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JOB-PRINTING:
HANDBILLS, CARDS,
CIRCULARS, BLANKS, &c.
executed with neatness and dispatch, and at reasonable prices.

Legal Notices.

ORDER NISI.

In the Orphans' Court for Kent County.

ORDERED this 19th day of October, 1880, that the sale made and reported by WILLIAM M. SLAY, Trustee for the sale of the Real Estate of Alexander Wilson, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the Twenty-first day of December next,—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 19th day of November next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $330.00.

ROBERT NICHOLSON,
THOS. J. SHALLCROSS,
R. B. WILSON,
Judges of Orphans' Court.
True Copy—Attest:
JOEL C. SLAUGHTER,
oc23-4t. Register of Wills.

NOITCE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

ANNA MARIA CACY,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, on or before the 19th day of April, 1881, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under our hands this 19th day of October, 1880.

JULIA E. CACY,
CHARLES O. CACY,
Oct. 23, 1880—4t. Exec'rs.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

WALTER J. GRIFFITH,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 19th day of April, 1881; otherwise they may be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 19th day of October, 1880.

ANNIE R. GRIFFITH,
J. F. WILSON,
Oct. 23, 1880—4t. *Administrators.*

C. T. WESTCOTT,
Attorney & Counselor at Law
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

SPECIAL ATTENTION given to the collection of claims in the counties of Kent Cecil, Queen Anne's and Caroline. y.

JOSEPH S. HEUISLER,
—AND—
CHARLES W. HEUISLER,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
And Solicitors in Chancery,
OFFICES:—No. 18, Law Buildings, and 43 Lexington st., BALTIMORE.
☞ Special attention given to the collection of claims in the city of Baltimore, and in the adjacent counties. fe28y.

Baltimore Cards.

B. F. PARLETT & CO.,
Manufacturers of all styles
CHEWING TOBACCO,
AND DEALERS IN
LEAF TOBACCO, SEGARS, PIPES and SNUFF.
No. 92 Lombard, and 5 Water Streets, BALTIMORE.
FACTORY—No. 18, Danville, Va.

GEO. Z. GREENWOOD. A. W. WOODALL.
GREENWOOD & WOODALL,
Commission Merchants
And General Produce Dealers,
72 SOUTH St., Corn Exchange Building, BALTIMORE.
Commission on Grain 1 cent per bushel. Commission on Peaches and Produce 7 per cent., and no charge for collecting empties. jy26.

W. H. RUTTER,
Late of the firm of Greenwood, Rutter & Co.
Commission Merchant,
For the sale of GRAIN and PRODUCE,
No. 96 Light st. Wharf,
BALTIMORE.
Consignments solicited. a6.

WM. TOMLINSON, Sr.,
WITH
ALONZO P. CREW. JAS. W. JEROME.
CREW & JEROME,
Commission Merchants
For the sale of GRAIN, FRUIT AND PRODUCE GENERALLY,
118 Light Street Wharf, BALTIMORE.
Consignments respectfully solicited.
Correspondence cheerfully and promptly answered. y

SPORTSMEN LOOK!

I have in stock and am receiving a full line of the following celebrated makes of **GUNS**, viz:

W. W. Greener's "New Club Gun,"
W. W. Greener's "Hummerles,"
Treble Wedge;
P. Webley & Sons';
Henry Tolley;
W. Goodyear;
J. Manton & Co.;
J. P. Clabourough & Bro.;
W. & C. Scott & Sons,
and others of cheaper grade and quality, all of which I can furnish in 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 bore, and the very lowest price.
My $35 Breech Loader is "THE DAISY."
MUZZLE GUNS of all grades and prices from $5 to $35.
AMMUNITION, GLASS BALLS, GUN IMPLEMENTS,
in fact everything known to the trade.
☞ Loaded Shells a specialty.
☞ The Cheapest house in the city.

W. P. PATTERSON.
178 W. PRATT ST.,
Next to MALTBY HOUSE, Baltimore,
Aug. 14, 1880-tf.

THOS. L. HINES & CO'S NEW HARDWARE STORE is the place to buy Cook Stoves, Heaters, and Fire Place Heaters. sep18.

WHENEVER you cannot find what you want elsewhere come up town to THOMPSON'S, as he keeps a little of everything anj17.

Tax Collectors' Notices.

TAX-PAYERS
OF
SECOND ELECTION DISTRICT.

For the convenience of the Tax-payers of the Second Election District, I will be at Still Pond the first and third Saturday; at Locust Grove the second Saturday, and at Chestertown the fourth Saturday of each month; the balance of the time at Kennedyville.

As you know the importance you will please settle promptly.

sep25-3m. D. U. DEWEES, Collector.

TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

The Tax Books for the Fourth Election District of Kent County are now in my hands. Your taxes are due from the day the assessment books are in the hands of the Collector; they *must* be paid at sometime, and it is just as easy to pay them at an early date as it is to wait. You are all aware that it is my *duty* to collect them, and I don't want to cause hard feelings with any one, but NO FRIEND will receive any indulgence from me whatever, as I cannot pay the levies against me promptly unless you are prompt. Therefore, do your duty and that will allow me to do mine. If you don't want your property advertised please don't disregard this my only notice.

JOHN N. DODD, COLLECTOR
aug14-tf. Fourth District.

DR. C. P. GILPIN,
DENTIST,
Offers his professional services to the public. OFFICE—High st., Chestertown, opposite Masonic Hall. d6-tf.

SURVEYING.

THE undersigned having obtained a new set of implements now offers his services as LAND SURVEYOR to the citizens of Kent & Queen Anne's counties.
☞ Orders left with C. H. BAKER, Att'y at Law, will be promptly attended to.—Can be seen in Chestertown Saturday afternoons. Or address
COMEGYS BROWN,
aug7-tf. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

LIVERY
And EXCHANGE STABLES,
CANNON ST., CHESTERTOWN.

THE undersigned has just opened a large Livery and Exchange Stable, and having a number of excellent vehicles and fine drivers, is prepared to accommodate the public with first-class teams at moderate prices. Orders left at my residence will be promptly attended to.
ag7-tf. CHAS. H. DAVIS.

1880 1880
WHEATLEY'S
UP TOWN GROCERY.

We have now in stock and shall keep constantly on hand a

Full line of GROCERIES

Such as COFFEES, SUGARS, TEAS, MOLASSES, SYRUPS, &c.

Bacon, Flour, Meal, Feed, Fish, &c.

A choice lot of *Broiling Beef* and *Sugar-cured Hams* kept on hand.

Also, TOBACCO and SEGARS.

We shall use every effort to please, and hope our friends and the public will remember us when making their purchases. All goods in our line will be sold as low as they can be bought in town.
WHEATLEY BROS.,
jan3. Corner Store, Up Town.

WATERS' ORGANS AND PIANOS
THE BEST IN THE WORLD!
☞ If you wish to save 33 per cent. on the dollar buy your Organs and Pianos from New York direct from the factory.
The Waters Organs and Pianos are the best in the market, and a third cheaper if purchased from N. Y. through their general agent, WM. K. JUDEFIND, Edesville, Md. Illustrated catalogues free. Refer to the M. P. Ministry generally; also editors of the Meth. Protestant and Meth. Episcopal, and the thousands who have them in use. sep4-2m.

HAVE YOU A BOX OF
Prof. John R. Smith's
FEVER & AGUE PILLS
IN YOUR HOUSE?
If not ask your Druggist. If he has not got them send to PROF. JOHN R. SMITH, Baltimore Post Office. They will be sent to any address on receipt of 50c.
mh27-6m* PROF. JOHN R. SMITH, Pro.

BUY *YOUR BUGGIES and FAMILY CARRIAGES* from Emmerson Co., the largest Carriage Manufacturers in the world. They can well afford to sell the finest Buggies for $100, that sell elsewhere for $150. For particulars address their agent:
WM. K. JUDEFIND,
sep4-2m. *Edesville, Md.*

T. W. ELIASON, JR.

LUMBER,	LUMBER,
SHINGLES,	LATHS,
PICKETS,	SIDING,
Weatherboarding,	Barn Boards,
Va. Pine Boards,	Cypress Fencing

4-4, 6-4 and 8-4 Dressed White Pine,
Crown Moulding, Band Moulding,
SASH, BLINDS, DOORS,
all at prices that will satisfy after a close examination of the competing markets. Parties who are about to build are solicited to call and learn my prices before buying elsewhere.
Oct. 18. T. W. ELIASON, Jr.

WOOD! WOOD!
HICKORY, OAK and PINE.

THE subscriber has purchased 200 cords of the very best seasoned Oak that has been in this market for some time, and is selling it, delivered, cord; sawed and split at low rates.
This Wood has all been culled over; is full length, clear of knots and small sticks. WILLIAM PERKINS.
Rising Sun Saloon, Chestertown.
Aug. 30—tf.

C. H. J. SPARKS,
DEALER IN
GRAIN and COAL,
LOCUST GROVE, MD.
HIGHEST price paid for **CORN,** and
COAL furnished
At the very Lowest Prices, at BLACK'S STATION, on the Kent Co. R. R
a23-tf.

GO TO THOS. L. HINES & CO'S for Fodder Yarn, Corn Baskets, Grain Scoops, &c. sep18.

GO TO THOS. L. HINES & CO'S sep18. *for HARDWARE.*

FRESH GOODS!
FRESH GOODS!
AT LYNCH'S.

HAVING laid in my FALL STOCK of Goods I am prepared to sell at city prices, goods in my line comprising:

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,
BOOTS AND SHOES,
NOTIONS, HARDWARE, TINWARE
Queensware, Willow-ware,
and a full line of all goods usually kept in a Country Store, which he will sell at
Lowest City Prices!
☞ Country Produce of all kinds taken in exchange for goods, for which the highest market price will be paid.
J. W. PERKINS,
sep11. LYNCH'S.

RICH'D J. FOARD
Late of firm of BEAN & FOARD,
GRAIN DEALER
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
CORN and WHEAT
WANTED,
For which I will pay the highest market price,
Delivered at any Station on the Delaware Rail Road or its Branches.
RICHARD J. FOARD,
OFFICE in the rear of Mr. F. PLATT'S Hardware Store, Main Street,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
June 12, 1880—6m.

Winter is Coming
And You all Need
A GOOD LAMP
to read or sew by, and of course you want to buy where you can do best.
☞ **SPARKS'** ☜
OPPOSITE THE COURT HOUSE,
IS THE PLACE!
We have Hall Lamps, Library Lamps, dining-room Lamps, kitchen Lamps, bedroom Lamps, Bracket Lamps, Lanterns, Burners, Wicks, Shades, Globes, Chimneys, and everything else in that line VERY CHEAP!
Oct. 9, 1880.

O. A. GODWIN,
PURCHASING AGENT,
On the Steamer B. S. FORD,
Can always be found at his post, ready to accommodate the Merchants, Farmers, Mechanics, and all wishing goods of all descriptions purchased, or delivered to any point in the city. Also, letters.
Having considerable experience in purchasing goods, and a large acquaintance of the first merchants of Baltimore, he can purchase goods as cheap as can be had.
Charges for delivery of letters, bundles, &c., as well as commission on goods, very moderate. All I ask is a trial.
fe21y. O. A. GODWIN.

A CARD.

To the Business Men & Legal Profession of Chestertown:

HAVING been reappointed CONSTABLE by lawful authority for my 3rd term for Queen Anne's county, and given good and sufficient bond for the faithful discharge of all the duties of the said office, I solicit a share of the business of Chestertown.

I promise to give my undivided attention to all business intrusted to me, and make prompt returns of all moneys collected by me. I will solicit for a reasonable commission or bring suit according to law as instructed.

M. C. CASEY, Constable,
CRUMPTON, Q. A. Co., MD.

REFERENCES:
W. N. E. Wickes, Esq., Chestertown.
Messrs. Harrison & Bro., Crumpton.
Dr. F. N. Sheppard, "
Dr. W. G. Wallis, " ja31y.

25,000 Bushels of SHELLS,
To be burned, the Lime from which will be sold cheap if delivered within the next sixty days. This lot will close out the stock of one of the firms for which I am agent. As the next will not be so cheap now is the time to buy.
Delivered anywhere on the Chester or Sassafras rivers.
ag5-3m. WM. PERKINS, Agent.

R. K. PIPPIN,
CARPENTER and BUILDER
CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
IS prepared to erect BUILDINGS of every description, at short notice, and on the most reasonable terms.
He employs good mechanics and his work is done in the most substantial and satisfactory manner.
Persons contemplating building are respectfully invited to get his estimates before contracting with others.
my15. R. K. PIPPIN.

Stoves! Stoves!!
COOK STOVES, RANGES.
Heating Stoves and Fire-place Heaters, a large assortment, and selling at small advance on first cost. Call & examine before purchasing. J. K. ARDRIDGE.

FODDER YARN! FODDER YARN!
We think the best and cheapest in this market—only 7 cts. a pound. Call and examine. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS and TIN-WARE cheap, at
sep18. THOS. L. HINES & CO's.

FALL, 1880!
E. W. F. SIMPERS,
OPPOSITE STAM'S DRUG STORE,
DEALER IN
Dry Goods, Notions,
Glass and Queensware,
CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES.
Would call SPECIAL attention to our line of PLAIN and FANCY GROCERIES, *Full Stock, Fresh Goods and Bottom Prices.*
☞ Call and see us, as we are determined to sell goods CHEAP.
E. W. F. SIMPERS,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
☞ Market price paid for Butter, Eggs, Lard and Bacon. Oct. 9, 1880.

Woolen Goods!
WICKES & BROTHER
Have now in Stock full and elegant lines of HEAVY WINTER WOOLENS.
CASSIMERES for Men and Boys' wear.
KERSEYS for Working Farm Suits.
BLANKETS and FLANNELS, some of them of very superior qualities.
In view of the present frosty weather, persons preparing for the winter might find it to their advantage to give these goods an early inspection.
Chestertown, Oct. 11, 1880.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES
—AT—
J. A. PERKINS'
WE have on hand a first class stock of GROCERIES and PROVISIONS, which we are selling very cheap for cash. Our stock consists of
Sugars, Teas, Coffee,
Crackers, Cakes, Lard, Meats, Flour, Spices of all kinds, Candies, &c.
We keep on hand Wm. Lea & Son's Celebrated brands of FLOUR, by the barrel, pound or bag, and will guarantee it to give satisfaction or no charge.
We have MEATS of all kinds, Sugar-cured HAMS, Shoulders and Side Meat by the hundred lbs. Broiling Beef.
Molasses, Syrups: Country Vinegar, Chow-Chow, Pickles, Oranges, Lemons, Cocoanuts, Figs, Prunes, Citron, Fruit of all kinds; Tobacco; Cigars and Snuff, Canned Fruits and Canned Crabs.
Jelley Glasses by the dozen, Tin Cans, Stone Jars, &c.
We aim to keep Fresh VEGETABLES on hand all the time. Call and see us and we will do you good.
J. A. PERKINS,
Opposite the new M. E. Church.
Country Produce wanted for cash or trade.
July 31, 1880.

1880.
Established 1868.
J. B. SAPPINGTON
CROSS STREET,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
Dry Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes,
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS,
And dealer in Fancy Brands FAMILY, EXTRA and SUPER FLOUR.
☞ Please remember we have an *experience of Twelve Years*, and guarantee to please all who favor us with their patronage.
Call and examine our prices and terms.
☞ *WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.*
J. B. SAPPINGTON,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
Jan. 3, 1880.

BOOTS and SHOES
At LYNCH'S STATION.
1880. SPRING & SUMMER. 1880
WM. H. DUDLEY Respectfully announces that he is prepared to make to order at Lynch's Station
BOOTS AND SHOES of all kinds
For LADIES and GENTS,
at the very lowest prices. Also, REPAIRING of every description.
Good work, good material and every effort to please is my motto, and I hope to merit and receive a liberal patronage.
☞ Give me a call.
WM. H. DUDLEY,
apr17. LYNCH'S.

SPECIAL NOTICE!
Something Long Needed
SUPPLIED AT LAST!
WILLIAM PERKINS
has fitted up his
LADIES' PARLOR
for the winter, and ladies from the country, or elsewhere, will find a warm room when they come to town with their husbands or friends, and do not wish to wait in the stores, or to call on friends, while their gentlemen companions are attending to business matters, in which they can sit and read, and pass away their time free of charge.
☞ LUNCHES SERVED at all hours.
He also has an upper room, properly fitted up, in which Dinner and Supper can be privately furnished at all times, at short notice, and moderate prices.
P. S.—All meals served in the upper Saloon will be at an extra charge.
Dec. 27, 1879.

SMOKE! SMOKE! SMOKE!
IF you WILL smoke buy GOOD CIGARS and Smoking Tobacco. You will be sure to find them at
oc9. SPARKS', opp. Court House.

VERY VALUABLE
—AND—
Attractive Farms
AT
PUBLIC SALE.
BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER contained in a mortgage from Joseph J. Webb and Mary F. Webb, his wife, to William Vannort, and by him assigned to the undersigned, dated the 4th day of September, 1878, and recorded among the Land Records for Kent county, Maryland, in Liber D. C. B., No. 4, folio 246, the undersigned will offer at PUBLIC SALE at the "VOSHELL HOUSE" in CHESTERTOWN, MD., on
TUESDAY,
The 9th of November, 1880,
At Eleven o'clock A. M.,
THE VALUABLE AND FINELY LOCATED FARMS OF JOSEPH J. WEBB, AS FOLLOWS:
The Home Farm,
situated on the public road leading from Kennedyville to Turner's Creek, about one mile from Kennedyville, adjoining the lands of F. H. Harper, William T. Hepburn and others, and containing
Two Hundred Acres
AND
Thirty-two Perches of LAND,
MORE OR LESS.
The soil of this Farm is of fine natural quality, and in a good state of cultivation. It is conveniently divided & well fenced.
THE IMPROVEMENTS
CONSIST OF A COMMODIOUS
DWELLING HOUSE,
BARN, STABLE, CORN HOUSE, Carriage House, and other usual Out-Buildings, all in good order. There is a
Young Peach Orchard
of SEVERAL THOUSAND TREES of select varieties.
The location is healthy and attractive, in a good neighborhood, convenient to schools, churches, mills, post-office, railroad and steamboats.

THE POND FARM
IS SIUATED ON THE SASSAFRAS RIVER and LLOYD'S CREEK, and is a beautiful location.
THIS FARM CONTAINS
203 ACRES,
1 Rood and 17 Perches,
more or less. The soil is red and yellow clay, and capable of a high state of improvement.
THE IMPROVEMENTS
Consist of a
DWELLING HOUSE, BARN, Stable, Corn House, Carriage House, Tenant House, and other Out-buildings, in good repair. There is a
Peach Orchard
of several thousand trees in bearing.—Also, an APPLE ORCHARD of good varieties.
THE SHORE of the Farm affords excellent opportunity for gunning and fishing, and the beautiful
WATER LOCATION
renders this Farm a very desirable residence. It is convenient to Schools, Mills, Churches, Railroad and Steamboat, and offers a good opportunity to investors to place their money where it will yield a bountiful return.
THE TERMS OF SALE ARE:
$10,000 to be paid in cash on the day of sale, or in 30 days thereafter at the mortgagee's option, and the balance of the purchase money with interest from the day of sale, to be paid in two equal installments in one and two years from the day of sale. The whole to be secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned.
These terms may be modified on the day of sale.
GEORGE B. WESTCOTT, JR.,
Assignee of Mortgage.
RICHARD HYNSON,
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT,
Oct. 16, 1880—tds. ATTORNEYS.

THE U. B.
Mutual Aid Society
OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Presents the following plan for consideration: The payment of $8 on application, $5 annually for four years, and thereafter $2 annually during life, with prorata mortality assessments at the death of each member of his class, which

FOR DIVISION A IS AS FOLLOWS:

Age.	Assess.	Age.	Assess.	Age.	Assess.	Age.	Assess.	Age.	Assess.
15	60	28	73	41	92	54	1 70		
16	61	29	74	42	94	55	1 80		
17	62	30	75	43	96	56	1 92		
18	63	31	77	44	98	57	2 04		
19	64	32	79	45	1 00	58	2 16		
20	65	33	81	46	1 06	59	2 28		
21	66	34	83	47	1 12	60	2 40		
22	67	35	85	48	1 18	61	2 45		
23	68	36	86	49	1 24	62	2 50		
24	69	37	87	50	1 30	63	2 55		
25	70	38	88	51	1 40	64	2 60		
26	71	39	89	52	1 50	65	2 65		
27	72	40	90	53	1 60				

This secures One Thousand Dollars at death. To secure two thousand the payments are double the above; three thousand three times, &c.
WM. H. DUDLEY, Agent,
apr17. *Lynch's Station, Kent co.*

Cigars! Cigars!
WE are still ahead in FINE CIGARS. The Arango, Bon-Bon and Kilpatrick take the lead. C. F. STAM.
LOOK at my stock of Chewing and Smoking TOBACCO.
E. W. F. SIMPERS.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

A REMARKABLE STORY FROM THE LIPS OF UNITED STATES SENATOR VORHEES.

United States Senator Vorhees tells the following interesting story of a remarkable trial: I remember once defending, at Crawfordsville, Indiana, a man named Owen, indicted for the murder of his wife by poison. It was twenty-odd years ago. Owen was a respectable farmer in good circumstances, and a consistent church member. He had been twice married. He had several children by his first wife; his second was childless, a circumstance which peculiarly affected her mind and temper. She would not permit his children to reside with her, and compelled him to find a home for them elsewhere. She had frequently threatened suicide in consequence of these troubles.

One night Owen was awakened from sleep to find her dying. He called in assistance and sent for a physician, but she was dead before any one arrived. Her sudden demise excited suspicion, and three days after her burial this was communicated to him by a friend, who further informed him that arrangements had been made to disinter the body and investigate it.

Owen was greatly agitated at this intelligence and, after a short pause, replied: "If this is done and poison is found in Kezia's stomach (his deceased wife's Christian name) I will be accused of her murder, convicted and hanged. But I am as innocent of it as that tree," pointing to one near by.

That night he transferred all his property to a son, disguised himself and fled the country. The body of his wife was exhumed and an autopsy had. Enough strychnine was found in her stomach to kill a mule. There was a universal expression of horror at the discovery, and a large reward was offered for the arrest of the fugitive. After some months he was found in Canada, where he was living under an assumed name. He was brought to Crawfordville in irons, and it was with difficulty that his execution by a mob could be prevented.

Joe McDonald (now my colleague in the Senate), Jim Wilson, once a representative in Congress and subsequently minister to Venezuela, and myself defended him. There was a formidable prosecution, Lew Wallace, Judge Gregory and others appearing against him.

It was proven that a short time before Mrs. Owen's death her husband had purchased strychnine at a drug store in the neighborhood, telling the druggist that he wanted it for poisoning rats. But he asked that it should be charged to him, a fact upon which we laid great stress in argument, insisting that had he entertained a criminal design in buying the drug he would not have put the evidence of the fact upon record. A daughter who was visiting her father's house when the poison was brought home testified that he handed it to her stepmother in her presence, cautioning her to be careful with it. A brother of his wife, who was greatly embittered against him, and who was a witness for the State, admitted upon cross-examination that Owen's treatment of his sister was invariably considerate and kind.

This was all we had to base a defense on. The odds were fearful. There was the remark of the marked agitation of Owen when first informed of the suspicions existing against him, his admission that if the post-mortem examination showed that poison was the cause of his wife's death he would be accused of administering it and hanged; his purchase of the poison; his transfer of his property and his flight, all combined, nearly irresistibly led to the conviction of his guilt. "Mr. Vorhees," he said to me, "however darkly things may appear against me, I am not guilty;" and I believed him. We fought the case like tigers upon the reasonable doubt which we deemed the evidence had not excluded, and won it.

Such an uproar as followed I never witnessed. Owen was taken to Wilson's private residence, pursued by a crowd crazed with disappointment and thirsting for his blood. Wilson, McDonald and I stood at the front gate with pistols in our hands, and checked the approach of the mob until Owen could escape from the rear of the house in a conveyance that had been provided for him. It is the only time in my life I ever saw McDonald with a pistol. He showed an unmistakable purpose to use it if necessary.

Owen went to Texas and died there, I presume, as I have never seen or heard of him since. His wife had commited suicide. He knew it, but preferred to keep the fact to himself to avoid scandal and exposing her. He was a weak, but an honest man. For his safe deliverance he was indebted to a capital jury, men who could be neither bought nor scared. The foreman had served the county in the State Senate, others had held office, and all were persons of consideration and influence.

SEE OUR COUNTRY FIRST.

Olive Logan in a letter to the San Francisco *Call*, says: What strange things Americans do! On board the ship was the New York gentleman, with his little wife and family—three young children, one a baby in arms—who have been itemized in all the leading European papers as having made the earliest ascension this year of the Righi and other Swiss mountains. The idea of a nursing baby being brought 4,000 miles across sea and land to ascend the Righi, is one that never would have suggested itself to a parent of any nationality but an American, I venture to assert. The baby bore his honors with dignified grace, but there were moments when I fancied his meditative mode of sucking his thumb showed full appreciation of his own exploits, and a disdain for other men of a twelve month's growth less enterprising than himself. They say nothing in respect to eccentricity from either English or Americans can surprise a Swiss innkeeper. One of these worthies, whose hotel at Lucerne is so run down with custom that he can afford to brave the occasional anger of a guest, has got some beautiful photographs of mountain scenery, which he is fond of showing to his American patrons. No one has ever failed to admire them, and one and all are anxious to know in what part of Switzerland these magnificent peaks are to be found that they may proceed to visit them without delay. They are far from here, replies Boniface. Oh, that is no objection, urge the hardy mountaineers. It costs a good deal to go there, continues mine host. But dear me, money is no object when mountain-seeking is in question. Then, why on earth, queries the compatriot of William Tell, didn't you go to them before you came to the Alps? They are the White Mountains in your own country, and if I were an American I should be ashamed to say I had no acquaintance with them.

ONE DAY a bear walked out of the woods and, all uninvited, entered the humble home where the man and his wife Betsey were sitting. At sight of his bruinship the lord of creation arose from his chair with a wild yell of terror and, without thought of his wife, hastened to climb a place of refuge on top of an old Dutch clock that stood in one corner of the room. The more valiant Betsy stood her ground, and seizing a long poker fiercely attacked the bear, and did not desist, in spite of the game defence which he made, until she had stretched him dead at her feet. Her lord and master from his safe perch watched the combat between her and the bear with evident interest, and ever and anon kept shouting, "Give it to him, Betsey," "Hit him another wipe across the head," "Smash his infernal skull," etc. As soon as he became satisfied that the brute was dead and there was no danger of his "coming to," he hastened to descend from the clock and summon the neighbors for miles around, saying to all those whom he met, "I want you to come to our house and see the bear that Me and Betsey have just killed."

MORE BULLDOZING.—One of our enterprising store-keepers recently laid in a large stock of campaign club hats, labelled respectively "Hancock" and "Garfield." They went off like hot cakes, especially those marked "Hancock," every urchin buying one and proudly wearing it. A day or two ago a small colored boy, with a Hancock cap upon his head, was sauntering down the street when he was accosted by a colored man, who said: "Look heah, what you doin' wid a Hancock cap on? Is you gwine to vote for Hancock?" "I'se not gwine to vote for nobody," was the reply. "You'd better take that cap off'n your head, den. If I cotch you votin' for Hancock I'll beat de breaf out'n your body. Do you heah me?"

A COUPLE of Galveston darkies were talking politics. One of them asked Uncle Mose: "I say, Mose, what's de meanin' oh a silber-tongued orator? I has read dat spressiou in de paper, and it sorter stumped me." Old Mose, who never failed to answer any question ever asked him, responded at once: "A silber-tongued orator is one who neber goes back on his word when he promises you a silber half dollar for votin' for dim." "Dat ar species is mighty skurse in Galveston—dat's all I got ter say.—*Galv'n News.*

ANECDOTES OF GOVERNOR WHITCOMB.

Prof. Hall, in his racy book, entitled the "New Purchase," records some amusing scenes in the early career of the late Hon. James Whitcomb, one of Indiana's most popular Governors. But the following anecdotes, though authentic, have never been in print:

The Governor was something of an exquisite, hence very fastidious in his habits of dress; and when on the circuit, he carried a night-shirt, with a view to preserving his ruffled linen in an unrumpled state. His fastidiousness often excited the contempt of the rough country tavern keepers, and at one place, a waggish lawyer took advantage of the prejudices of the landlord, and by giving a coloring of his own to the young lawyers conduct, aroused the ire of "mine host" to the fighting point.

"Why," said he, "Whitcomb pulls his shirt off before going to bed every night, and puts on an old gown."

"What on earth does he do that for?" says bonny face. "Why, he is afraid of getting his shirt soiled by sleeping in it."

"He thinks my beds are dirty, does he; the foppish puppy?"

"Oh, I only state the fact; I never heard him give any reason."

Bonny face could only understand one reason for such extraordinary conduct, and that involved a grost insult to his house, and he resolved to verify the story, and, if true, to resent the insult in backwoods fashion. So that evening he took a position at the keyhole of Whitcomb's room, and patiently awaited till his guest got ready to retire for the night. Sure enough, he carefully removed his shirt and robed himself in his night shirt. The indignation of the honest landlord knew no bounds, and throwing his weight against the light door he burst it in, and confronting the frightened attorney, he began to vent his rage, in expletives of the most profane character.

"Why, my dear sir," said the prospective Governor; "I don't understand this; what have I done to offend you?"

"What have you done, you——puppy. Why, you have insulted my whole family!"

"I am sure I have had no such intention."

"You didn't, eh? you *didn't* take your shirt off to keep it from getting dirty in my bed, eh? You can't deny it, for I saw you do it; and I won't stand no such insult from no upstart Yankee lawyer!"

Just at this point, the Judge, who occupied a room adjoining, made his appearance in his night dress, and explained matters to the irate host, who retired, vowing vengeance on the fellow who had by his insinuations caused him to make a fool of himself.

Governor Whitcomb lived a bachelor life, until after he had been crowned with gubernatorial honors; but, during the campaign of 1844, he met, while canvassing the State, a most charming young woman, with whom he fell most desperately in love, and who became his wife soon after his election.

He and seen this lady in his audience while addressing his fellow-citizens at ——, and being impressed with her appearance, enquired about her, and sought an introduction, which he readily obtained.

The Governor was an inveterate snuff taker, and being of a nervous temperament whatever he did, he carried to excess. When engaged in conversation, his invariable habit was to hold an open snuff-box in his left hand, and keep a pinch of the fragrant powder almost constantly between the forefinger and thumb of the right hand; and he never failed, on taking a pinch from his box, to pass the box, to all parties within reach of him. This would usually be done without any interruption to the conversation; the invitations to take snuff being entirely pantomimic.

Before introducing him to the young lady whose face had so charmed him, his friend, Judge ——, had warned him against his habit of snuff-taking, and he had promised not to take snuff while in the company of his charmer. He meant to keep his pledge, but the embarrassments of the situation threw him so completely off his guard, that his friend was horrified to see him, after a few minutes, taking snuff at a most vigorous rate, and constantly thrusting his perfumed box under the nose of his *vis a vis*, bowing each time in his most polite style, but evidently wholly unconscious of what he was doing; while the young lady seemed equally overcome by the ridiculosity of the situation.

On being informed of the absurd figure he had cut, he was greatly mortified, and declared that he was wholly unconscious of having taken his snuff-box from his pocket, and he at once resolved to abandon the absurd habit of snuff-taking; and this resolution he maintained, I believe, forever after.

OYSTER PLANTING.

The Baltimore *Journal of Commerce* contains a continuation of the census report of Mr. Richard H. Edmonds on the oyster interests of the Chesapeake. The subject in this number is planting. The oyster beds of the Chesapeake, which have always abundantly met all demands upon them, are fast becoming depleted. Fine oysters, especially, are becoming more scarce, and the time is rapidly coming when, to supply the ever increasing demand, oystermen will have to engage in the actual cultivation of oysters. In some places—Chincoteague for instance—the business of planting is engaged in, the bay there being staked off in plats. These oysters being especially large and fine, are shipped exclusively to New York and Philadelphia. In planting oysters they are merely thrown broadcast on the ground, and left to take care of themselves. On the Rappahannock, the James and the York rivers, planting is now being conducted quite extensively, although by no means on as large a scale as the advantages and likelihood of success would warrant. Fears are very generally expressed that in a few years the oyster beds of these rivers will be exhausted if the present rate of shipments continues. That these fears are not groundless may be seen from the result of oystering in several of the creeks near the Rappahannock. From 1865 to 1871 the beds of Indian, Dividing and Dymer's creeks were well stocked with very fine oysters, the catching of which gave profitable employment to a large number of men. At the present time oysters are so scarce in these creeks that it is impossible to obtain even enough for planting. A few of the oystermen still eke out a poor living, but many have been compelled to give up the business entirely. The laws of Virginia upon planting are so often changed that they tend to discourage this important industry.

SINCE the cry of tariff was started the Republicans have forgotten every other issue. They have forgotten that the bloody shirt once waved "o'er the home of the brave and the land of the free," and that the Democrats are only holding off for a favorable opportunity to pay all the Confederate war claims, that South Carolina is only waiting for a Democratic administration when she will secede again, and that all the negroes will be put back into slavery if "Hancock gets in." Yes, they have forgotten all this and a good deal more, because it's shop-worn and the Northern voter has come to his senses and understands it. Now it is tariff. They'll fight it out on tariff, win or lose, and the way in which Republicans are talking tariff, in season and out of season, reminds us very much of a little story that Artemus Ward used to amuse his friends with. "You see," said the great showman, "a man was billed to be hung out in Nebraska. He was a quiet sort of a man and hadn't done any harm; only walked off with a halter, the other end of which was unfortunately tied to another man's horse. When he got on the platform and the rope was fixed around his neck, the master of ceremonies asked him if he had any parting remarks to make. He said he hadn't and that he was ready to go." Just then a man stepped from among the crowd, mounted the scaffold, looked gravely over the audience, straightened his necktie and said: 'Fellow