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The Kent News.

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THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEES.

The Chicago convention, after a session of six days, on Tuesday nominated James A. Garfield, of Ohio, for President, and Chester A. Arthur, of New York, for Vice President. Garfield was nominated on the thirty-sixth ballot, receiving 399 votes (20 more than necessary), Grant 306, Blaine 42, Washburne 3, Sherman 2. Arthur was nominated by acclamation. The first ballot taken gave Grant 304, Blaine 284, Sherman 94, Edmunds 34, Washburne 30, Windom 10, Garfield 1, and the succeeding ballots varied but little from the above until the thirty-sixth was reached, when, it being evident that no one of the principal candidates could be nominated, a general stampede of the anti-third term delegates was made to Garfield. The Maryland delegation, which had generally been voting eight for Grant, six for Blaine and two for Sherman, on the last ballot cast six for Grant and ten for Garfield, as follows: For Grant, Messrs. Tome, Creswell, Johnson, West, Hooper and Brown; for Garfield, Messrs. Gary, Lowndes, Harris, Westcott, Crane, Miller, Belt, Weaver, Mallalieu and Boarman.

The Chicago correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says "the judgment of the most experienced republicans is that the ticket is not a strong one, and there is really no genuine enthusiasm over it.—Gen. Garfield's record is assailable in many respects, and Gen. Arthur, who is known as a machine politician, cannot stand criticism. Although Arthur has been for years the chairman of the republican State committee of New York, and may be supposed to know something of the way to carry elections, it is questionable whether his candidacy will help the ticket in New York." A Washington dispatch says:

"The democrats are certainly very much encouraged. Their only fear now is that the weakness of the Chicago ticket has made democrats so sanguine of success that they are apt to be less cautious than they would have been had the republicans put up a stronger ticket. There is a growing sentiment that the nominee at Cincinnati should be an Eastern man, and Senator Bayard's name is more frequently mentioned than any other. It is generally believed in Democratic circles that with Bayard against Garfield there would be no doubt of carrying two or three Eastern States, while at the same time California, Oregon, Nevada and Indiana are all uncertain for Garfield. Non-partisan observers all say that with a little care at Cincinnati the democrats are certain of success this fall."

THE State board of public works on Tuesday re-appointed Capt. Samuel M. Travers commander of the oyster police force, and Messrs. Wm. S. Walker, S. A. Merritt and Col. R. C. Johnson directors in the Kent county Railroad Company. Hon. A. P. Gorman was also re-elected president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. A letter was read from S. T. Wallis, Bernard Carter and Thomas J. Lanahan, counsel, requesting Mr. Gorman not to decline a re-election, as he had intended, because his continuance in office was particularly important to the canal company and the State of Maryland at this juncture, pending the suit in the United States Court to appoint a receiver. Mr. W. W. Corcoran, of Washington, for the bondholders, also wrote to the same effect. All the members of the Maryland board of public works, including Governor Hamilton, were in favor of Mr. Gorman's continuance in the office, as also were the other representatives interests.

THE Meth. Epis. General Conference has ordered that one of the questions to be asked of candidates for the ministry hereafter shall be "Will you wholly refrain from the use of tobacco?" though what will be done if the applicant answers in the negative, we are not informed. Dr. Lanahan of Baltimore made the interesting point that most of the clergymen voting for the adoption of this interrogatory used the weed themselves. "And what," said he, "will the young men think of such a question from such a source?" Which suggestion strikes the mind of the average outsider with fully as much force as it did the mind of the steadfast Dr. Lanahan.

THE resolution to adjourn sine die on Wednesday, the 16th inst., has passed both houses of Congress.

THE Hayes crowd at Washington, including John Sherman, thought Chester A. Arthur unfit to be Collector of the Port at New York, and turned him out accordingly. Now the National Republican Convention presents him to the people as a fit person to be Vice-President of the United States.

THE Oswego *Palladium* says: "The name of Thomas F. Bayard at the head of the Democratic ticket would be invincible. His election would be an honor to the American republic."

THE trial of ex-Senator Wm. J. Aydelotte, at Snow Hill, last week, indicted for indecent assault upon Mrs. Polk, of Pocomoke City, terminated in his acquittal. Judge Goldsborough pronounced the judgment of the court, reasoning that amid the conflict of testimony (both parties standing high) one or the other must be right, and, therefore, the court, being unable to say which, must give the defendant the benefit of that doubt, according to the rule in such cases. There was a large and anxious crowd present, but no demonstration or muttering was heard at the result. It is reported that Mrs. Polk intends to commence a civil suit for damages.

A YOUNG man who was somewhat close-fisted and perhaps quite low in pocket-book, devised a very neat dodge to avoid treating some young ladies at the festival on Saturday. He saw that he must treat or ignominiously *retreat*, and instead of doing so he reported that he had been knocked down and robbed by some unknown parties. Necessity is the mother of invention.—*Cent. Obs.*

THE *True Marylander* says the wheat crop in Somerset county, which is now being rapidly harvested, will be very fine, both as to yield and quality. The Centreville *Observer* says the prospects are for a very good crop in Queen Anne's county.

THE Peninsula Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in Dover June 15, 16 and 17. An enterpising programme has been prepared for the occasion.

A TENANT-HOUSE on the farm of J. B. Bright, in Queen Anne's county, was destroyed by fire Friday night of last week, with the furniture in it.

"AN earthly Paradise" is what a man in Dorchester county advertises in a New York sporting paper he has for sale.

THE ravages of the army worm are reported from nearly all quarters of the peninsula.

Maryland Democratic Convention.

The Maryland democratic State convention met on Wednesday at Masonic Temple, Baltimore, to elect delegates to the Cincinnati convention and to nominate presidential electors. There was a full attendance of delegates, and nearly all the prominent politicians in the State were also present. The *Sun* says the proceedings were marked by thorough harmony. The sentiment of the convention was undoubtedly in favor of Hon. Thomas F. Bayard for President, but it was deemed best to avoid anything like factional entanglements by not instructing the delegates. The resolutions adopted accordingly contained only a declaration of the eminent worth and fitness of Mr. Bayard for that high office, and also expressions denunciatory of the violation of the people's will in 1876.

James McSherry, Esq., of Frederick, was chosen president of the convention, with a number of vice-presidents and secretaries.

After the adoption of a series of resolutions the convention proceeded to the election of four delegates at large to the Cincinnati convention. Dr. M. W. Donavin nominated Hon. Wm. Pinkney Whyte; Mr. Turner, of Talbot, Hon. Philip Francis Thomas; Mr. Thomas H. Hunt, of Howard, Hon. John Lee Carroll, and Mr. James T. Ringgold, Mr. Bernard Carter. The four gentlemen nominated were elected by acclamation.

The delegates from the several congressional districts retired to separate apartments to make selections for delegates and electors, and after a short absence made the following report, the delegates and elector from this congressional district having received an unanimous vote on the first ballot:

District Delegates.—First—Richard Hynson, Kent; E. E. Jackson, Wicomico. Elector, Levin L. Waters, Somerset.

Second—Wilmot Johnson, Baltimore county; Hon. Charles B. Roberts, Carroll. Elector, Patrick Walker, of Baltimore county.

Third—George Colton and James Bond, Baltimore. Elector, Major Jno. R. McNulty, Baltimore.

Fourth—John W. Davis and William Keyser, Baltimore. Elector, Wm. H. Welsh, Baltimore.

Fifth—John T. Bond, Calvert; Barnes Compton, of Charles. Elector, Richard W. W. Bowie, of Prince George's.

Sixth—L. Victor Baughman, of Frederick; Lewis C. Smith, of Washington. Elector Wm. R. Price, of Alleghany.

Electors at large; Hon. I. Nevitt Steele, Baltimore, and Hon. J. C. T. Hopkins, of Harford county.

VALUABLE PROPERTY AT PUBLIC SALE.—The valuable farm and mill property of Dr. Thos. H. Whaland, near this town, will be offered at public sale at the Voshell House at eleven o'clock A. M. next Tuesday. The location and natural advantages pertaining to this property afford a rare opportunity for profitable investment. It having been reported that Dr. Whaland did not desire to dispose of the mill property, he publishes a card in another column denying the assertion, and saying that he wishes to sell his real estate without reserve.

A HANDSOME FOUNTAIN.—Mr. C. F. Stam has placed in his drug store a new Arctic Soda Fountain, that for beauty of design and ornamentation we have rarely seen surpassed by any in the city. The fountain is not far short of 5 ft. in height, and is designed something after the manner of a Swiss cottage. The body is of white Italian marble with Bardillo trimmings and black base. The upper corners of the body are ornamented with brackets of Sevier marble. The gables formed at the corners of the roof are ornamented with engraved lines, and surmounted by silver pinnacles. A silver-plated door in the rear end gives ready access to the interior.

THE FERTILIZER BUSINESS in this country is assuming mammoth proportions. In this county the amount expended in this article in its various forms annually is very large, and we are glad to note the fact that our local dealers appreciate the necessity of increased facilities for meeting future demands. In addition to establishments in the neighborhood of the railroad, which we referred to some time since, we have now to notice another. Messrs. T. R. Hubbard & Son have been for some months past busy at work in preparation for operations upon a more extensive scale than heretofore. Their buildings on Chester river, near Chestertown, have been enlarged by the addition of a new two-story structure 50x36 feet, erected under the supervision of Mr. Milton Baker, architect, which is of the most solid and substantial character, designed to be equal to the strain of the heavy machinery now being put in. In front of this a pier is to extend a distance of several hundred feet. The machinery recently purchased by this firm at a cost of about six thousand dollars, consist of a 40-horse power engine and boiler, a crusher, disintegrater and bone mill, a revolving mixer, revolving screen, steam hoist and elevators, all of the latest improved character, and built to order. Mr. Samuel Morgan, a master machinist, of Phila., is superintending the putting in of the machinery, and has already most of the heavier pieces in place. In manipulating bone the crude article is first thrown into the crusher, where the larger pieces are broken; then into the disintegrater, where it is ground to powder and falls into a pit beneath; from thence it is elevated a distance of forty feet and discharged into a revolving screen, from whence it comes ready for the mixer; there it is dissolved by acids, and other materials added and thoroughly mixed, and the combination thus formed the Messrs. Hubbard call their celebrated "Standard Bone Super-Phosphate." This firm claim great advantage in being able to operate by machinery; the work of preparation and mixing being thus more thoroughly done, and the materials all coming under their personal scrutiny and care, enables them to protect the farmer. The Messrs. Hubbard expect to have their machinery in full operation by the first of July, and will have facilities for manufacturing sixty tons per day. They invite farmers to visit their works.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, June 8, 1880.—Present, Judges Nicholson and Willson.

Richard C. Smyth, guardian to Richard A., William G., Jefferson S. and Minnie M. Smyth returned his accounts for said wards for 1879.

Mrs. Catharine A. E. Davis, guardian to David P. Davis, returned her guardian account for said ward.

Robert J. Lusby, adm'r of Jno. M. Hudson, filed his release from Garrett Foxwell.

A. L. Corey, adm'r of Samuel Reed, returned his account of sales of the personal estate of said deceased.

C. H. Baker, attorney, filed the last will and testament of James P. DeCorse, which was admitted to probate.

Letters of adm'n c. t. a. on the personal estate of James P. DeCorse were granted unto Emma Price France and Chas. H. Baker, who filed their bond in the sum of $20,000, which was approved, and Thos. B. Hynson and Francis Baker were appointed to appraise the estate.

Letters of adm'n on the personal estate of Geo. T. Spry were granted unto Marion deK. Smith and Wm. F. Spry, who filed their bond in the sum of $1,000, which was approved, and F. H. Harper and A. J. Hackett were appointed to appraise said estate.

EXPERIENCE, CAPITAL, ABILITY, enable C. N. Oehm & Son, proprietors of the largest retail Clothing House, 230 W. Pratt Street, extending through to 55 Hanover Street, to offer the following inducements: Perfect fitting and superior made clothing in endless variety, at the lowest cash prices.

THE excursion to Annapolis, by the Methodist Protestant Sunday School of Centreville, was a very successful affair, netting something over two hundred dollars. A number of our citizens patronized the excursion.

IN some parts of St. Michael's district, Talbot county, it is said the crop of German red wheat will be cut short, by about one-tenth of the stalks being ruined by disease. As the wheat ripens these diseased stalks turn almost black, and it is found there is no grain in the head.

MILITARY VISIT AND TARGET SHOOTING.—Shortly after ten o'clock Wednesday morning the steamer Leila arrived here with the Governor's Guards, of Annapolis, and were met at the wharf by the Kent Guards. Under the escort of the latter, headed by its drum corps and the Kent Cornet Band, the procession took up its line of march. After paradiag through the principal streets, the companies halted on the green in front of the armory, stacked arms and took a short recess. The line was again formed about half-past eleven, and marched to the target grounds on the suburbs of the town. Twenty men from each company had been selected to contend for the prizes, a description of which was published in the NEWS last week, and were allowed three shots each. The following is the scoring of the Kent company, the visitors having taken theirs home with them and consequently is not accessible for publication:

Chas. Burgess	13 1-4	Frank Dwyer	16 5-24
W H. Beck	26 1-12	Jas Walber	21 1-8
J. W. Bordley	18 1-12	W. A. Biscoe	29 1-3
T. J. Joiner	27 1-2	H. L. Boyd	10 1-6
T. A. Fiddis	18 1-4	H. Smith	10 3-8
Wm. Malin	8 1-12	C. T. Dill	36
Wm. Gudgen	16 5-8	W A Wheatley	16 11-24
J. F. Connelly	20 3-4	C W Kennard	33 1-12
Jesse Dwyer	26 23-24	Lieut. Bordley	28 7-8
J. L. Hamilton	9 3-8	" DeFord	19 3-8

The result is obtained by adding together the average of the whole team and dividing by twenty, the number of persons shooting. It will be seen that the three best shots were made by Wm. Malin, J. L. Hamilton and H. L. Boyd, but Sargeant Porter, of the Governor's Guards, made the best single shot. The shooting of neither company, we are told, did not compare favorably with that of previous practice. The match was over before one o'clock, and the judges submitted their report as follows:

CHESTERTOWN, June 9, 1880.

To the Officers of the Governor's Guards and Kent Guards—Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, appointed by you to serve as judges for the target shooting between your respective commands, have the honor to offer the following report:

Governor's Guards average	21 173-360
Kent " "	20 47-160

The Kent Guards having the best average, we declare them the victors. Respectfully submitted.

W. NALL. SCHWAR, J. H. SANDS, R. MCK. DAVIS, } Judges.
E. C. RICHS, R. K. PIPPIN, E. T. WILLIS, }

At 2 o'clock the Kent Guards escorted the visiting company to the Voshell House, accompanied by a number of invited guests, where a substantial dinner had been prepared in the proprietor's best style, to which ample justice was done by the whetted appetites of the respective companies, which had been without food since early morn. A number of toasts were proposed and responded to in appropriate remarks, and the sumptuous affair terminated in the most satisfactory manner.

At 3 P. M. the line was again formed, this time in battalion, under command of Capt. Vickers, and paraded through the streets for nearly an hour, executing some handsome and difficult evolutions with the precision of veterans, drawing out many complimentary remarks from numerous spectators. At 4 o'clock the visitors were escorted to the wharf and took their departure for home amid deafening cheers and music by the band.

The award of the prizes is to be determined by the "two best in three." The Kent Guards will have an excursion to Annapolis early in July to make the second contest, when, if not successful, another visit from the Annapolis company will be necessary to finally determine the matter.

COL. WM. H. LEGG, of Queen Anne's, who was chairman of the committee on the Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries at the last session of the Legislature, has written a letter in reply to one from E. J. Stevens, Esq., of Oxford, Md., in regard to the perplexing 14th section of the oyster law, in which he says:

"I feel sure it was intended, and so understood by the Legislature, that the 14th Section would limit to five bushels for *private use;* but for bedding and planting, in quantity or number of bushels*e* there was no limit. The many amendments offered and adopted to that Section on the passage of the bill through the House has rendered its intention doubtful, if it has not changed it in that particular feature. I suppose the question will remain an open one; some construing it one way and some another, until the Courts finally pass upon it."

THE M. E. Sabbath School excursion which left here yesterday morning for Annapolis and Washington, was slimly patronized on account of the weather, it having been raining some time before and when the boat left. We learn, however, that a good many tickets had been sold, and hope the school may not come out loser after all.

NEW MAIL ROUTE.—The daily mail route from Tolchester to Chestertown has been granted by the Postoffice Department. This will give us the Baltimore mail in Chestertown about 12 o'clock M. each day, excepting Sunday. The mail commences to run, by the new route, next Tuesday. Mr. John W. Rasin of this town, has the contract for carrying the mail.

THE firm of Bean & Ford, at Masseys, has been dissolved and Mr. Ford has taken up his residence in this town and opened an office in the rear of Mr. F. Platt's hardware store on High street. He advertises to buy grain at the highest market price, delivered at any station on the Delaware Railroad or its branches.

ENTERPRISE.—Mr. James Brice has purchased and has now in use at his stall in the market house an improved refrigerator, large enough to contain two beeves at a time. It preserves the meat perfectly, and does not consume a very large quantity of ice.

TO BAY RIDGE.—The steamer Chester will run an excursion on Thursday, June 24, from Crumpton and other stops on Chester river to Bay Ridge, the new watering place at the mouth of Severn river, near Annapolis. See advertisement for particulars.

NEW ORGAN.—The Chestertown public school has for a considerable length of time been accumulating funds for the purchase of an organ. Last week, funds sufficient having been raised, the organ was purchased. It is a Sterling make.

THE FESTIVAL held at Bond Chapel on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week netted the handsome sum of $150 69. The ladies of the congregation desire through this medium to tender thanks for the very generous patronage extended.

HARVEST.—A number of farmers in this county have commenced cutting wheat, and it is expected that harvest will be general by the middle of next week. The crop will be an average one, if not somewhat better.

REWARD.—By advertisement in this issue it will be seen that a reward of $50 has been offered for the recovery of the body of Wm. B. Lynch, who was lost from the steamer Theodore Weems.

THE Rt. Rev. T. A. Becker, D. D., Bishop of Wilmington, will administer the sacrament of confirmation to-morrow (Sunday) in the Church of the S. S. Heart, at 10 A. M. Services also at 7.30 P. M.

AN EXCURSION to Philadelphia will be made by the Kent County Railroad Co. next Wednesday. Cars leave Chestertown at 8.15 A. M. Round trip tickets from all stations $2, good for three days.

FIRST NEW WHEAT.—Included in the receipts of Southern wheat at the Corn and Flour Exchange Tuesday was a lot of 350 bushels of new Fultz from Mars Bluff, S. C., received by Messrs. I. M. Parr & Son, and sold to Messrs. Robert Tyson & Co. at $1 55, and about 100 bushels from Northumberland county, Va., received by Mr. S. M. Lyell, through C. R. Pollard, and sold to Messrs. Tyson & Bro. also, at $1.55. These arrivals are the first receipts of the season, and the samples were in prime order and condition, the first-named lot being exceptionally fine. The Virginia wheat was raised by John Q. and S. H. Robertson. The first received last season was Virginia red, received June 16, and sold for $1 25 a bushel; in 1878 on June 14, and sold at $2. New Southern wheat will in a few days be received in quantities sufficient to establish quotations.—*Sun.*

THE Convention of the Diocese of Easton, held at Centreville last week, elected Rev. Messrs. T. P. Barber, D. D., John O. Barton, D. D., Erastus F. Dashiell and John N. Watson clerical delegates, and Messrs. George R. Goldsborough, J. L. Adkins, Wm. S. Walker and Henry S. Condon lay delegates to the General Convention, which will assemble at New York in October.

Lynch's and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—August heat in June is a surprise; but then this is a world of surprises any way, and there is not much monotony about nature. Mosquitoes multiply most astonishingly, so likewise do debatable questions, and there is religious, political and social wrangling around, but let nobody be scared at these things, for it has happened before and will very likely take place again, unless the world comes to an end next year, as predicted, in which case somebody will be fooled. According to that wise man out yonder in Canada, we are first to roast and then to freeze, and with this uncomfortable prospect before us, potato beetles, army worms, cabbage fleas, panics in Wall street, high winds and hurricanes to come, it does seem to be a mercy that we live, and that our nerves will answer their cunning.

The clergy are doing more harm to religion by getting out of temper and abusing Col. Ingersoll than all the atheists in the land. If Col. I. is an atheist, which is doubtful, he can only be driven out farther into darkness by harsh and unkind methods. It is just like cracking a whip behind a runaway team to abuse the unbeliever.

Hay harvest has commenced, and by the time this reaches you many will be cutting wheat, of which a good yield is promised. There is generally a good stand of corn, and the early harvest has hurried up our farmers to get over their fields with cultivator and plow.

The strawberry season is about over. Owing to dry weather, the crop was small and inferior, though there were some good berries. A patch that was expected to turn out 5,000 quarts only yielded 3,000. Speaking of strawberries, reminds us of the wonderful capacity Chestertown has for this luscious fruit. These good people have been known to devour 1,000 quarts in one day. SENTINEL.

Letter from Betterton.

Messrs. Editors:—The season of the year has come when the fierce Chesapeake "roars as gently as a sucking dove." It seems almost to say, "Come take a little voyage on my broad face, I won't hurt you. Take off your foot covering and *dabble in*, see if I don't make you feel good. Listen to my music as I salute the pure bright sand with a chaste bridal kiss. There is nothing fearful in *me*. Come on, you weary, dust-covered clodhoppers, I will give you ease and comfort and cool your coppers. Float on my bosom, you tired little summer complaint infants, and your bowels shall be healed; and you, lovely virgins, wade up to your ankles and fearing not, make my water fly. The Lord created me to *help*, not to *hurt*. Let us praise His name, for He loves us and desires our happiness, here and hereafter; but what is better still, let us do the things which are agreeable to Him. Talking is a very fascinating pastime, but it wouldn't chop a cord of wood in a century." Then at night, as the cool refreshing zephyrs float over the fevered brow, you listen to the *measured* tread of the briny wave as it lashes its sandy bounds, recedes, murmurs, returns, complains again, recedes—what a lullaby!

We had a big tide on the 6th, indicative of more falling weather. Still no signs are infallible, and dry weather will suit best perhaps until we get our harvest secured, which we hope to do within the next ten days, complete.

The spring fishing being over, peaches, baskets, boxes, freights, prices, and everything concerning that great crop, are discussed. In the meantime the fuzzy little knob of a peach is looming up *big*. He has attained the size of a walnut, and *holds on* as though perfectly contented; he means to stay. And so we are in high spirits, and intend to get rich this time. To be sure the army worm is doing some damage, but it will have to hurry up or eat *straw*, for give us another week *intact* and we will snap our fingers at the crawling intruder, so far as our wheat crop is concerned. But we feel serious when we reflect on the infancy and tenderness of our corn plant. Should the *pest* take to this crop, we must *ditch* and *salt* against him. We will "welcome them to hospitable graves." "Millions for defense, not one cent for tribute." The black birds seem to have discovered the worms' field of operations. They swoop down into the wheat fields in large numbers. The little rascals ought to do something for us; they take up our corn plants fearfully in many localities.

There have been liberal shipments of fruit and produce to Philadelphia and Baltimore, and the folks find money to *travel* on, too. This is a gay old world—one goes and another comes. Every time the clock ticks (it is said) a spirit arrives and one departs. The multitude surges on—smiles on one side, tears and groans on the other. Nero fiddled while Rome burned. So we go through life fiddling and fuming, cursing with one breath, praying with the next. Every day brings something new. Who can tell what will happen to him on the morrow?

Hook and line fishing will soon become the *rage* at Betterton. The little boys are getting their boats and lines ready to catch the ugly crab for *bait*. The big boys are painting their skiffs and providing awnings to shelter the followers of Jack Walton from the ardent rays of old Sol, while deep sea lines are looked after, water coolers, &c. Soon the "*Sport*," with his outfit of basket, rod and line, will come along, bringing the pocket flask, hilarious inspirator, a fat purse and a broad welcome. Then will we become gay, festive, generous, and capable of noble deeds—while the whiskey and the dollar lasts. The gods shall envy us, for shall we not be as giants? And sure, brothers, we have the best and only reliable angling fishing grounds in the world; and our *hostesses*—Mrs. Spry, Mrs. Price and Madam Stavely—where shall we find *their* peers? Come on, all you fish hungry, crab famished, half starved ignoramuses, we will fashion you after the manner of an army of Falstaff—fat and fishy and jolly. Come one, come all, and be made happy; but don't leave the *currency* behind we beseech you pitifully. BABELMANDEL.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

CLUB ROOM, June 7, 1880.

Messrs. Editors:—Without pre-arrangement, "Peach drying and peach dryers" received the most attention to-day. The abundant crop of fruit now bearing down our trees impels the growers to investigate every means that will promote the easy and profitable disposal of the crop. While canning, home consumption, and shipping to cities and sections of this and other countries where the fruit is not raised, are and will be for some time the chief avenues by which to dispose of the fruit, drying, evaporating and desication are rapidly growing into favor. The completeness of the different machines, the rapidity of the process, the beauty and excellent character of the dried fruit, with the good prices it commands and must continue to demand—from the fact that it is wanted 365 days in the year and the world is the market—must strongly recommend this now as an important auxiliary help to profitably place the crop, and certainly in the near future one of the chief means for its utilization. The large cost of an effective machine (from $300 to $600 for one that can dry 100 boxes a day,) is an obstacle to their rapid introduction; but as heat is the main necessity, and as it is not patentable, so many different forms of applying it will be discovered that the cost of any machine will only depend on the cost of making.

Three different driers were represented. Mr. James Bell was agent for the "Automatic." Mr. Charles Barker, of Milford, Del., was present, and stated that he has had two of the Automatic machines in use, and that they had given him great satisfaction. Mr. Underwood, of New Castle co., Del., exhibited and explained a model of a drier invented by himself and of which he is the patentee, and stating that for $300 he would furnish a drier complete that would dry 100 baskets a day of 24 hours. To do this requires 16 hands, 8 by day and 8 at night, and about two bushels of coal, and that it costs about 15 cents a basket to pare and dry the fruit, or about 5 cents a pound. Mr. Grier, also from Delaware, exhibited a very complete model of, I think he said, the Excelsior Evaporator, offering the machines for sale, and claiming to furnish complete for $650 a machine that would dry 200 baskets in 24 hours. Different sizes of these machines can be had, from a 25 bushel dryer, costing $100, up to the $650 dryer. Your correspondent and doubtless others present heard more about dryers and dried fruit than they ever did before and probably learned more, but I have given as much as this article will justify. Mr. Barker stated that he had no interest in the sale of any of the machines, but owning three of the Automatic and peaches being a partial failure in the neighborhood of Milford, he was looking for a location in Kent to operate his dryers. The club "resolved that it is the sense of the association that it would be wise for peach growers to offer every inducement to Mr. Barker and others to establish dryers in Kent county." You will notice, Messrs. Editors, that Mr. Barker, Mr. Grier and Mr. Underwood and all the different dryers are from Delaware, and that now, as always, Delaware enterprise and capital crosses the border and extends over the Eastern Shore, probably to the welfare of both sections. I would say in justice to Mr. Underwood that, as far as I could understand the different dryers, his appeared much the simplest as well as the least costly.

It was stated that from Leipsic to Delaware City, in Delaware, the army worm was quite destructive, but its damage as yet in this county was quite limited.

The club adjourned until Monday, June 28th. PARTICEPS.

EDWIN R. COCHRAN, Esq., has been appointed Clerk of the Peace in and for New Castle county, Delaware. Mr. Cochran is a farmer and peach grower of St. George's Hundred, residing near Middletown, and is known by many persons in this county. He was a member of the Delaware House of Representatives during the sessions of 1877-79, and is an intelligent, capable gentleman.

A FASHIONABLE wedding came off at Centreville last Tuesday morning. Capt. J. R. Emory was united in matrimony to Miss Annie R. Gibson, at St. Paul's Church, Rev. James A. Mitchell performing the ceremony.

J. HOPE CALDWELL, son of Rev. J. H. Caldwell, of Wilmington, received the honor of the Valedictory at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. He was the youngest of his class—and not yet 20 years of age.

Letter to the Kent News.

A Small Beginning and its Outcome—Careful Farming and Thrift—Who Gets the Profit?—The Schools Under Fire—A Considerable Hurrahaboo and Nobody Hurt—The Pulpit—Road Improvement.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Do you remember the first letter written by "Simon Sharp" for the KENT NEWS? Many a day of sunshine and cloud, of sunshine and calm, has past since then, and I am gratified to think that in all these years I have written nothing to wound the feelings of any one intentionally, and equally pleased that so many have judged it well to follow my example and to contribute interesting local matter to your columns. "Sentinel," ever faithful sentinel—long may he live!—keeps you posted from Lynch's and contiguous parts. "Walter" is prompt and reliable. May his shadow never grow less, for if it does I fear Barnum might hunt him up to put with Major Nutt and Tom Thumb. "Trix," the lively, gossipy, jovial fellow, must not allow his pen to rust, as I fear "Wilkins Micawber" has done. Does *she* forget that the great forte of her proto-nomen was letter writing, and that he was always "waiting for something to turn up?" Let her not bring discredit on the illustrious correspondent of Trotwood and Traddles. "Zaccheus," too, has come down from the sycamore, and spreads an intellectual repast for your readers. If it be not possible for him to grow in stature, may he grow in grace until he can pray for the misguided Col. Robert as earnestly as he writes against him. Why is not this the duty of every true Christian? How can I omit "Particeps?" Though his notes are confined chiefly to the farmers' club, yet they are always *racy* and to the point. May he ever be a *partaker* of all the blessings of a good farmer's life. Others of your correspondents whose pseudonims do not now occur to me might be mentioned, but it is enough to know that their letters are read with avidity and highly appreciated. All this rigmarole comes from a reminiscence of that first letter of "Simon Sharp."

Nowhere can be found better tilled farms than in the fifth district of Kent. As once instance, I may mention your old homestead and birthplace, Mr. Senior, now owned and occupied by Mr. J. P. Nicholson. A neat young hedge encloses the lane leading from the road to the dwelling. The house itself is so changed that you would not recognize it as your birthplace. The stairway is no longer in one corner of the old parlor, but leads directly from the front entrance to the upper rooms. Of course the parlor is made smaller and is handsomely papered; a convenient closet occupies the space below the stairway, and a snug bed room is added on the east side of the old breakfast room, which is entirely modernized. The outbuildings have been greatly improved; the old poultry house has retired from the front, and a new one is located south of the dwelling at the corner of the apple orchard. The fields, too, are smiling at the promised yield of grain, grass and fruit—all the result of diligent labor and care. Following the road down below St. Paul's and Rock Corner, on both sides the eye takes in these evidences of thorough culture; and now the fields are whitening to the harvest. The dealers in commercial fertilizers will soon gather in *their* golden harvest, and the toil of the farmer be rewarded with a barrel or two of flour and a large amount of chaff and straw! Is the land improved? If so, there should come a time when it ought to produce crops for the farmer as it now does for phosphate venders and ammonia hucksters. We have waited and toiled forty years for this—and are no nearer apparently than at the beginning. Millions of dollars have come to pay for fertilizers, which, if invested in lime, ashes or clover seed, would have enriched every acre of our land. The farmers do the work—the fertilizer factories get the profits.

Young America is excited—greatly excited. The public schools are undergoing an examination from day to day in all the studies of the seven grades, and brains are racked and some tears are shed to secure a favorable report. It is a grave question whether so severe and continuous a tension of the nervous system is conducive to the physical or intellectual health and vigor of children. I am disposed to think that among them, as among adults, there is danger in the high pressure principle. There is evidently a great *cry*, but whether there be little wool or no wool at all time alone must determine.

The President of the Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, in consequence of the death of his estimable wife, did not reach St. James' on Sunday as announced in the church paper; but pastor Little ably filled his place by a practical discourse on the activities of the Christian life. At Salem Bro. Miller preached an earnest sermon on the ability and willingness of Christ to save. The congregation at neither place was as large as usual.

A decided improvement and one much needed has been made in the old Fairlee road near this village. The dangerously steep hill near Mr. L. Thomas' gate has been graded and a bridge built across the stream at its base. S. Shuster and M. Dilhoeffer did the work, and it is an excellent job. Had stone been used for the bridge instead of common pine, it would have been better.

SIMON SHARP.

CHESTERVILLE AND VICINITY.—To-morrow will be Children's Day in the Chesterville Meth. Epis. Church. Rev. J. E. Bryan will preach especially to the children: Prof. Quimby will conduct the singing; the church will be decorated with flowers and a good time is anticipated. Exercises begin at 3 P. M.

Wheat harvest began with us on Wednesday, Mr. A. Clements being the first to put in the reaper in this neighborhood. There is prospect of a good yield. In some fields the army worm was right thick, but so far as we can learn the damage to the wheat has not been very great. When they get into the corn field they create sad havoc. In many cases the farmers are ditching against them. WALTER.

DIED:

On the 6th instant, JAMES, infant son of Jas. E. and Josie Newcomb.

Darling babe, thou art gone,
Thy stay with us was not long;
Here on earth we shall miss you,
But in heaven the Saviour will bless you. PAPA.

Near Rock Hall, May 28, Mrs. SARAH M. JOINER, daughter of Albert Winchester and wife of George W. Joiner, after a long and painful illness of black cancer, in the 43d year of her age. May she rest in peace. She leaves two children to mourn their loss; but they cannot mourn as those without hope, for they have a sure hope that she is now sleeping in the arms of Jesus. Till almost the last hours that she lived in this world she was heard repeating this beautiful verse over and over:

"Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high."

BY HER FRIEND, MRS. S. C. J.

Tribute of Respect.

WHEREAS, in view of the loss we have sustained by the decease of our friend, and member of Edesville Orchestra, DONISON JUDEFIND, and of the still heavier loss of those nearer to him: therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that in regretting his removal from our midst we mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our respect and regard.

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with the family of the deceased on the dispensation with which it has pleased Divine Providence to afflict them, and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best, and whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the KENT NEWS, and a copy be sent to his family.

CHAS. L. WATKINS, H. H. GRESHAM,
W. S. MASLIN, J. E. BLACKISTON,
WM. JUDEFIND, ARLIE JUDEFIND,
D. WM. CROSBY,
Edesville Orchestra.

1t.

A CARD.

I AM informed that the impression is that I do not want to sell the Mill.—Not so. My children are all engaged in business. Some have had only in part what I wished to give them. The heart disease, with which for several years I have been troubled, has been much aggravated by the recent accident I have met with, and the sudden deaths that are daily reported makes me anxious to pay my debts, divide the balance and change locality, hoping I may regain my health and yet be useful.

I cannot leave without many regrets, but self preservation seems to be a law of nature we cannot ignore.

I hope my place will be well supplied by the many good physicians I leave behind. If my health is restored and the community wish my return I will do so.

Most respectfully,
THOS. H. WHALAND.

N. B.—There are a number of accounts outstanding that I would like to have adjusted before I leave the county.

1t. T. H. W.

WM. H. READ'S SYRUP of BLACKBERRY ROOT, sure cure of Diarrhœa, Cholera Morbus, Cholera Infantum, & Children Teething; always on hand and for sale at THOMPSON'S,
June 12. Up Town.

FOR SALE. Three well built White Oak HAY RIGGINGS, and Six one and a half inch White Oak HORSE TROUGHS, well made. Apply to H. C. LAYMAN, OF B. D. QUIMBY.
je5-3t. Chesterville, Md.

A GOOD SEGAR for 3 cts. E. W. F. SIMPERS.

FESTIVAL! The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church of Kennedyville, will hold a FESTIVAL for the benefit of the Church on the evenings of the 24th, 25th and 26th days of June. je12-2t.

FOR SALE VERY CHEAP, A PELTON HORSE POWER, And Geiser Thresher, in complete order. Apply to THOMAS BAKER, Quaker Neck.
je12-3t.

A REWARD of Fifty Dollars will be paid for the recovery of the body of WILLIAM B. LYNCH, drowned off Poplar Island from steamer Theodore Weems, June 1, 1880. He was about 5 ft. six inches in height, wore black coat and vest and light pants. WALTER Y. THURLOW, 120 Bank st., Baltimore, Md.
je12*

OVERSEER WANTED. A steady, middle aged, married man, as overseer and head hand on a farm in Kent county. To an energetic, practical WORKING man, a permanent and advantageous position can be had at once. Address L. R. SHEWELL, Rock Hall, Kent co., Md.
je12-3t*

WANTED, 500 Tons Rough BONES, within the next three months, for which the highest cash price will be paid delivered at our Factory. T. R. HUBBARD & SON, Chestertown, Md.
je13-tf.

D. N. ROBINSON, WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER —and— COMMISSION MERCHANT, In all kinds of FRUIT, FISH, POULTRY and GAME, and all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, BALTIMORE, MD. Refers to Geo. W. T. Perkins, R. Hynson, W. N. E. Wickes and J. W. Loud, Esqs. je12-3m.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

MASSEYS, MD., June 12, 1880.

THE JUNIOR member of our firm, Mr. R. J. FOARD, having removed to Chestertown, we therefore deem it advisable, *anticipating a very heavy Wheat trade the coming season*, to dissolve the copartnership heretofore exisiting between us, under the firm name of BEAN & FOARD, to take effect from the above date.

Respectfully,
LUCEA