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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....JAN. 15, 1881

THE Nevada Legislature has elected James G. Fair, dem., United States Senator.

THERE has been considerable squabbling in the Maine Legislature this week over the votes cast for Governor, but Hon. Harris M. Plaisted was finally counted in, and was inaugurated on Thursday to serve two years.

AT a caucus of the democratic members of the Delaware Legislature on Wednesday Hon. T. F. Bayard was unanimously nominated for United States Senator. The Legislature being over two-thirds democratic, there is no doubt of his election.

MR. LELAND, the special agent from the Census Bureau, when in this county recently for the purpose of correcting the census in the first district, sought counsel, we understand, only of the first enumerators! Was this the proper way to find the errors committed by either the first or second enumerators?

COL. BURGWYN, of the Fifth Maryland regiment, having been vindicated by a court-martial of charges alleged against him, last week requested Gov. Hamilton to accept his resignation which was tendered some months ago, which request was complied with.

HON. GEORGE BRENT, chief Judge of his circuit, and associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, died at his residence in Port Tobacco, Charles county, last Thursday evening. Judge Brent was an excellent man, and a learned jurist, and his death will be a great loss to the bench.

REPRESENTATIVE CONGER is to be U. S. Senator from Michigan, and Eugene Hale is to be Senator from Maine. Mr. Frye having withdrawn from the contest in his favor. This arrangement puts two of the most windy Republicans in the country in the Senate. They are both anti-Conkling and friends of Blaine.

GOV. HAMILTON, in response to appeals made in behalf of Wm. Melbourne, colored—who was to have been hanged at Princess Anne yesterday for the murder of another colored man—has commuted the sentence to imprisonment for life. The circumstances of the killing would appear to have been such as to entitle the condemned man to executive clemency.

UNDER the new appointment of one Congressman for every 100,000 population, Maryland losses one representative in the lower House of Congress. The Congressional districts of the State will be re-arranged, and it is believed that Harford and Baltimore counties, together with the eight lower wards of Baltimore city, will comprise the Second Congressional District, Cecil will be added to the First and Carroll to the Fifth District.

WE are informed by the New York *Tribune* in a double-leaded editorial that "the Administration of President Garfield is to be an Administration for the whole Republican party." One might suppose that a good administration, such as has been predicted for General Garfield, would have a regard for the welfare of the people of the whole country, but it seems, according to this organ, that more than one-half of our population is not to be taken into account at all.

THE UTAH ELECTION—*Cannon Declared Ineligible.*—A dispatch from Salt Lake City announces that Gov. Murray has awarded the certificate as delegate-elect from Utah to Congress to Allen G. Campbell, the Gentile candidate, thereby acknowledging the validity of the latter's protest against the issue of a certificate to Mr. Cannon, although the returns showed that he had a large majority of the votes cast. The principal grounds upon which the denial of the certificate of election to Cannon were based were that he had never been properly naturalized, and that although this defect in the record might be remedied by Cannon's becoming naturalized before his term of office begins, he would still be ineligible because he is living in violations of the law of 1862, which makes polygamy a felony, and because not being a citizen, and from his manner of life incapable of taking the oath of naturalization in good faith, he is doubly disqualified. Mr. Cannon will contest the matter in Congress.

VENNOR'S PREDICTIONS FOR FEBRUARY.—Mr. Vennor does not give much comfort to those who look for a pleasant February. He says: The mild spell with which January closes will probably continue well into this month, with the exception of a day or two up to the 12th of the month with balmy, spring like weather prevailing in many parts, and snow rapidly disappearing. A couple of days of blustering, with rain or snow, will be followed by snow storms and cold weather throughout Ontario and the Western United States. This term will be followed about the 16th by storms of wind, rain and snow previous to the setting in of a cold term. With the beginning of the last week of the month brilliant, mild, spring-like weather will again appear, melting the snow, and rendering sleighing impossible in some localities. A few days before the close of this month high winds are likely to prevail, with gales around New York, Long Island Sound and other points, with blustry weather in Canada and the Northern United States. The last two days are, however, likely to be fair, and the month will end with little snow on the ground.

A DETECTIVE'S CLEVER RUSE.—Detective Freeburger yesterday made a clever capture of a hotel thief, who appears to have been systematically going through the pockets of the guests at the Maltby House for several weeks. The proprietor of the hotel in question complained to the police of the thefts which had been committed and Detective Freeburger was detailed to work up the case. He proceeded to the Maltby House, and after lengthy inquiries, learned that several of the parties who were robbed had been waited on by a colored man named Louis Hargrove, employed as a waiter in the establishment. The detective Thursday night went to the hotel and registered and was assigned a room. By previous arrangement, Hargrove was directed to convey him to the apartment. Freeburger pretended to be intoxicated, and when he reached the room asked Hargrove to help him off with his coat and vest, directing him to hang them up. This the unsuspicious negro did, and Freeburger throwing himself on the bed, told the other to leave. Scarcely had the door closed when the supposed drunken man leaped to his feet, and running to his vest, searched hastily in the pockets. As anticipated, he found that five one-dollar notes which he had marked and placed in the pocket were missing. Freeburger at once ran down stairs and captured the negro, who was seen to throw the notes away. He was arrested and acknowledged his guilt. Justice Maddox, at the Middle station, committed Hargrove for the action of the grand jury. —*Baltimore Gazette, 8th inst.*

SENATOR MAHONE, of Virginia, who now occupies a prominent position before the public, was a poor Irish boy, educated on a free scholarship at the military institute wherein Stonewall Jackson was instructor. He began his career by carrying a surveyor's chain on a railroad, and was known as a skillful Confederate general. At the final surrender Mahone's division was the only one intact and unbroken in spirit.

A DIFFICULTY occurred in Miles River Neck, Talbot county, Sunday morning, between Mr. Joseph Bowdle and a colored man named Tom Thomas, and the latter approaching the former with an uplifted axe, Stanbury Bowdle, a brother of Joseph, seized a pistol and shot Thomas in the neck, inflicting a severe though not necessarily fatal wound.

Ex-GOV. THOMAS WALKINS LIGON, of Maryland, aged 79 years, died on Wednesday, from pneumonia, at his home in Howard county.

BEFORE Mr. P. T. Barnum's recent illness he weighed 215 pounds, and Friday last only 143½ pounds.

MRS. DENNEY, of Smyrna, is 103 years old. She received New Year's cards from friends in twelve States.

THE Delaware Game Protective Association have ordered one hundred and fifty dozen quail to be let loose in that State.

WILMINGTON has a man who makes a business of finding lost children. He found and restored 135 little ones during 1880.

HENRY WARD BEECHER says a man of substantial character cannot be injured by the newspapers. Henry Ward ought to know.

T. NEWTON KURTZ, a well-known stationer and publisher, of Baltimore, died last Sunday, aged 59 years.

REV. WILLIAM P. DAVIS of the M. E. church, of Dover, has returned from his trip to Palestine.

THE CENSUS OF KENT.

We might without comment refer the subjoined census tables to our readers, but a spirit of fairness compels us to make a few suggestions. It will be remembered that last summer, at the completion of the enumeration, it was shown by the result that the increased population in this county was less than five hundred, and but few fair-minded people believed that the work had been thoroughly done in all the districts; and no better evidence of the incompetency of some of the enumerators could be offered than the fact that a large scope of territory in one of the districts had been entirely omitted, and it was not until the newspapers mentioned it that any steps were taken to enumerate this territory of seven square miles. And then it was that some who had a pride in the county and were desirous that she should not be misrepresented in the matter of population, took steps to have at least two districts retaken. They succeeded in securing the re-enumeration of one of these districts, with the promise on the part of General Walker, Superintendent of the Census, that if substantial errors should be shown in the first enumeration of that district that he would then order the retaking of the other.

The second enumeration was made in November last, and showed a gain of about four hundred more inhabitants. Mr. Hurlock, one of the second enumerators, interpreted the law and his duty to be to enumerate all persons found in the district at that time. This seems to have been his error; the law, as interpreted at the Census Bureau, means all persons *bona fide* residents of the district on the first day of June, 1880, and Mr. Leland, the special agent sent by General Walker to correct the discrepancies between the two enumerations, said to a prominent gentleman in the first district that Mr. Hurlock's errors in the main were in enumerating persons who had returned to the district since June 1st, though as far as he could ascertain they had not disclosed to the enumerator the fact that they were not in the district June 1st; and it will be remembered that this enumeration was immediately after the election. Mr. Leland further said that Mr. H.'s mistakes were errors of the head and not of the heart. The enumeration of the county by districts, and as furnished us by Mr. Graham the supervisor of this census district, is as follows:

	1870.	1880.	*Inc.*	*Dec.*
First	4,500	3,836	.....	663
Second	3,166	3,194	28	.....
Third	2,454	2,669	215	.....
Fourth	3,639	4,229	590	.....
Fifth	3,344	3,684	341	.....

Can it be that the second district, the wealthiest and second largest in the county, shows an increase of only 28—only 425 more than the third and 1,035 less than the fourth? The declaration of a prominent republican of that district that "the whole thing was a d—n fraud" would appear to be too true.

Now let us compare the relative increase of the Eastern Shore counties. The reader will note that in 1870 Kent was exceeded in population by only three counties, while, according to the pretended census of 1881, she is the smallest except Caroline, and the increase in that county has been nearly four times as great as ours. Will the intelligent people of this State believe these figures? The increased population in Kent 510, while in her sister counties it runs up into the thousands, and in agricultural products and manufactures Kent the equal of any of them, square miles of area considered. We give the census of the counties for 1870 and 1880 and the increase:

	1870.	1880.	*Inc.*
Cecil	25,874	27,108	1,254
Kent	17,102	17,612	510
Queen Anne's	16,171	19,257	3,086
Talbot	16,137	19,065	2,828
Caroline	12,101	13,767	1,666
Dorchester	19,458	23,110	3,652
Somerset	18,190	21,668	3,478
Wicomico	15,802	18,011	2,209
Worcester	16,419	19,539	3,120

Let the people say whether the enumeration was correct or not.

SINCE the above was written the following appeared in the Washington correspondence of the Baltimore *Sun* of Wednesday. The reported increase it is understood is due to additional names sent the supervisor by the different enumerators in the county:

In reference to the conclusions arrived at by the special agent of the bureau sent to Kent county, Md., it is alleged by some of the citizens of Kent that in his investigations he, to a great extent, took the counsel of the gentlemen who made the first enumeration, and that, therefore, his conclusions might not be altogether as free from prejudice as is desirable. But the special agent is a very capable and conscientious man, of wide experience, and it is more probable than otherwise that his conclusions are as correct as may be. The figures at the census bureau to-day, as made up from the latest data, appear to make up a total of 18,189. If this is verified the people of Kent may be happy after all.

The same correspondent on Thursday states that the above is erroneous, that "the error made yesterday was due to the fact that some of the figures of the second enumeration, which the superintendent of the census had rejected on the recommendation of the special agent, were erroneously included."

The official bulletin, just published, puts Kent's population at 17,605. And yet we are not unhappy, resting in the conviction, which is shared by our citizens generally without regard to party, that a correct enumeration would largely increase our reported population and give us an additional member of the legislature.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Jan. 11.—Present Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

George Bolton, administrator of Charles Hawkins, returned an inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of said deceased.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of John Maslin were granted unto Samuel Cacy, who filed his bond in the sum of $500, and L. M. Bean and George W. Jacoby were appointed to appraise the personal estate of said deceased.

Eugene Gooding, guardian to Miers S. Jester, returned his final guardian account, which was examined and passed as stated.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of James A. Morris were granted unto L. M. Bean (Mary E. Morris, widow of said deceased, first renouncing), who filed his bond in the sum of $300, and George W. Jacoby and J. J. Spear were appointed to appraise the personal estate of said deceased.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of Thomas Baker were granted unto Charles H. Baker, who filed his bond in the sum of $4000 which was approved and ordered to be recorded, and H. M. Thomas and John A. Groves were appointed to appraise the personal estate of deceased.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of Lewin Usilton were granted unto Harriett M. Usilton and Joseph R. Usilton, who filed their bond in the sum of $6000, and A. L. Vannort and George A. Stephens were appointed to appraise the personal estate of said deceased.

CLERICAL CHANGES.—Rev. A. Webster, who has been pastor of St. John's Independent Methodist Church, on Liberty street, Baltimore, for the past forty years, recently requested the congregation to relieve him from active relations, which request was granted, and he was appointed pastor emeritus. Rev. T. H. Lewis, who has been assistant pastor for four years, has been unanimously elected in place of Mr. Webster, and entered upon his duties last Sunday. Mr. Lewis is 28 years of age, and is a native of the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He graduated at Western Maryland College, Westminister, and had his first charge in Cumberland. He is a member of Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.—*Balto. Sun.*

CAROLINE COURT.—The January Term of Caroline Circuit Court met last Monday. Hon. Frederick Stump, associate judge, presiding, and adjourned same day. A member of the Bar says it was the most remarkable term on record, only one judgment was entered and one order signed by the court. The appearance docket numbered eighteen cases.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad was held at Wilmington, Del., Monday. The following officers were elected: President, Isaac Hinckley; vice-president, Enoch Pratt; secretary and treasurer, Alfred Horner.

A GREAT many young lambs have been frozen to death in the Eastern Shore counties during the present cold snap.

B. T. BIGGS has purchased the Jonathan P. Green farm, of one hundred acres, near Millington, Queen Anne's county. Price $2,000.

A CAMBRIDGE correspondent of the Wilmington *Every Evening* states that the oyster trade of that town is worth $500,000 per year.

P. C. OUTTEN, of Worcester, killed a hog last week which weighed 777 pounds dressed. Outten can go up head for the present.

THE Middletown *Transcript* says that town is entirely free of smallpox, the case which created so much comment (elsewhere) having recovered.

THE ICE EMBARGO RAISED.—The ice-boat Maryland visited Chestertown last Wednesday, opening a roadway for steamers to and from our port. Chester river has been solidly locked up for three weeks and neither sailing vessel nor steamer has been able to reach our wharves. Consequently the visit of a boat of any kind from the outside world was hailed with pleasure. The news of the Maryland's coming drew together hundreds of people at the wharves, who watched with interest her approach. She rounded Primrose's Point shortly after 3 P. M., the steamer L. G. Cannon following close in her wake—Capt. J. W. Thompson, of the latter, piloting the former—and made her way up through the thick ice with apparent ease. The heaviest ice with which she had to contend was at the mouth of the river, where was found a floating cake of about twenty acres, six or eight inches thick. Here it was about four inches. On the first day of January it measured 6½ inches in thickness. The Maryland is commanded by Capt. Griggs, with R. C. Woolsey chief engineer; she is a side-wheeler, of 522 tons burthen; built by the State in 1871; has two incline, high-pressure engines of 750 horse power, and four boilers, and breaks a width of sixty feet of ice.

Capt. Thompson, with others of our citizens, were persevering in their efforts to secure the services of the Maryland, and the Captain was highly elated with the success of his efforts. He is certainly deserving of great credit for his perseverance and enterprite. A banquet was given by Capt. T. at Perkins' "Rising Sun" on the evening of the steamer's visit, in honor of the event, at which the officers of the Maryland and a number of our citizens, with the Kent Cornet Band, were present. The occasion was one of much social enjoyment.

MILITARY.—At a meeting of the "Kent Guards" on Tuesday last Captain Vickers' recent action with reference to the Burgwyn court-martial was unanimously endorsed. A committee was appointed, consisting of Capt. Vickers, Lieuts. Bordley and DeFord, Walter H. Beck, W. A. Biscoe and R. R. Calder, to arrange for a reunion. It was resolved to have a full dress drill on Tuesday night next, and that Rev. E. B. Newnam be requested to preach a sermon to the company on the morning of the 22d of February at the Court House.

BOLD THEFT.—The store of Mr. Burton Burchinal, in this town, was entered on Friday night of last week and robbed of $60 in money. The thief effected an entrance by crawling under a building in the rear, thence into the cellar under the store and up through a hatchway. The money was taken from a "pigeon hole" under the writing desk, an unusual place for keeping money, and Mr. B. thinks his unwelcome visitor had posted himself fully in regard to his movements and the arrangements of the store. Nothing else was stolen, as far as known.

TO BE TRIED FOR LARCENY OF A SATCHEL.—Henry A. West, who was arrested for the larceny of a sum of money in the satchel of Mrs. Julia A. Powers, of Millington, while she was in Baltimore during the municipal anniversary celebration last October, will be tried on the charge in the Criminal Court of Baltimore on the 19th inst. It was stated at that time the sum was over $1,000, but the indictment is for $93 25. West had, by his manners and appearance, ingratiated himself with persons in the village from which the lady came, and it is charged he managed to get entrusted with the satchel and went off with it.

PARALYZED.—A. W. Melvin, Esq., one of the most highly respected citizens of our county, residing in Morgan's Creek Neck, was attacked with paralysis on Thursday morning of last week. He had just gotten out of bed when attacked, and fell speechless and utterly unable to move, but not altogether unconscious. Dr. J. A. Perkins was immediately summoned and applied proper remedies, and we are glad to learn that the patient's symptoms are now very favorable for recovery.

AN ANCIENT SLEIGH.—There was in Chestertown on Wednesday a sleigh which was built by the grandfather of Mr. Wm. A. Hyland, of Galena, in 1810. It has been in general use, and the runners have been ironed only once—in 1840. At Mr. Hyland's father's sale the sleigh was purchased by the late Jas. P. Wickes, of Eastern Neck Island, and it has been in possession of his family ever since. Mr. Jackson Wickes, of Grey's Inn, has had knowledge of the vehicle for more than half a century. The wood is perfectly sound and the sleigh has every appearance of being good for the remainder of its century.

APPOINTMENT.—Governor Hamilton has appointed Richard C. Smyth to be County Commissioner for Kent county, from the third district, vice Wm. V. Lucas, deceased. Mr. Smyth is a gentleman of experience and good business qualities, and he will no doubt worthily represent his district and make a useful member of the court.

RELIGIOUS.—An interesting religious revival is in progress at the M. P. Church, Chestertown, Rev. W. J. Neepier, pastor.

Extra services have also been held during the week at the M. E. Church.

MISS LOTTIE SPENCER has resigned her position in the Chestertown public school, to take effect February 10, and Miss Alice Crane has been appointed in her place.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—The following officers of the Methodist Protestant Sunday School, Chestertown, were elected last Tuesday evening for the present year: Superintendent, Wm. B. Usilton; assistant, J. K. Aldridge; librarian, H. Rickey; assistant, Charles L. Dodd; treasurer, Mrs. Mary E. Lambert; secretary, Willard Melvin.

PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE.—A large, elegant and costly family Bible was presented to Mr. William B. Usilton by the teachers of the Methodist Protestant Sunday School, last Tuesday night. The presentation took place at the chapel, Rev. W. J. Neepier, in some very appropriate remarks, on behalf of the teachers presented the Bible. The matter having been kept a profound secret Mr. Usilton was really taken by surprise, but he nevertheless made a happy and fitting response. The occasion was altogether a pleasant one. Mr. Usilton has been the superintendent of the school for seven or eight years, and has, by unanimous request, consented to enter upon the discharge of the duties of the position for another year.—*Transcript.*

A NICE LITTLE BANQUET.

Messrs. Editors:—As you were invited but unavoidably detained I thought I would give you a little description of the banquet given by Capt. J. W. Thompson of the steamer L. G. Cannon, at William Perkins' on Wednesday evening, in compliment to the officers of the ice boat Maryland, Captain Griggs and Lewis. Capt. Thompson introduced his guests to the officers of the boat in a neat little speech thanking the latter for their kindness and skill in breaking him a way home through the ice bound waters of the Chester, where we had been shut off so long from Baltimore, thereby bringing relief at the same time to many others. He was followed by Rev. S. C. Roberts, and Mr. Dodd, the accomplished leader of the Kent Cornet Band, which discoursed sweet music to the guests. Major B. B. Wroth and others expressed thanks to the officers of the boat for their generous acts. We departed to our homes about eleven o'clock, after partaking of a most delightful supper prepared by William. There was cheer and good-will, though nothing stronger than cold water and coffee were improvised as a beverage. A GUEST.

THE new firm of Bordley Brothers, clothiers, have advertised to sell their very large stock of overcoats and suit goods positively *at cost price* for the next sixty days in order to make room for Spring goods. They still have a very large stock to select from and it will pay to give them a call, as we believe they mean exactly what they advertise.

NEW FIRM.—Wm. H. Lambert & Co. have taken the store room formerly occupied by Mr. S. Merritt, for the purpose of conducting the dry-goods and grocery business. They have already opened their stock and solicit a liberal share of patronage.

THE SALE of the personal estate of the late Wm. V. Lucas will take place at Smithville next Wednesday.

A VALUABLE INVENTION.—A patent has been secured by Capt. J. C. Slaughter, our Register of Wills, for a Force Phosphate Feed for grain drills. The Feed is composed of a cylinder with three slides, arranged in such a manner as to force a given quantity through at every revolution, without reference to the condition of the phosphate. It will not clog or gum in any manner. Every revolution of the cylinder will feed to each tine three-and-three-quarter cubic inches of material, and the quantity sown is governed by the speed of the cylinder; it is only required to revolve one time to three of the drill wheel to sow 200 pounds to the acre, thus requiring little power to drive it. It is no doubt a valuable invention, and must prove a great desideratum to farmers and of large pecuniary value to the inventor. Capt. Slaughter is now negotiating with the firm of Bickford & Huffman for the right to use it.

RESIGNED COMMAND.—Capt. H. W. Vickers, of the Kent Guards, has sent in to Adjutant General Watkins his resignation of his command of the company. The resignation of Capt. Vickers will be a great loss to the Kent Guards. He has been asked by the Adjutant General to withdraw his resignation, which will probably be done under certain contingencies.

SERIOUS INJURY TO CAPTAIN BURCHINAL.—Captain William D. Burchinal, first deputy collector and the next in rank to Collector Thomas, met with a very serious accident Saturday night about half-past eight o'clock. He was on his way to the house of Hon. John L. Thomas, on Linden avenue, and was crossing the street at the corner of Read and Charles streets, when he slipped on a smooth piece of ice and fell to the ground, fracturing his thigh just below the hip and dislocating the joint. The snow just at this point was banked up in the gutter, and in springing over a pile of snow he alighted on a smooth piece of ice, and his fall was a terrible one. He realized at once when he fell that he had hurt himself badly, but tried to get up, and succeeded in gaining his feet. In trying to take a step his leg gave way, and he again fell heavily. This last time he fell he thinks he broke his thigh. He called to two colored men who were passing at the time, and they assisted him up, but he could not stand. At this point some of the gentlemen who were standing at Beam's corner came over, and recognizing Capt. Burchinal, assisted him into Dr. Whitridge's office, which is on the southeast corner of Read and Charles streets. Dr. Whitridge examined his injuries and found both the fracture and dislocation. He had him removed immediately to his home, No. 37 Pleasant street, in an invalid's chair, and his hip was reset at once. Yesterday morning Drs. Whitridge and L. McLane Tiffany reduced the fracture of the thigh. Both injuries were pronounced of so serious a nature that it is feared the patient will not be able to move from his bed for several months. He suffers a great deal, especially from the dislocation, which lacerated and strained the ligaments and tendons around the joint.—*American, Monday.*

[The sad intelligence was received with the deepest expressions of sorrow by the numerous friends of Captain Burchinal in this town and county.—EDS.]

THE FRUIT.—From what we can gather in conversation with large growers in Kent no definite opinion can be given in regard to the effect of the recent cold upon the fruit. The Denton Journal says:

"Mr. Johnathan W. Kerr, proprietor of the Eastern Shore nurseries, on Wednesday morning last made a careful and thorough examination of his orchards and found that all his peaches, pears and cherries were killed by the recent cold weather. Of the buds on twigs cut from 31 of the hardiest varieties of peaches in his orchard he could find not a single live one. The wild goose plum was unhurt, as was the apple."

PEACHES AND SMALL FRUITS—*Great Damage to them by the Cold Weather—Strawberries the Only Sure Crop.*—From all present indications it appears that not only the peach buds are killed, but even the trees in many cases are almost ruined. On this point there seems no diversity of opinion among fruit growers where an examination has been made. D. S. Myer, of Bridgeville, says the destruction above the snow line to peaches, raspberries and cultivated blackberries is almost complete. Messrs. Alexander Pullen, J. J. Ross, J. W. C. Gardner, H. B. Fiddeman and a number of others express the same opinion. On Thursday Messrs. M. H. Davis and Clarence Hopkins visited several orchards near town, and examining about a thousand buds, found every one destroyed and all wood of last year's growth killed. In some cases limbs an inch in diameter were found to be dark on the outside, and are undoubtedly ruined. Raspberries and blackberries were found killed above the snow line, as also were peach trees two years from bud in the nursery of Mr. Pullen. But specimens of ungrafted trees, one year old, were not killed. The difference between the live and dead wood is very perceptible, the defunct branches being very dark and almost black. The loss of simply a crop of peaches falls with depressing force upon the community, but the injury to the trees is an additional stroke. Some fruit growers express the opinion that the only crop of cultivated fruit we shall have this year will be strawberries. In March of 1858, there came a sudden wave of cold after a warm winter that had advanced the peach crop somewhat, and the fruit germs were not only destroyed, but many branches of the trees were frozen and had to be removed; in some cases it being necessary to remove one-half the grown trees. At that time young trees on poor soil were all destroyed, and now the injury to the trees somewhat depends upon the age and vitality of the trees.—*Milford (Del.) News.*

SCHOOL FUND.—Comptroller Keating has made the following quarterly distribution of the public school fund to white and colored schools for this county, payable on and after the 10th inst. For white schools $2,367.86; for colored schools, $1,108.24.

Resolutions of Respect

Passed by Kent County Agricultural Association upon the announcement of the death of LEWIS USILTON, Jan. 11, 1881.

WHEREAS, an all-wise Providence has removed from our midst, by death, an esteemed and influential member of this Association, therefore, be it resolved—

First, that this ASSOCIATION sincerely sympathises with the family of the deceased in their great bereavement.

Second, that in this event this ASSOCIATION and the community sustain a serious loss.

Third, that it becomes us to emulate and imitate his many manly virtues.

Fourth, that these resolutions be spread in full upon the record of this meeting, and a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased; also, copies be sent to the "Kent News" and the "Chestertown Transcript" for publication.

HENRY T. MASSEY, Sec'y.

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MARRIED:

At the M. P. Parsonage, in Chestertown, Dec. 21, 1880, by Rev. W. J. Neepier, Mr. J. IRA MURPHY and Miss MATTIE NEWNAM, all of Queen Anne's county, Md.

At the residence of Mr. Frank Dwyer, in Chestertown, Jan. 12, 1881, by Rev. W. J. Neepier, Mr. WILLIAM B. ASHLEY and Miss MOLLIE E. SOLLOWAY, all of this county.

Dec. 23, 1880, at Mrs. M. R. Wilson's, near Still Pond, by Rev. J. B. Merritt, assisted by Rev. S. S. Hepbron, ALBERT PERKINS to Miss SALLIE E. CROSSLEY, both of this county.

At Eutaw Place Baptist Church, Baltimore, Jan. 5, 1881, by Rev. W. P. Kerfoot, WILLIAM P. FRANCIS, of this county, and Mrs. ADDIE H. LLOYD, of Baltimore.

At St. James' Parsonage, Dec. 2, 1880, by Rev. F. T. Little, WILLIAM H. DUDLEY and Miss KATE L. TOULSON, both of this county.

At the residence of the bride's mother, near Chesterville, Dec. 28, 1880, by Rev. Thomas W. Brown, ALFRED GORDON and Miss SALLIE A. ROSS, both of this county.

DIED:

Fell asleep in Jesus on Dec. 9, 1880, RACHEL A., daughter of Otho M. and Amanda C. Fogwell, aged 2 years, 3 months and 13 days.

Weep not for little Rachel,
Her gentle spirit's fled;
She sweetly sleeps with Jesus
Among the silent dead.
Shed not one tear of sorrow
Around her lonely tomb;
Think what a lovely flower
In heaven we have to bloom. L. A. F.

Oct. 15, 1880, of dysentery, EUGIE DILL, only child of A. G. and Marion Dill, aged 1 year, 9 months and 5 days.

Dear child, sweet child, too fair and bright for earth, how like a sunbeam was thy glancing eye; how like glad music was thy childish mirth, attracting e'n the casual passer-by. How oft I've gazed upon thy beauteous face and fancied that the angels looked like thee, and felt that brief would be thy earthly race; that soon in heaven thou shouldst our father see; and now 'tis done. Thy short bright life is o'er ere stained by sin or clouded by distress. Thy tender feet have trod the shining shore, and onward through the golden streets they press to where the shining host of infants stand, and swell the notes in that triumphant song that rolls forever o'er that happy land. By faith I see thee in that radiant throng. We know what thou mightst have suffered here; what snares thou hast escaped we cannot tell, but this we know—this checks the falling tear—our Heavenly Father doeth all things well. MOTHER.

DIVIDEND.
The Directors of the *BARNARD WHARF COMPANY* have this day declared a Dividend of 4 per cent. on the capital stock, payable Jan. 23, 1881, at 2 o'clock P. M., at N. Barnard's residence.
N. BARNARD, SEC.
jan15-2t.

WANTED—
A MAN who understands Gardening and Trucking, to work on shares. Dwelling House and teams furnished. He must have satisfactory recommendation.
B. F. SAPPINGTON,
CEDAR POINT, Easter Neck Island.
P. O.—Rock Hall, Kent Co., Md.
Jan. 15, 1881—3t.

DR. W. G. PHELPS, who has hitherto been constantly engaged at home office, Galena, will endeavor hereafter to be at his branch offices at Still Pond and Kennedyville each Saturday until further notice. jan8-3t.

FOR RENT—
A GOOD PIANO.
Terms moderate. Apply at the KENT NEWS Office. jan8-3t.

MONEY TO LOAN
At Six per cent. in sums to suit, on first mortgage. HINES & SMITH.
Jan. 8, 1881—3t.

NOTICE.
My Books, Notes and Accounts are in the hands of C. H. BAKER, Attorney, and if not settled within 30 days he will proceed to collect according to law.
Jan. 1, 1880—tf. S. MERRITT.

REMOVAL.
MISS MARY R. BENJAMIN has removed her business to her residence on Queen street, where she will keep on hand a full line of DRESS TRIMMINGS, and will be pleased to see all her friends. jan1-3t.

STRAYED OR STOLEN
From the subscriber's farm Friday, Jan. 7, a small BLACK MARE, 6 years old, blind in right eye. A liberal reward will be paid on return or any information that will lead to the recovery of the same.
F. BARKMAN,
jan15-3t* Chestertown, Kent co., Md.

FOR SALE,
A BAY STALLION,
"FRANK PIERCE, JR."
sired by the well known horse "Frank Pierce," dam a Patchen mare. "FRANK PIERCE, JR." is a bright bay, with black points; 15¾ hands high, eight years old, and weighs 1100 lbs. Warranted sound and kind in all harness. Can trot a mile in 2.40.
☞ To breeders of good stock this is a chance to get a first class horse at a low figure, as the present owner is compelled to change his place of residence, and must dispose of him.
For further particulars as to pedigree, price, &c., apply to
J. E. COCHRAN, JR.,
306 Market St., Chester, Pa.
Jan. 15—4t.

DESIRABLE DWELLING and LOT
NEAR STILL POND,
AT PRIVATE SALE.
DWELLING of John T. Gray near Still Pond; new and excellent building of ample size. 13¼ Acres of LAND, no waste. 300 Fruit Trees, and large stock of fine small fruit. Until February 10th this property will be offered at a very low price. After that date it will not be for sale. J. A. PEARCE, ATT'Y.
Jan. 15—3t.

WM. H. LAMBERT & CO.
Have taken the store room lately occupied by SAMUEL MERRITT, and have just opened
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT
—OF—
DRY GOODS,
Groceries, &c.
to which additions will be made as the needs of their customers may require.
They solicit a liberal share of public patronage.
WM. H. LAMBERT & CO.
Jan. 15—3t.

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
LEWIN USILTON,
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 July, 1881, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under our hands this 11th day of January, 1881.
HARRIETT M. USILTON,
JOSEPH R. USILTON,
Jan. 15, 1881—4t. Adm'rs.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent county Letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
THOMAS BAKER,
late of Kent county, Maryland, dec'd.
All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, on or before the 19th day of July, 1881, or they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate. Given under my hand this 11th day of January, 1881.
CHAS. H. BAKER,
Jan. 15, 1881—4t. Adm'r.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
JOHN MASLIN,
late of Kent county, deceased.
All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the 19th day of July, 1881; otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 11th day of January, 1881.
SAMUEL CACY,
Jan. 15, 1881—4t. Adm'r.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
JAMES A. MORRIS,
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 July, 1881; otherwise they may be excluded from all benefit of said estate.
Given under my hand this 11th day of January, 1881. L. M. BEAN,
Jan. 15, 1881—4t. *Adm'r.*

TRAVILLA POULTRY YARD.
I have TEN BRONZE TURKEY GOBBLERS, Thirty pair of PLYMOUTH ROCK CHICKENS, and Five Trio of PEKIN DUCKS for sale.
Address EDWARD SLAUGHTER,
Dec. 4—tf. Chestertown, Md.

NEW YORK BUCKWHEAT by the lb. or sack; Hominy, Beans, Dried Apples and Peaches, at city prices, at
d18. WHEATLEY BROS', up town.

POWDER & SHOT, Paper Shells and Caps for for B. L. gun; Pistol Cartridges, Wads, &c. THOMPSON, up town.

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
PERSONAL PROPERTY,
Store Goods, &c.
BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court for Kent county, the undersigned, administrators of WM. V. LUCAS, will offer at Public Sale at the late residence of said deceased, at Smithville,
On WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19th, 1881,
The following property:
3 HEAD of HORSES,
6 COWS, 1 Sow and 7 Pigs,
1 CARRIAGE, 1 WAGON,
1 DEARBORN AND HARNESS,
Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Harness, Spades, Hoes, and other FARMING IMPLEMENTS.
36 BUSHELS WHEAT SEEDED:
Lot of CORN BLADES, and a LARGE VARIETY of
Household & Kitchen FURNITURE.
Also, a GENERAL ASSORTMENT of
STORE GOODS,
such as are usually found in a well conducted country store.
The sale will begin at 10 o'clock A. M., and if not completed that day it will be continued on successive evenings at 7 o'clock until the entire stock is disposed of.
TERMS OF SALE.—All purchases of $10 and under, cash; all over that amount a credit of eight months, on note, with approved security. No property to be removed till the terms are complied with.
HANNAH R. LUCAS,
GEO. T. WILLIAMS,
Administrators.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auct'r. jt-ts.

Collector's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of authority conferred upon me as Collector by Act of Assembly, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of Lewis Henry, colored, of, in and to

A HOUSE
And LOT OF LAND
adjoining the property of John Gardner and Perry Chambers, at Georgetown, in the Fifth Election District of Kent Co.
And I hereby give notice, that on
Saturday, February 5th, 1881,
on the premises, between the hours of 12 M., and 2 o'clock P. M., I will sell the said property for cash to pay the taxes due from said Lewis Henry, as follows:
State and County taxes for 1880.....$9.47
together with interest and cost due and to become due thereon.
THOS. C. MASLIN,
Jan. 15—ts. Coll. 5th Dist.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.
BY virtue of authority conferred upon the undersigned as Collector of taxes by Act of Assembly, he has seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of Joseph Venable, of, in and to
Three Acres of Land,
in the Fifth Election District of Kent county, in the colored settlement called Georgetown, adjoining the property of Sol. Rasin, and others.
And I hereby give notice, that on
SATURDAY, the 5th of February, 1881
on the premises, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M., I will sell said property for cash to pay taxes due from said Joe. Venable, for the year 1880.....99c.
together with interest and costs due and to become due thereon.
THOS. C. M