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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....JAN. 29, 1881

THE status of the United States Senate in the Forty-seventh Congress, which meets on or after next fourth of March, was practically determined on Wednesday by the election of Hon. Howell E. Jackson as Senator from Tennessee. Mr. Jackson is a democrat and a member of the "debt-payer" faction of his party in that State. There is only one more Senator to be elected, from Pennsylvania, where the contest between the Cameron faction and the republican opposition continues to be both warm and uncertain. It is well understood, however, that Mr. Wallace's successor will be a republican. Thus, in the next Senate there will be 37 democrats and the same number of republicans, with the addition of Judge Davis, of Illinois, who, while representing "the third party," has usually voted with the democrats, and Mr. Mahone, of Virginia, "readjuster" democrat, who is reported to have declared it to be his principle never to vote before going to the polls. The Senate of the United States has seldom, if ever, been so equally divided on party issues, and never before has it had to encounter the charming uncertainty of the two odd members.

THE resignation of Mr. Justice Swayne, of the Supreme Court of the United States, was handed to the President on Tuesday. It is confidently reported that the Hon. Stanley Matthews will be nominated to the seat thus vacated. Mr. Matthews was one of the visiting statesmen who went to Louisiana to watch the action of the returning board of that State, and was charged at the same time and subsequently with taking a special and personal interest in the matter, and he subsequently made an argument before the electoral commission at Washington in which he insisted on the validity of the election of President Hayes, and that the commission had no power to go behind the returns. [Since the above was in type the President has nominated Hon. Stanley Matthews to be Justice Swayne's successor.]

OHIO EDITORS IN BALTIMORE.—Seventy-six members of the Ohio Editors' Association, accompanied by thirty-one ladies, were on a visit to Baltimore on Friday and Saturday of last week. They were quartered at the Carrollton Hotel, and during the time of their stay were taken possession of and conducted to various points in the city by a committee of the Press Association of Baltimore, merchants and business men. On Friday night a reception and dinner took place at the Carrollton, many of the most prominent business men in the city being present. Most of the company went to Washington on Saturday, and Capt. Henry B. Kelley, of the Lima *Democrat*, a member of the association, died of apoplexy at the Imperial Hotel in that city. Capt. Kelley was about sixty years of age. His remains were embalmed at the instance of the association, and sent to Ohio on Monday in charge of a committee. A meeting of the Association was called and resolutions highly eulogistic of the deceased were adopted.

SENATORIAL NOTES.—In the Tennessee Legislature on Wednesday, on the 30th ballot, Howell E. Jackson, State-credit democrat, was elected to the United States Senate. The Senator-elect was serenaded at night. In response he said in substance as follows: "I am aware that the wisdom and propriety of the choice may be questioned before the country, but I am aware that the right-thinking men of both political parties, who have the good of the country and the peace of the country at heart, will acquiesce in what you have done to-day. In retaining the Senate of the United States the democrats will thus insure to the country peace and prosperity for four consecutive years. It was the desire of the conservative element of the country that the Senate should remain democratic as now, and thus allay this alarming reference to sectional agitation. I expected and trusted that a more distinguished citizen of Tennessee would have gone forth in the discharge of its duties. I will endeavor to represent, not merely the interests of this great commonwealth, but the whole country; to allay sectional animosities; to break down political animosities."

General Charles Van Wyck has been elected United States Senator from Nebraska. General Van Wyck was formerly member of Congress from New York and now lives near Nebraska City, where he is engaged in farming.

The West Virginia Legislature has elected Johnson N. Camden, (dem.,) of Parkersburg, United States Senator, to succeed Hon. Frank Hereford, after the 4th of March.

Samuel B. Maxey (dem.) was re-elected United States Senator by the Texas Legislature on Tuesday on the first ballot.

Philetus Sawyer, republican, has been elected United States Senator by the Legislature of Wisconsin.

There is still a dead-lock in the Pennsylvania Legislature. The friends of Grow, to the number of about 60, are still standing out against Oliver, the candidate of the Camerons and the caucus nominee, and it is probable that there will be no election for a week.

THE POPULAR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT.—*Hancock Ahead.*—The Baltimore *Sun* of last Thursday states that careful revision of the returns from all the States, obtained by correspondence with the best sources of information, enable it to give a correct table of the popular vote of the United States for President in November, 1880. The total vote of the country was 9,200,794, divided as follows:

James A. Garfield, republican	4,437,981
Winfield S. Hancock, democrat	4,444,313
James B. Weaver, greenback	307,063
Neal Dow, prohibition	9,644
Scattering	1,794
Gen. Hancock's maj. over Garfield	6,332

The total vote polled for President in 1876 by the same States as in 1880 was 8,411,136, and the increase is 789,658.

A LARGE NUMBER of prominent business men in Baltimore have petitioned the City Council to have the lamps lighted every night in the year, instead of having the gas turned off when the almanac says it ought to be moonlight. An ordinance to that effect should be passed by all means. Some of those "moonlight" nights are very dark and dreary, and, besides the additional protection the lights would afford to the citizens, countrymen would feel a much larger degree of safety when traversing the city at night.

THE City Council of Baltimore have passed a resolution urging the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to increase the pay of their employes. A road that is making such enormous profits and declaring such large dividends as the Baltimore and Ohio should feel humiliated at even such an intimation. Who are the board of directors? Have they no souls? Perhaps they have forgotten that "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

THE Philadelphia *Times* referring to the re-election of Senator Bayard, says: There are few of any party who will not commend the choice. He is one of the uncommon men of the times, who is regarded by dispassionate political foes as more valuable to the country than to party, unless party is most served by serving country best, and his election to another term will be the cause of general congratulation.

A GIANT WANTS TO MARRY A CHILD.—The sensation at Atlanta, Ga., last week, was a case of supposed kidnapping. A man giving his name as Benjamin H. Schnell arrived there Thursday morning with a very sweet-looking and well-formed child of 8 years, who says her name is Hattie Gertrude Posey. He brought her to Atlanta for the purpose of marrying her. The mayor heard of his intention and ordered the chief of police to arrest him. Schnell is a giant in stature, being 6 feet 4 inches high and powerfully built in proportion. He has a brutal face. Being questioned, he stated that the child's mother was dead, but in a few minutes retracted it and said that she was a disreputable woman. The child says that Schnell told her to tell people that she was 13 years old, and that her mother was dead. The child cried bitterly when Schnell was taken to the guard-house. She is cared for at a private boarding-house. The authorities have addressed letters to the child's mother and the ordinary of Washington county, in Lower Georgia, the county from which the man and girl came. A Columbus (Ga.) paper says that Schnell and the child were in that city on Wednesday, and applied first to a minister and then to a magistrate to be married, but both refused.

MR. MICHAEL BANNON.

According to the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *American* Mr. Michael Bannon has a very poor opinion of his democratic friends in Kent. He says that ten years ago they tried by fraud to increase their representation in the House of Delegates, and by the same means they tried it again last year, but failed, and he "is glad to see the whole thing exposed. It is hard to believe that Mr. Bannon made use of the language attributed to him, but assuming that he did, as no public denial has been made, it may be readily accounted for upon political *principles!* Mr. B. does not now happen to affiliate with the same wing of the party that he formerly did—in the days, for instance, when the sound of fat lobby fees was redolent in the air—and it is just possible that the idea has revolved in his cranium that an additional delegate from Kent might be an obstacle to the accomplishment of some of his cherished designs.

However this may be, the belief is almost general that a correct census would have given us an additional delegate. A prominent Republican, who has means of observation and knowledge, remarked in our hearing one day last week that he believed the enumeration of the second district was fully *four hundred short* of its actual population; and the census agent who was sent to the first district admits that Mr. Hurlock found seventy-two more actual residents than Mr. Numbers, the first enumerator. It is useless, even with the powerful assistance of Mr. Bannon, to endeavor to make the people of this county believe that our population does not exceed 18,000—the attempt is preposterous. And if Mr. B. does not relinquish his "fraud-hating" grasp on his democratic "friends" in Kent, their only recourse, it seems to us, will be to Boycott him.

The article referred to is the following, which appeared in the *American* of last Saturday:

MR. BANNON HATES FRAUD.—Mr. Michael Bannon, who loitered about the Capitol to-day, said his business was simply of a private character. He expressed himself quite freely over the official statement in the *American* of to-day of the true inwardness of the Kent county census. He said that it was an old and long cherished dodge of the Kent politicians to increase their representation in the House of Delegates. "I hate fraud," he continued with vehemence, "and I am glad to see this thing exposed. They tried it at the last census and failed, but said to themselves, 'we'll fix it this time, sure,' but missed it again, as I supposed they would. I lived in Kent thirteen years, and I know all their little tricks, and this thing is an old one with them."

DEATH OF AN AGED AND WELL KNOWN CITIZEN.—Capt. John Thomas Skirven died at his residence, Worton Point, on Tuesday evening last, in the 70th year of his age. He lived on the farm where he died upwards of forty years, which he owned, together with other valuable real estate. It is situated directly on Chesapeake bay, between Worton and Churn creeks, and is one of the largest estates and handsomest residences in this county. Capt. Skirven had a large family connexion, and was well known and highly esteemed by the prominent citizens of the county. For several years he had gone but little from home, having been afflicted with a serious paralysis of speech, which rendered it very difficult for him to articulate audibly. He never held public office, but in 1851 he was the Democratic candidate for Register of Wills against the late Dr. Jacob Fisher, and was defeated by a small majority. He always had a fondness for military service, having belonged to several organizations of that character, and when the company called the Columbian Huzzars was formed in 1860, he was elected captain, and served with great satisfaction until its extinction at the beginning of the late civil war. He leaves a widow; also three sons and two daughters, all of whom are grown and married. His remains were interred at St. Paul's yesterday morning, followed by a long train of mourning relatives and friends.

RELIGIOUS.—The revival services at the Methodist Protestant Church in this town have grown in interest this week. The church is nightly filled with attentive congregations and numbers of penitents have been forward. On Thursday evening there were ten penitents at the altar and eight conversions. Rev. W. J. Neepier, the pastor, is an indefatigable and efficient worker, and has the co-operation of his members.

AN ACCIDENT.—As Mr. Samuel Cacy, of the first district, was driving to town on Tuesday, the body bolt of his carriage dropped out and the front of the vehicle fell to the ground. Mr. C. was thrown out, and his nose, chin and left knee were considerably bruised. He righted up, however, and continued his journey to town, where he spent the day.

THE WEATHER has been cold during the week, and there appears to be no prospect of navigation opening shortly. On Thursday morning the mercury marked 20° and yesterday morning 17°. The Baltimore papers report navigation open in the Patapsco river and down the bay.

The annual conference of the M. E. Church, embracing Delaware and the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia, will be held at Lewes, March 16. Bishop Bowman will preside.

T. L. W. HARLEY, Esq., who has been a law student in the office of Messrs. T. J. & B. Palmer Keating, of Centreville, for the last two years, has passed a very creditable examination and been admitted to the bar.

IMPROVING.—The friends of Mr. A. W. Melvin, of this county, who was recently stricken with paralysis, will be glad to learn that he is improving, and it is expected that he will soon be out again.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Jan. 25.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

Richard Hynson, att'y, filed the report of sales of the real estate of the late Judge E. F. Chambers, in Queen Anne's county, as made by Geo. W. T. Perkins, executor of said deceased.

Wm. N. E. Wickes, guardian to Frank Wilkins, filed his release from said ward.

Letters of administration d. b. n. c. t. a. on the personal estate of Wm. A. Taylor, deceased, were gaanted unto Augustus L. Vannort, (Rachel E. Taylor, widow, and Thos. E. Taylor and Susie A. Taylor, children of said deceased, first renouncing.)

James W. Skirven filed the last will and testament of Mrs. A. W. Skirven, which was admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

Charles H. Baker, adm'r of Thomas Baker, returned the inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of said deceased.

KENT ISLAND WHARF SWEPT AWAY.—The Chester River Steamboat Company's wharf at Kent Island was swept away by the storm and ice on Thursday night of last week. The platform of the pier with freight house, cattle pen and all were swept away and are now safely harbored in the hollow of Love Point. The loss will be severely felt by the people of Kent Island as well as the steamboat company. Of course the wharf will be restored as speedily as possible, but in the meantime serious inconvenience will be encountered.—*Observer.*

THE Pocomoke City *Record* says that on Monday evening of last week the Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell and family were the recipients of one of the most excellent and substantially complete surprise visits witnessed there for a long time. The company numbered nearly one hundred, and took with them a large quantity of edibles, besides a purse of greenbacks and specie, which was handed to the madam for her personal use. This was the second surprise this winter, a congregation from the country having preceded it.

A COUPLE of Elkton youths drove from this place to North East, on Saturday, in a novel team. Having a horse, but no sleigh, they hitched their *critter* to a boy's coasting sled, and went off and away to the North East town to see the races in fine style. They suffered somewhat for want of room on their vehicle, but were otherwise happy. By way of a brake, a boat hook was used—the man on the rear of the sled when going down grade dragging it behind point downwards; it acted admirably and attracted a good deal of attention.—*Cecil Whig.*

DR. S. E. FORD, of the Chester River Steamboat Company, and who owns valuable property along Chester river, expects to remove to Rolph's wharf, it is said, and make that his permanent residence.

EGGS have been selling in Baltimore this week at fifty cents a dozen, and the *Sun* says that the fable of the hen that laid the golden egg is no longer a fable, but an actual truth.

PEACHES AND OTHER FRUITS.

WHAT LEADING GROWERS OF KENT THINK OF THEIR PRESENT STATUS.

Last week we mailed postals to a number of the leading fruit growers in different sections of this county, requesting their views in regard to the effect of the recent cold weather upon their orchards, &c. Replies have been received from a number, from which it would appear that the fruit has been more injured in the upper than in the lower part of the county:

B. F. H. CAULK, near Sassafras: I gave my orchard to-day a thorough examination, and also one of my neighbor's, and failed to find a living bud. In conversation yesterday with Ex-Gov. Cochran, of Delaware, he told me that he had "tried some twigs in water in a warm part of his sitting room, and the buds instead of swelling—which they would have done if living—wilted away and dropped off." My opinion is firmly fixed that we will not have enough peaches on this Peninsula north of Dover to load a car at any station at any one time.

A. WOODALL, Georgetown: I have examined my orchards and cannot find a live bud. The growers of Sassafras Neck, Cecil county, report the same for their neighborhood.

STEPHEN BOYER, near Massey: I have several times examined branches from my own trees and branches from the trees of my neighbors, and am of opinion that there will be no peaches in this neighborhood, as I have not been able to find one live germ, the buds being all killed; the trees will not bloom this season. Pears, I fear, are badly injured if not entirely killed.

JAS. R. JONES, near Millington: I have made a pretty thorough examination of my orchard and I did not find what I considered a live bud. Father's tenant reports the same.

J. W. HURFF, near Locust Grove: Too soon to tell anything about peaches yet.

DR. W. S. MAXWELL, Still Pond: From personal observation and conversation with our prominent fruit growers, I have come to the conclusion that the peach buds are generally killed in this section, except along the water. On orchards adjacent to Sassafras river and Chesapeake bay, between Turner's Creek and Fishing Valley, the buds look to be sound and healthy, with the exception of "Crawford's Late"—they are killed. Inland about nine-tenths of the buds are killed. Apple, Pear and Cherry buds look all right as far as I have examined. A great deal of the cane of the Raspberry and Blackberry is killed. Grape vines are uninjured.

E. P. JANVIER, Still Pond: I have to-day examined carefully my orchards; Crawford's Late and Early, and Reeves, not a live bud. Smock, Mary's Choice, Salway and Hales, about one-half the buds uninjured. Of the Red varieties about one-third the buds are bad, balance are fair.—The prospect for even a half crop is bad, as when only a few peaches form the curculio is certain to sting them, and besides, the heart of the new wood is very brown and I am afraid seriously damaged, even on twigs that now have many live buds, and in the bottoms all are dead.

T. C. PARSONS, Flatlands: I have examined the different varieties in my orchard, which are nearly all yellow, and I find them all what I call killed; they are all black. If my orchard is a fair sample in this vicinity, I think peaches are gone up.

JOHN W. COREY, Hanesville: The effect of the unusually cold winter upon peach buds is apparent; but, to what extent destructive, I am unable to determine. Were it not for the fact that in years past the same conditions have appeared and a paying crop realized, I should say they are seriously injured. The report of general destruction is much more common than a failure of crop.

ROBERT NICHOLSON, Chief Judge Orphans' Court, near Hanesville: I have carefully examined the early red varieties and find that at least one-half are good; the Crawfords are nearly all killed, but will probably bloom. From present indications I think the Smock is good for one-third to one-half a crop. Black Raspberries and Blackberries are very much injured, while the Brandywine, or Red Raspberry, is not hurt.

WM. S. WALKER, near Chestertown: Upon a casual examination I had made of the peach buds I had concluded that almost if not quite all of them were dead. Upon a more careful examination, however, made this morning, I was much gratified to find that my conclusion was erroneous. I am now satisfied that at least one-third of the buds are alive, and a larger proportion of some varieties. Plums and Apples are not injured. Howell Pears are not much hurt. Bartlett and Duchesse very badly injured.

WM. FORD, near Chestertown: I have examined my peach buds, and to the best of my judgment find the following proportions living: Early York one-tenth good; Hale's Early one-fourth good; Crawford's Early one-third; Moore's Favorite one-tenth; Stump the World one-eighth; Crawford's Late one-tenth; Crockett's White one-fourth good; Smock one-half good. These trees were twelve years old last Spring.

A large grower near Fairlee, writes: It is said by some that when the inside of a peach bud is black it is dead. I know that in April, '75, after a severe cold snap for the season, nearly all the buds that were examined in this neighborhood were black. I also know that there was in this neighborhood a full crop of peaches that year. It would follow from that observation that buds may be black and produce peaches. I am frank to confess that I do not know whether the peach buds are killed or not. I do know that if the present cold winter has not injured the prospect for peaches, it is not probable they were ever killed, or ever will be in this latitude by a cold winter.

THOS. J. VICKERS, Lankford: I have examined the buds of four varieties—Smock, Crockett's, Reeves' and Crawfords—and found them (as high as I could reach) all dead, as I understand it. In the tops of the trees I think about half the buds are good. I also examined four varieties of pears—Bartlett, Howell, Duchess and Lawrence—and though hurt, believe half the buds are good.

DR. J. H. PRICE, Lankford: I have examined twenty buds from each of the following varieties and from that number find perfect: Beatrice 8, Hale's Early 9, Early York 5, Troths 11, Crawford's Early 3, Crawford's Late 4, Old Mixon 11, Riverside Seedling 5, Salway 12, Smock 3, Cling Heath 6, Temple's Late 6, Shipley's Late 12, Bilyeus 10. The buds were taken from the most exposed part of the orchard.

B. F. SAPPINGTON and DAVID JONES, Eastern Neck Island: We have made careful examination of about 15,000 trees, the varieties ranging from Early Amsden to Winter Elyears, about 15 different varieties. In our judgment we find the buds green and healthy; very few dead buds and very little wood killed, and in our opinion what wood is killed was not killed by the cold weather but perished from the drouth last Fall. There is not as many fruit buds as usual, which we think is owing to large crop last season followed by dry weather. But it is too soon to crow. Wait until the 15th of May before we predict for or against a crop.

R. BENNETT WILLSON, associate judge of our Orphans' Court, residing in the same vicinity, expresses views similar to those of Messrs. Sappington and Jones.

JOHN A. GROVES, Quaker Neck, who has a large orchard, and been a successful peach grower, says that he spent a day or more in his orchard examining the different varieties, and found only seven live buds. He is so confident that the germ is killed that he will take $1,000 for his orchard that will cost him $800 to cultivate this year.

COLORED REPUBLICANS DEMAND RECOGNITION.—The Baltimore *Sun* of Wednesday says: The leading colored republicans of this city held a meeting last night at No. 3 Tessier street, for the purpose of securing equal recognition with their white brethren in the distribution of federal offices. Dr. A. J. Brown presided, with James Fisher secretary. It was decided to visit President Hayes at an early day and let him know the dissatisfaction in the party in Maryland, and particularly the bad treatment which it is claimed the colored republicans of Baltimore have been subjected to by the white men of that party. The following resolution, which was offered by Wm. F. Taylor, was adopted unanimously: "Resolved, That as the principles of the national republican party are meant to secure to every man the full enjoyment of wise, equal and beneficent law that we shall work to have removed from federal offices men opposed to the fulfillment of these laws, and that the colored voters organize in every ward with the view of securing fair treatment in the distribution of federal offices at this port." The resolution states further that the colored people want two leading appointments and a fair proportion of minor offices. At a meeting at the same place of the Colored Republican Central Club, representing all the clubs in the city, a resolution was passed asking for the removal of Col. Vernon, surveyor of the port. Three presidential appointments and a number of subordinate offices were fully discussed and decided upon as being necessary to represent the colored people of Maryland. The executive committee of the club will meet this morning and "fix things."

A PLEASANT ENTERTAINMENT was given on Friday night of last week by Col. C. R. Hogan, proprietor of the Maltby House, to his lady guests and their friends. About 200 ladies and gentlemen assembled in the main parlor at 8 o'clock, when Dr. G. W. Bagby, of Richmond, and Dr. C. C. Benson, of Baltimore, read several selections. The party were entertained at supper, and after this dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Col. Hogan performed the duties of host admirably, and was assisted by a number of his personal friends. Among the guests were many of the most prominent citizens of Baltimore and others from a distance.

THE light-house at Oxford is said to be greatly damaged by the ice. The keeper was compelled to vacate last week, fearing the ice would take it away. This would be a serious inconvenience to Choptank navigation.

SERENADE.

MR. THOMAS L. HINES and his bride were greeted last Tuesday evening with a serenade by the Kent Cornet Band. It happened that Mr. H. had quite a coterie of his gentlemen friends visiting him that evening, and the temperature being rather low outside the musical visitors were soon invited in out of the chilling blasts and made happy and comfortable with the host's warm greeting, lemonade, cake, and *so forth*. The severe comparison of the ice, snow and wind outside, and the warmth, good cheer and *so forth* within, tended to put the members of the Band in their best of moods, and the most difficult strains became simple and of easy execution; their fingers flew over the keys, and the music partook of the silvery quality of the instruments and brought compliments from all present, as the most charming performance the Band had ever given. All enjoyed without reluctance Mr. H.'s cake, lemonade, and *so forth*, and many were the toasts and happy hits and witticisms indulged in.—Neighbor "A," though he frequently endeavored to convince that he had only two "smiles" the whole evening, was replete in little speeches and salient in his points. Neighbor "B," who with appropriate modesty never rose except when called for, was every time equal to the emergency, and so eloquent and astonishing that several suggested that he had swallowed a dictionary; and neighbor "C," though he never could get beyond "here's to the whole family," was ever on time, both with the music and *so forth*. And neighbor "D," that "merry old boy" who had a felicitous amendment for every toast, was the very life of the evening. And so we might go through the alphabet, but enough is said to show our host how thoroughly the evening was enjoyed by all his friends, and what a prominent part music and *so forth* plays in the drama of life.

Doings at Wesley Chapel.

Dear News:—As you are occasionally receiving items of interest from this locality, it may be of some interest to the readers of the *News* to learn something of the doings of Wesley Chapel congregation of Chesapeake circuit, Meth. Prot. Church. On Tuesday, the 18th instant, about 5 o'clock, a sleigh drove up to the parsonage; soon after another, and they followed each other in rapid succession until about forty persons made their appearance. The pastor, Rev. D. W. Bates, and his companion were soon informed that they were to be guests for the evening, while others were to play hosts. A sumptuous table was spread and loaded with good things in great variety. The Rev. gentleman and his amiable companion, with others, were invited to partake of the repast, while Richard W. Jones, Esq., and his amiable lady took charge of the first table, after which the guests or hosts followed until all had supped. After spending the evening pleasantly, before ten o'clock these generous hosts retired, leaving the family in possession of an abundance of the good things left behind and donated for the occasion, as sugar, tea, coffee, canned fruit, preserves, flour, corn, turkeys, ducks, chickens, roasted and alive, two guinea fowls and about 100 pound of hams. Who killed the mammoth hog I do not know, but the mammoth ham came to the parsonage that night weighing 20 pounds, and close trimmed at that; and a good supply of butter and other articles not named. Suffice it to say that all of the above named articles were supplied in abundance, and the parson is now prepared to run a first-class boarding-house. Wesley Chapel knows how to give their pastor a first rate donation party. WESLEY CHAPEL.

THE Cecil *Democrat* deplores the backward tendency of Elkton, and rather more than intimates that the town is going backwards. It says "there is not a shop or a forge that even seeks to do more than temporarily repair waste places. Not a dwelling or a place of business has been built in this venerable town for years. Not a wagon, carriage, an agricultural implement is manufactured here. For all that the farmer or the business man needs, except an occasional plow casting, he has to seek a foreign market or use the home agent of a manufacturer. Cumberland, Hagerstown, Frederick, Westminister, would not believe the true tale of our shiftlessness if it were told them. Salisbury, Cambridge, Easton, Centreville, Chestertown, even Snow Hill, show signs of life and living that we know not here."

MIDDLETOWN *Transcript*: "A few weeks ago the Corn and Flour Exchange of Baltimore appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions toward building the Elkton and Middletown branch railroad. We have not heard of anything that committee has done, since its appointment, and we fear that Baltimore is still sitting on her pocket-book, figuratively speaking, waiting for Peninsular people to build a railroad expressly for her benefit. Well, she will have a good long wait of it."

THE St. Michaels *Comet* says: The oystermen of Oxford have been making more money this week, it is said, than they did before the freeze. They have managed to get and keep some of the beds open, and while they cannot get so many oysters the prices are so much higher that the business is profitable. Most of the oysters they catch are shipped by rail in the shell, but some are shucked in the oyster houses and packed. The visit of the iceboat to Oxford and Cambridge accomplished nothing.

THE PAPER MILL AT WORK.—The manufacture of paper has been commenced, and the mill is now well at work making straw board. It is found that the straw here is of excellent quality for the purpose, and a board of firm texture and fine quality is made. Four tons of wheat straw will make three tons of board. The capacity of the mill is five tons of board per day.—*Easton Ledger.*

A NUMBER of young men of Centreville are making arrangements to hold a sociable at the Arlington hotel on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

MARRIED:

On Tuesday, January 25, at the Franklin Square Baptist Church, Baltimore, by Rev. Wm. H. Hutchin, of Odessa, Del., assisted by Rev. C. C. Bitting, D. D., of Baltimore, THOMAS W. ELIASON, Jr., of Chestertown, to Miss VIOLET BISCOE, of Baltimore.

On the 20th inst., by Rev. Mr. White, JOHN T. ADKINSON and Miss MOLLIE B. TARBUTTON, both of Crumpton.

At Mount Harman, Cecil county, Md., on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1881, by Rev. Robt. S. Rowe, Mr. ROBERT McMULLEN CANN, of New Castle county, Del., to Miss ANNA ELIZABETH MEGINNISS, of Cecil county, Md.

DIED:

In Chestertown, Jan. 26, ELIZABETH, wife of James S. Byrom, aged 33 years.

Near Sassafras, on Sunday, Jan. 23, 1881, EBENEZER NEAL, aged 57 years, formerly of Chestertown.

At his residence, Worton Point, in this county, on Tuesday evening last, JOHN T. SKIRVEN, in the 70th year of his age.

Jan. 20, 1881, near Chestertown, MARY M., infant daughter of J. T. and Annie R. Dixon, aged 5 days.

Jan. 22, near Rock Hall, MARTHA H., wife of J. H. McCollison and daughter of James and Amelia Davis, aged 26 years and 4 days.

I'm returning, not departing;
My steps are homeward bound;
I quit the land of strangers
For a home on native ground.

I am rising, and not setting,
This is not night but day;
Not in darkness, but in sunshine,
Like a star I fade away.

All is well with me forever,
I do not fear to go;
My tide is but beginning
Its bright eternal flow.

I am leaving only shadows,
For the true and fair and good;
I must not, cannot linger,
I would not though I could.

This is not death's dark portal,
'Tis life's golden gate to me;
Link after link is broken,
And I at last am free.

I am going to the angels,
I am going to my God;
I know the hand that beckons,
I see the holy road.

Why grieve me with your weeping,
Your tears are all in vain;
An hour's farewell, beloved,
And we shall meet again.

Jesus, Thou wilt receive me,
And welcome me above;
This sunshine which now fills me,
Is Thine own smile of love. PARENTS.

Oh, for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed,
How sweet their memory still!
But now I find an aching void,
The world can never fill.

Return, O, holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast. HUSBAND.

PARTIES wishing Machine Belting, will do well by calling and examining our stock.
jan29. THOS. L. HINES & CO.

TOWELS 5c. each; 4 Linen Hdk'fs for 25c.; 3 pair Ladies' Hose for 25c. Everything cheap.
Jan. 22, 1881. J. H. SIMPERS.

HATS.—Men's and Boys' Hats in latest styles at low prices.
jan22. J. H. SIMPERS.

FOR a CHOICE SEGAR call on M. A. TOULSON.

FOR SALE—TWO FRESH COWS and CALVES, and TEN CHESTER WHITE SHOATS, pure blood. Terms cash.
jan29-3t. WM. FORD.

ORCHARD GRASS SEED, SHROPSHIRE SHEEP, and PURE BLOOD AND GRADE ALDERNY COWS and HEIFERS, For sale by JAS. H. BAKER,
jan29-3t.* POMONA, MD.

6 CENTS REWARD.
RANAWAY from the subscriber, on the 14th instant, a white indentured apprentice named JOHN FRANCIS MAGUIRE, in the 15th year of his age. All persons are cautioned under penalty of the law, against employing or harboring said boy. The above reward will be paid for his apprehension and return to me.
jan29-3t* WM. J. SHRIVER.

NOTICE.
Choice, Recleaned, Pennsylvania CLOVER SEED in Store and for sale by
F. PLATT,
jan29-6t. Chestertown.

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.

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, Eastern Neck Island.
P. O.—Rock Hall, Kent Co., Md.
Jan. 15, 1881—3t.

$83,000 TO LOAN in Sums to suit, on good Farms in Kent county, at 6 per cent.
THOS. HILL,
j22-3m. Fayette and St. Paul sts.

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:
500 Bushels CLOVER SEED;
360 Bushels choice at $5.50,
100 " prime at 5.25,
40 " fair at 5.00,
Also TIMOTHY and Orchard Grass, For the Cash Only, at the Warehouse in Chestertown, Md.
jan22-4t.* JOS. W. THOMPSON.

For HARDWARE GENERALLY, GO TO THOMAS L. HINES & CO'S
Where you will find a full assortment of FORKS, SPADES, SHOVELS, HOES, AXES, BOLTS, SCREWS, CUTLERY.
Also, a full line of FARMERS' HARDWARE, PLOW CASTINGS, PLOW TRACES, HAMES, HORSE BRUSHES, &c.
Give us a call.
THOS. L. HINES & CO.
Jan. 29, 1881.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration d. b. n. c. t. a. on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of WILLIAM A. TAYLOR, 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 subscriber, on or before the 26th day of July, 1881, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under my hand this 26th day of January, 1881.
AUG. L. VANNORT,
Jan. 29—4t. Adm'r d.b.n.c.t.a.

For the New Year
GOOD GOODS at LOWEST PRICES!
J. H. SIMPERS,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
Dealer in
DRY GOODS,
DRESS GOODS, CALICOES, MUSLINS, GINGHAMS, FLANNELS, KERSEYS, CASSIMERES, &c.
NOTIONS.—Hosiery, Gloves, Shawls, Skirts, Ladies' and Children's Vests, Combs, Brushes, Fancy Soaps, &c.
BOOTS and SHOES!
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A SPECIALTY—at Lowest Prices.
Hats and Caps,
Carpets and Oil Cloths.
GROCERIES:—Sugars, Teas, Coffees, Syrups, &c.
Full Stock! Lowest Cash Prices!
Be sure to call and examine goods and prices before purchasing.
Jan. 22, 1881. J. H. SIMPERS.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!
IF YOU WANT TO BUY
RAISINS, CURRANTS,
FIGS, Champagne Cider,
CITRON, CANDIES,
TOYS, DATES,
ORANGES, LEMONS,
COCOANUTS, &c., &c.
J. W. PERKINS.
Dec. 18. LYNCH'S.

EDUCATIONAL!
IF YOU WANT BOOKS,
School Books, Stationery,
SLATES, PENS, PENCILS, INKS, COMPOSITION BOOKS,
or anything in the School line, buy them At STAM'S Drug Store.
He makes a specialty of School Books, which will be sold at less than School Board prices. A trial will convince you.
Nov. 20, 1880.

THE UPMAN CIGAR at 5c. The Little Giant at 2 for 5c., can't be beat. Call and try them.
d18. at THOMPSON'S, up town.

CANDY TOYS, Fancy Cakes, Fire-Works, Paper-cap Pistols and Paper Caps, at THOMPSON'S, up town.

CHAMPAGNE CIDER, the best in the market, for sale by
d18. WHEATLEY BROS., up town.

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

BOOTS & SHOES a Specialty. At Very Lowest Prices.
jan22. J. H. SIMPERS.

VENDUE.
THE undersigned will offer at Public Sale at the late residence of THOMAS BAKER, deceased, in Quaker Neck, on
FRIDAY, February 4th, 1881,
commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following property:
5 HEAD of HORSES
FOUR MILCH COWS,
1 YOKE OF OXEN
Lot of HOGS,
1 New WHEAT DRILL, 2 FARM WAGONS, one nearly new; 1 Ox-Cart, 1 Horse Cart; large lot of
Farming Implements
Corn, Corn Blades, lot of Bacon, large lot of Oak Logs: about 3500 feet of OAK PLANK, from 1 to 3 inches.
Household & Kitchen FURNITURE
such as Feather Beds, and Bedsteads, Carpets, Chairs, Bureaus, Sofas, Stoves, &c.
TERMS:—Sums of 10 and under cash; over that amount a credit of six months, on note with approved security.
CHAS. H. BAKER,
Adm'r Thos. Baker, dec'd.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auct'r. 1t.

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. 13¾ Acres of LAND, no waste. 700 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.

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; 15½ 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.

Bargains! Bargains!
MEN'S HEAVY BOOTS
SELLING AT COST!
For the next THIRTY DAYS I will sell Men's HEAVY BOOTS AT COST.
Look to your interest, and call and see us.
T. D. PIERCE,
NEW BOOT AND SHOE STORE,
Opposite the Bank,
jan22-m. Chestertown.

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CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
DEALER IN
DRUGS and MEDICINES,
BOOKS, STATIONERY,
AND FANCY ARTICLES.
We have in stock and are constantly receiving Fresh Drugs, which we secure from only reliable and first class wholesale dealers.
OUR PRESCRIPTION DEPARTMENT cannot be surpassed in this county for reliability or promptness.
We also keep on hand the most reliable patent preparations.
In connection with our Drug business we propose this year to push our trade in Stationery, Books and Fancy Articles. Our large sales the past season encourage us in giving special attention in this direction.
We shall continue to give personal attention to every department of our business, and leave no effort untried to give perfect satisfaction to all who favor us with their patronage.
T. W. WICKES,
Jan. 22, 1881. DRUGGIST.

NOTICE
To Parents, Guardians and Others.

Baltimore Female College.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Orphans' Court of Kent county will, on *Tuesday, February