet, so that those persons who failed to get in at the first meeting can subscribe by paying back the dues from the beginning. Many farmers and persons residing at a distance are subscribing for stock. We are informed that money will be loaned on Monday night next.

VISIT OF AN EDITOR.—W. Scott Way, Esq., editor of the *Middletown Transcript*, was in Chestertown on Monday and called to see us. This was his first visit to our town. He expressed himself as pleased with its location, though surprised to see so many old and new buildings in close proximity. Bro. Way is a ready writer, with a humorous vein when disposed to indulge it, and we prize his paper as one of our most interesting exchanges.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE.—The large market basket of Wm. Perkins, the well known caterer of the "Rising Sun Saloon," found its way to our sanctum a few days since. An examination of its contents disclosed "Bill's" annual treat of ice cream, strawberries and cake, of superior quality. His saloon is fitted up in handsome style, and he is prepared to accommodate the public with all the delicacies of the season.

THE valuable real estate of Dr. T. H. Whaland, contiguous to this town, consisting of a nicely located farm and one of the best mill seats in this section of country, is advertised to be sold on the 15th of June. Additional descriptive matter is contained in the advertisement in this issue. It is not often that such an opportunity for profitable investment is presented to purchasers.

FESTIVALS.—M. E. Church South, Chesterville, May 24 and 25.

St. James', Worton, at the Fair Grounds, May 25 and 26.

St. Andrew's, Galena, May 26 and 27.

M. P. Church, Chestertown, at the Town Hall, May 28 and 29.

Catholic Church, Chestertown, June 1 and 2.

M. P. Church, Kennedyville, June 10, 11 & 12.

THE FACULTY OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE desire to return thanks for the gift to the Library of three volumes of Scharf's History of Maryland, the Rivised Code of Maryland 1878, and Wingate's Maryland Register. They were received from Annapolis, but without indication of the source from whence they came.

ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNT VERNON SOCIETY.—Professor J. P. Rowley has been selected by the Mount Vernon Literary Society of Washington College, to deliver the Anniversary Address before the Society, on the 3d of July.

THE potato bug is about again in large numbers. Alum dissolved in warm water and sprinkled over potato vines infested with these bugs will have the same effect as Paris green, costs less and is not poisonous.

THE town of Milton, Pa., was nearly destroyed by fire last week. Some 600 houses were burned and about 1,500 persons made homeless. The forest fires in New Jersey raged last week, and hundreds of acres of forest timber and cranberry bog were destroyed. The loss reaches high into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

THE Snow Hill *Messenger* says it is acknowledged on all sides that the present oyster law is the best we have ever had.

ALL but five of the republican newspapers in Pennsylvania favor Blaine.

Letter from Still Pond.

Messrs. Editors:—There is a large trade done here in wool. That jolly old patriarch, John B. Parrott, has, amongst his other accomplishments, added that of "wool gathering." He is a square old fellow, who will do as he says and keeps his promises, hence your readers will do well to get the "wool from over their eyes" and bring it to him and receive therefor a good price in cash.

Again, we have very skillful farriers and veterinary artists. Men who can repair an old horse, convert him into a "Goldsmith Maid," affix a set of electric shoes upon his pegs, suitable to all the corns, inequalities and diseases of the feet, and pump 2:14 out of him, and not on a "plank road" either. We propose to make things lively at the agricultural fair this fall. Bring on your "old hacks" without delay. "There's millions in it." Anything with over two legs will do.

Since our late revival we acknowledge there is a tendency towards Esau and the wicked things of time. There is no question but that some of us would have done better to have gone at once over to the "silent majority" while we were purified; and it is very questionable indeed whether we shall ever be as good again. Beelzebub, that old villian, seems to be coming to life again; he twitches fearfully. Nevertheless having no hoof, horns or tail, he can only utter sulphur and profanity.

It is asserted on plausible authority that our hotels are to be turned into drug stores, and one of these public institutions has a physician already employed who prescribes for the patients, that is to say, those who suffer with *chronic drought*. Thus the "world moves."

Rain is wanting badly. On thin lands and hill sides the wheat is suffering, and perhaps a good shower would help it everywhere. Grass, vegetables and corn really need it. But it is coming; the tides are getting high, and before this takes the form of type all nature will most probably rejoice in the refreshing element. But we may be mistaken, after all—nor does it make much difference, except the discomfort of dust; for is it not decreed that the world shall be destroyed in 1881, and by fire? Judging by the conflagrations north and south, volcanoes, coal oil, the fair sex, fiery, double-tailed comets, &c., the combustion will take place early in January. Poor people will at least have little expense in the way of fuel and no suffering from cold. So, Messrs. Editors, we see another evidence of the consolation which is to be found in every affliction. Peaches seem to be all right. Last week's frost appears not to have injured them; but we can't tell for a month or more. When they reach the size of hickory nuts, we shall see if they will *hold or fall*. ZACCHEUS.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

CLUB ROOM, May 17, 1880.

Messrs. Editors:—The attendance to-day was better, but there was quite room for a member or two more. A very liberal resolution was sustained, granting the use of the grounds and buildings to St. James' M. P. Church, and also to all other churches, Sunday schools and temperance organizations in the neighborhood, when not wanted by the club.

The interest of the occasion centred in the regular question, "How can the meetings be made more profitable and interesting?" A number of ways were mentioned, and among them the following: To have shedding and shelter for the horses and carriages of members; to obtain a good library; to appropriate a fund for the paying for instructive lectures, say monthly, by educated and scientific gentlemen; to arrange so that one meeting monthly shall be so conducted as to make it pleasant for ladies to attend and to invite them; to ornament the hall with pictures, &c., so as to give it an attractive appearance; to make all standing committees elective; to interest all the members by giving each one a part in managing the association and transacting its business, thus taking the control out of the hands of two or three; to use a portion of the grounds for agricultural experiments; to revise the constitution in such a way as it will be intelligible. I am compelled to say that the most of these ways did not meet with favor from the majority of the speakers, nor did they offer anything better in their places.

Question for May 24, "Is it to the interest of the society to continue the regular meetings during the busy season, say from June to October?" As the membership has no hand in anything except the discussion of the regular question, I don't think it matters much one way or the other. PARTICIPES.

A Concert to Come Off.

Messrs. Editors:—One of the great events of the season, soon to take place in our town, is a concert to be given by the choir led by Mr. R. K. Pippin, who will be assisted by Miss Lilly Hall, Miss Robena Watkins, Miss Delmar Bordley, Miss Lulie Harris, Miss Belle Pippin, and Messrs. T. S. and J. W. Bordley, all of whom are famous in song. It will doubtless be a grand affair, and I think it not improper that the public should be apprised of it in advance, so that the people may prepare to come from the north, the east, the south, the west, and secure their tickets in time, lest they may not be able to secure seats. The entertainment will be for the benefit of the Kent Guards, and they are composed of such a fine-looking set of fellows and are so popular that anything for their benefit creates a sort of enthusiasm among our people. Ladies, you had better commence to arrange your toilets, and gentlemen you had better be preparing to accompany your ladies to the concert, for you know they are particularly fond of music, especially when they can be escorted by a nice beaux. I tell you, Messrs. Editors, as perhaps you already know, there is talent in this company of singers, for who has forgotten the Odd Fellows' recent entertainment at which they sang so superbly? Hoping that the coming affair may be a grand success is the fervent wish of your humble correspondent. B. B. W.

BISHOP HURST.—Rev. John F. Hurst, D. D., who has just been elected one of the bishops by the M. E. General Conference, is a native of Dorchester county, Md., where he was born August 17, 1834. He is a nephew of the late John Hurst, of Baltimore, and brother of Mrs. J. F. Kurtz, of Cambridge. He was educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., and Halle University, Germany. In 1858 he entered the Methodist ministry, and in 1866 went to Germany to take charge of the theological instruction in the Martin Mission Institute, Bremen. For five years he remained in Germany, with occasional visits to all the leading European countries, and in 1870 made the tour of the East. In the same year he accepted the professorship of theology in the Drew Theological Seminary, at Madison, New York. In May, 1873, he was made president of the same seminary, which position he still fills, in connection with the chair of ecclesiastical history. He has published many translations of German works of reference on church history, and the following original works: "History of Rationalism," "Outlines of Bible and Church History" and "Martyrs to the Tract Cause." He has in preparation a "History of the Church," which is intended to cover the entire period down to the present time.

WHEAT has headed out, but it is feared the drouth has much interfered with the size and development of the head and grain. The crop will be ready to harvest earlier than usual this year.

OUR Chesterville letter this week contains a full account of the recent frightful coal oil accident at Spry's Gate, by which a child received fatal injuries, and a man was also seriously burned.

THE M. E. Sunday School of this town are making preparations for an excursion to Annapolis and Washington in the early part of June.

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.

GEO. W. BARNES, proprietor of the famous Carpenter's Point fishery, on the North East river, Cecil county, died Sunday, after a long illness. For nearly a quarter of a century he has resided at the Point, and by his extensive fishing operations given it the name and fame it enjoys.

Two white and five colored men were publicly whipped at New Castle, Del., Saturday, one of them, a colored burglar, receiving forty very heavy lashes, which brought the blood freely. Another one was a boy of ten years, who received five light lashes for larceny.

THE *Press* has discovered in Philadelphia three colored centenarians, one of them being Louisa Morris, a native of Berlin, Worcester county. She recollected seeing the revolutionary soldiers. Her mother lived to be 111 years of age.

CAMP-MEETING.—The quarterly conference of the M. E. Church at Centreville has decided to hold a camp-meeting the coming season at Wye. The time has not yet been designated.

THE Rev. William J. Bain, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pocomoke City, died on the 13th inst., in the 35th year of his age. He leaves a wife and a little son.

At the recent session of the Dorchester county Circuit Court a witness was declared incompetent because he was found to be an infidel in matters of religion.

A. H. RUSSELL has sold his harness stock in Middletown to A. M. Russell, who will continue the business. Mr. A. H. Russell has accepted a position in Baltimore.

Lynch's and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—That brimstone and baby letter from Still Pond made some ripple on the sea of society, and its author has been hunted with strong English and knitted brows. First an M. D. was charged with the "outrage," then a prospective M. D., and now it is saddled on a follower of George FOX. That fellow had better learn a little caution, or he might endanger that gray, ash colored, cineritious, fibrous, medullary portion of his hemisphere; or, as Wilkinson would say, "get some of his cerebral screws loosened." Phrenologically speaking, we should take him to be a man of small head at imitation, but wide at combativeness; expressing the sharpest things directly to a man's face, and always the worst to begin with.

There is a good deal of sickness around, and vegetation begins to look sick, too. God governs the world, however, and rain will come all in His own good time, for He is much more mindful of our wants than we are of our duties.

Of all the deserving and worthy preachers in our county, none are more entitled to the sympathy of the entire community or the earnest, zealous co-operation of his membership, than the pastor of Still Pond; and I am pleased to note increased congregations with other favorable omens of prosperity.

The evangelists are gone, and the air is thick with rumors concerning them. The gossips are indeed having a refreshing season. They cost the community about seventy-five dollars in cash, a good lot of money to pay for two weeks' work, and that, too, to people who claim to be more than commonly exercised for souls, and who are reported, also, to be rich in this world's store. Mr. Purdy is beyond all question a religious monomaniac, not yet up to Freeman, the Pocasset lunatic, that killed his own child and said God told him to do it; nor yet up to Tom McBirney, who took a little girl under his arm and commenced pounding her, saying that God had directed him to kill her. Among many crazy tales that Mr. Purdy told, was one that when he got one of his children burnt up, God told him if he (Purdy) stopped preaching He would burn up the whole family, house and all. But with all Mr. P.'s cranks, he is not too crazy to despise filthy lucre, as is evidenced by his unwillingness to share the spoils with his helps. When an eye and a-half is on the dollar, people will doubt and suspect. The writer has a few dollars invested in an evangelist out in Michigan; another of our citizens has a gold watch and another a fine hat, and yet when that fellow passed this way he was more than ordinarily crammed with righteousness and had made startling conquests for the cause of truth.

Through Mrs. Kenney, a good many—mostly children—have been added to the church at Still Pond, and it is to be hoped that the groundwork of their faith is neither servile fear or emotional; for the truth remains that good fruit is not gathered either in or after a hurricane. An intelligent man said to me during the excitement: "I was raised a Methodist and my mother was a Methodist, but if I have got to undergo all this to be a Methodist I shall go somewhere else."

Complaint comes from Chesterville of unjust criticism. There comes also from Chesterville a gentleman that was quite attentive to Mrs. Kenney during her stay at Still Pond. Most excellent "Walter," are you really Bro. Jones? We do not design to be unjust to any human being. It would be nice though to have Mrs. K. settle among us.

Work on the new church is suspended, on account of failure to get lumber.

Warm weather has improved the health of Louis Hepbron. Richard Rasin is on the sick list, but he can't be induced to give up tobacco.

Isaac Dwyer says fishermen have done tolerably well this season. SENTINEL.

Letter from Galena.

Messrs. Editors:—Galener is nearly gone dead. I guess she's got the consumption or yaller fever. She's hardly got life enough in her to hold her name; but, Messrs. Editors, if she could only git a little whiskey down and then to liven her up, she'd come right out like a new horse on a 2:20 heat. It's a doggoned shame she can't git it—durn if it ain't; don't you think so? It's purty hard on us fellows here when we want to "smile" before breakfast; if we happen "to be out" just about that time, we have to walk a mile or so before we can even git a *smell*; but when we *do* git a smell *we smell her right*. Sometimes excursions come up to Georgetown from Baltimore; then we git some of our church friends, go down and have a good time in general (on the sly.) It would do your eyes good to see how them old "lager beer Dutchmen" laugh when they shove over the "beers." I don't want you to tell anybody about what I have said; 'cause if them fellows find out I have "spouted" on 'em, they won't treat the next time we go down there. Mind, don't you do it.

Our friends up to the St. Ander's are going to have quite a commotion here about the 26th. I saw a great big red "poster" stuck up about it the other day. "May Pole Inn" is what they call it. If I was one of the bosses I'd git the biggest pole I could find, 'cause they'll need it to pole some of them fellers what pay 25 cts. to eat a turkey, gallon of oysters, two dozen biscuits, etc., and then git up hungry. If they'll just call on me *I'll* pole 'em, and put my dog on 'em to boot. I'd like to feed one of them kind of fellows once. I'd make him eat about three pounds of fried apples and then drink about a gallon of water. Shouldn't I have him? As soon as them apples began to swell, I bet *they'd tighten his belt for him*; he'd think he had eaten about *four* turkeys and other things in proportion. I'd have him busted in about two hours and a-half; then we could give our new undertaker a job. You didn't know we had one of them kind of fellows here, did you? Yes, sirs, we got him from Greensborough. He buried all the dead people down there; now he has come up here to bury some of us. I expect he'll have to bury Galener first and the people afterwards. He can leave a hole open so that *he* can crawl in after he gits done fixin' the grave. We certainly have got a lot of people up here what needs burying; all we wont is for 'em to die and if we don't fix 'em away all right it's a caution. We'll pile stones on 'em if we can't keep 'em down no other way. They can go *down* all they please, but durn if we want 'em to come back here any more. I expect there's two or three people here that wish *I* was in such a predicament; but I'll be blowed if I'm a *going* till I'm sent for.

I expect your old friend and correspondent "Anon" is dead and buried afore this time. I ain't heard anything from him here lately. I expect he's got the prevailing disease of the place—whooping cough. With it I guess he's coughed all of his news out of him. Poor fellow, if he only had some of Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup what comes in these little red, flat bottles, he'd get well in about an hour and a-half. If I only knew who he was I'd send him some.

By the way, did you hear of some of our fellows here going out west? They went to Leadville. You ought to have seen the people a crying the morning they went away. We were so sorry to see 'em go that we took off our hats and give 'em three cheers as they went down to the boat. You ought to have seen the trunk some of 'em took along; if she weren't a rouser, I'll be dog-gone. Guess they're going to bring one of Leadville's silver mines home in her. Wish they would. I'd help 'em dig some of the silver out, (that is, if they'd let me.) They'd such good luck in reaching their destination, another one of our fellows thought he'd start. Well, he started with his motto "Leadville or bust." Poor feller, I guess he *busted*, as I ain't heard of him gitting out of Baltimore yet.

I ain't a going to forgit to mention something about our Machine Shops, 'cause that's the place where they do *the* work at. Them fellers certainly can do it, too. Durn if there ain't some of the purtiest reapers up there you ever did see. *Good ones, too.* I heard a fellow say he 'spect they'd be selling 'em to clear up thickets and undergrowth afore long. I don't know whether they can grind flour or not; I don't believe they can. They ain't fit for nothing, nohow—only *to cut wheat*. They can't fool me on 'em; I know 'em too well.

Our ex-roadmender certainly has fixed our academy all hunky. When a feller takes a bird's eye view about noon it puts him in mind of a cattle show or a zoological garden about feeding hour. The animals are well caged anyhow; so we don't feel uneasy about 'em *now*, but we will about fruit season; some of 'em get purty wild about that time.

Our "news office" is in a flourishing condition. I don't know whether the bosses of the consarn mean business or what. I guess it's "*what*!"

Messrs. Editors I'll close my epistle now, for "when in the course of human events it becomes necessary for" a fellow to go to bed, he has to fling his quill to one side and "prepare for the duty that awaits him," *i. e.*, to sleep till morning—provided he don't have to git up before.

Your luven friend till death, KYSER.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, May 18, 1880.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

On petition of F. H. Harper and others, creditors of Alexander Willson, colored, for the sale of the real estate of said deceased, ordered that the Register of Wills issue a warrant to Daniel Crew and George W. Rodenhiser to appraise the real estate of the said deceased.

Wm. D. Clark, executor of Wm. J. Hurlock, late of New Castle county, Del., deceased, returned his fifth and final administration account.

Robert J. Lusby, administrator of John M. Hudson, filed his release from Wm. T. Hearn and Sarah C. Hearn.

Mrs. S. E. Spry, guardian to C. W. Spry, returned her final guardian account and filed her release from said ward.

On application, letters of administration on the personal estate of Sam'l Reed were granted to A. L. Corey, and Howard Meeks and James Sinister were appointed to appraise the said estate.

Harrison W. Vickers, adm'r c. t. a. of George Vickers, returned guardian accounts for Frank and Ruth M. Willis.

James A. Pearce, guardian to Bernard and St. George C. Hanson, filed his bond in the sum of $10,000.

GEORGETOWN, Delaware, is to have a grand 4th of July celebration.

Chesterville and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—On Thursday night, 13th instant, at Spry's Gate, near this place, a terrible accident occurred from carelessness in handling coal oil. Elijah S. Reed, a hand in the employ of Mr. C. W. Spry, and who lives in one of the latter gentleman's tenant houses at the Gate, undertook to fill a coal oil lamp while lighted, on the night mentioned, when the can exploded with terrible results. A little daughter of Mr. Reed, about twelve years of age, was near her father, watching when the lamp would be full, and when the can exploded the oil spread over both her and her father, enveloping each one in flames. Mr. Samuel Clark, the next neighbor, heard the report of the explosion, but supposed it was the accidental discharge of an old musket, but in a few moments he saw the light of the blaze through a crack in the partition, and then heard the child scream. Instantly he bounded the fence and rushed into the house. As he opened the door, he beheld both father and child enveloped in flames, the former rushing from the house, ablaze from feet to head, while the poor child stood still literally burning up. The father ran to the road and subdued the flames by burying himself in the sand, while Mr. Clark was endeavoring to save the child by stripping her of her clothing. This he did by three skillful, courageous efforts. By this time the hair of the poor child had caught fire, when a bucketful of water was thrown on her and the flames quenched. The fire had made sure of its work, however, the little one lingering till about 1 o'clock the next day, when she died. Mr. Reed was very badly burned from his knees down, and, it is said, his recovery is very doubtful. He says he has before frequently filled lamps while burning, but thinks he will not do it any more. In trying to save the child, Mr. Clark had his left hand burned so severely as to disable him completely from work, while his right hand suffered more or less. All the neighbors at once rallied at the time of the accident and rendered the kindest attentions. The unfortunate little girl's remains were interred on Saturday, followed by many sympathizing friends.

The M. E. Church South, of this place, will hold a festival next Tuesday and Wednesday nights, May 25th and 26th.

The negroes assembled in great numbers at Crumpton on Tuesday. It is supposed there were 2,000 or 3,000 there. WALTER.

MARRIED:

On Thursday evening, 20th inst., at the P. E. Church, Centreville, by the Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, W. FRANK HINES, M. D., of Chestertown, to Miss MOLLIE, daughter of Wm. Emory, Esq., of Queen Anne's county.

On the 18th instant, by Rev. J. E. Bryan, at the residence of the bride's mother in Galena, Mr. CHARLES W. KNIGHTON to Miss SUSIE L. BENNEY, both of this county.

DIED:

Near Locust Grove, Monday afternoon, May 10, JOHN W. REDGRAVE, aged 68 years, (instead of 49, as published last week.

Weep not friends, for it is finished:
The troubles of his life are done
And in His own good time He'll call us
To our rest of home, sweet home.

NEPHEW.

In Chestertown on Monday afternoon last, after a short illness of congestion of the brain, JAMES M. VICKERS, son of the late Hon. Geo. Vickers, in the 51st year of his age.

The deceased had many amiable traits of character. His genial temperament and good conversational powers made him an agreeable companion with those disposed to discuss the current topics of the day or enlarge upon matters of general historic interest. His veracity was never questioned, and his friendships were those of the truest type. He has gone to that "undiscovered country, from whose bourn no traveler returns," and let his imperfections be covered with the mantle of charity. H.

IN MEMORIAM.

MARIETTA, wife of John W. Loud, sweetly fell asleep in Jesus at her home, in Quaker Neck, on Monday evening, the 10th instant, in the 43d year of her age. None knew her but to love her, none spake but in her praise. Sister Loud was a devoted christian, a loving wife, and an affectionate and indulgent mother, and her acts of gentle kindness flowed through all the circle of her acquaintance. She has left a vacuum which will be painfully felt. A strong tie has been severed, a tender cord has been broken, a loving bond of family union has been snapped asunder, the shaft of death has found another shining mark, and poor frail humanity can only find relief in sighs, sobs and tears. But, we must not "sorrow as those who have no hope." She is not dead, but sleepeth." Resting in hope, waiting for the coming of him who holds "the keys of death and *hades*," who himself, as "the corn of wheat fell into the ground and died, that he might not abide alone but bring forth much fruit," and as our sister "hath been planted in the likeness of his death, so shall she be also in the likeness of his resurrection." "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." The harvest must be like the first fruit, and as Jesus was "the first born from the dead," "the first fruit of them that slept." And as he appointed the harvest at "the end of the world" (or age), so the harvest must be now in the process of gestation preparatory for the final reaping, when he shall send forth his angels to "*roll away the stone*," i. e. burst the bars of death, and reap the harvest of which Jesus is "the first fruit," "the first born of every creature;" than "Mother earth shall bring forth in one day, and a nation shall be born at once." Isa. 66: 8. And at that time, this daughter, this wife, this mother, this sister, this beloved friend, "shall come again from the land of the enemy," and in resurrection birth, will bear the image of "the first born from the dead." For as certainly as she has "borne the image of the earthy, she shall also bear the image of the heavenly." For she certainly possessed in an eminent degree, that "which is in the sight of God, of great price," *i. e.* "the ornament, of a meek and quiet spirit." She wore this distinguishing jewel mark of a christian, indelibly stamped on her life and character. And though we mourn her loss deeply, and feel the pangs of anguish by our parting, yet it is only for a little while. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the sleep of his Saints." She shall soon "awake and sing." We shall see her again, yes, and greet her. But not with pallid cheek, nor fevered brow, nor languid eyes, nor feeble frame, nor faltering, stammering tongue but all radiant, all aglow, beaming with the shing lustre and immortal brilliancy of incorruptibility and immortality. Shining as a star in the firmament, and clad in royal robes of spotless white "washed in the blood of the Lamb;" and encircling her brow, the fadeless laurels of a deathless life, and on her lips the triumphant song of victory. "O death, where is thy sting, O grave, where is thy victory!" And in the blissful hours of our Eden restored, our paradise regained, we shall gaze with rapturous delight, and unutterable pleasure, upon the exceeding and eternal weight of glory, spread out before us in the "new heavens and the new earth." "For the meek shall inherit the earth and dwell therein forever." Then, when we think of our sister as she sweetly and quietly sleeps in the cemetery, think also of the *empty tomb*, where once the "prince of life" himself lay, and remember that he says, "Because I live, ye shall live also." "For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout; with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, and those who sleep in Jesus, and the living, waiting, watching ones, shall both hear and live, and see, and be forever with the Lord." Such are the apostolic words of comfort. See 1st Thess. iv. 13 to 15. Let us have faith in God and never stagger through unbelief at his promise, then we shall be Christ's, and "Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." May the blessed spirit console the bereaved, and lead them all to Christ, *Wilmington, Del.* S. C.

STRAWBERRIES IN THE MARKET! HENRY A. SPARKS, Chestertown; WROTH & CLARK, Still Pond; or at reduced prices at my residence, near Lynch's. J. R. BECK. May 22, 1880—3t.

FOR SALE, a large lot of White and Red Oak BOARDS AND PILING, suitable for Wheelwrighting, Bridges, Gates, &c. Will be cut as may be ordered. THOS. BAKER. May 22, 1880—3t.

TAKE NOTICE! *MACHINERY OIL.* Such as Castor Oil, Lard Oil, Train Oil, West Virginia Oil. Solk the Lowest possible figures. Call and examine. M. A. TOULSON'S Drug Store, may22. Bordley's Corner.

AGENT WANTED. A good, reliable Man wanted, to act as Agent for the AGRICULTURAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. One who is able and willing to canvas. Apply to D. A. CLARK, State Ag't., may22-2t. Baltimore, Md.

NOTICE. A Meeting of the Stockholders of the BARNARD WHARF COMPANY will be held at their office, on *Monday, the 7th of June next*, at 2 o'clock P. M., to elect Three Directors to serve for the ensuing year. N. BARNARD, Sec'y. May 22, 1880—tm.

50,000 Sweet Potato Plants, in lots to suit purchasers, for sale by EDW. SLAUGHTER, may22-3t*. Travilla Farm.

WOULD call special attention to my stock of Groceries. Prices low. May 5. E. W. F. SIMPERS.

TRAVELLERS, TAKE NOTICE! THAT travel over MORGAN'S CREEK BRIDGE will be suspended after SUNDAY NEXT, the 23d inst., till the Stone Abutment at said bridge is finished, of which due notice will be given. T. W. RUSSELL, Clerk to Co. Commr's. may22-tf.

MY STALLION, Mambrino Morgan, will make the balance of this season in Kent. All persons who bred by the season last year, and have paid, and that failed to prove, can have his services free of charge. Parties who desire his services will please communicate with Mr. JOHN N. DODD, Chestertown, my agent, who will make all necessary arrangements. Terms same as last season. JAMES T. EARLE. may22-3t. Centreville, Md.

FESTIVAL. The Ladies of the M. E. Church South, of Chesterville, will hold a STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL on *Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings*, May 25th and 26th. It.

Strawberry Festival. THE Ladies of the M. P. Church, Chestertown, will hold a FESTIVAL and FAIR, at the Town Hall, on *Friday and Saturday Afternoon and Evening*, May 28th and 29th, to which all are invited. Strawberries, Water Ices, Ice-Cream, Cake, &c. in abundance. Come and see us. 2t. COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

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 *Thursday, Friday* and *Saturday*, the 10th, 11th and 12th days of June. T. May 13, 1880—4t.

The "MAY POLE" INN! Galena, May 26 and 27th. THERE will be opened in Galena, Kent county, on the evenings of the 26th and 27th of May, at 8 o'clock, a *New Inn—the "May Pole."* The Hostesses have prepared for the occasion a very fine entertainment, consisting of an illustration of the May Pole Games of 'Merrie England' in 'Ye Olden Time,' and