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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....FEBRUARY 12, 1881

GEO. DEB. KEIM declines the independent nomination for mayor of Philadelphia. The contest is now between Stokley, republican, and King, democrat, the latter indorsed by the committee of one hundred. The election takes place next Tuesday.

CHIEF JUSTICE COMEGYS in the Criminal Court, at Wilmington, Del., on Monday, called the attention of the grand jury to the recent address of Col. Ingersoll in that city, saying it was worthy of their attention as coming under the law of blasphemy.

COURT was held for the first time in the new court-house at Wilmington, Del., on Monday. Wilmington is now the county seat of New Castle county. The *Gazette* says the court-room is one of the finest in the country, and the building would be a credit to any county.

MR. HENRY B. WIRT, a well-known and talented member of the Elkton bar, died on Tuesday, of pneumonia. Mr. Wirt married a daughter of Mr. Wm. C. Knight a year or two ago. Mrs. Wirt is a niece of Senator Groome, and Mr. Wirt was a relative of Senator David Davis.

THE Whittaker court-martial is progressing in New York. General Schofield, in the course of a statement, on Monday, said he believed that the affair of the alleged outrage on Whittaker had its origin beyond the limits of West Point, and he should continue to investigate the matter as long as he lived until he reached the truth.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred in Baltimore last Sunday morning, resulting in great damage to the handsome warehouse southwest corner Eutaw and Baltimore streets, owned by Andrew Reid and occupied by Messrs. Baron & Co., cigar and cigarette manufacturers, whose stock of goods was also almost entirely destroyed.

HENRY W. OLIVER and Galusha A. Grow, representing the Cameron and anti-Cameron factions in the Pennsylvania senatorial contest, withdrew from the fight Wednesday night, after twenty-one unsuccessful ballots had been taken by the legislature. The factions were still unable to agree on a candidate, and James A. Beaver and Thos. M. Bayne continued the struggle.

COUNSEL for Wm. Neal, colored, sentenced to be hanged at New Castle, Del., yesterday, for an assult on a white woman, have agreed with the attorney-general that a respite would be proper in his case. The case is to be removed to the United States courts on the groud that, in accordance with the State law, only white men were on the jury that convicted him, which law is alleged to de unconstitutional.

IF what Jay Gould says about the consolidation of the telegraph companies be true it may turn out to be not such a bad thing after all. He has said to a reporter of the *World*, in effect, that the consolidation was a benevolent movement in behelf of the public, and that tolls will eventually be lower than ever before. He has no fear of either judicial or legislative interference. The consolidation is simply a plan for developing an efficient system of cheap telegraphy by land and sea, and it is the intention of the company to lay cables connecting America with all the principal foreign countries. To carry out the new cable connections $10,000,000 has already been subscribed.

A PETITION was on Monday sent by the president and secretary of the New York Board of Transportation to the United States Senate judiciary committee, in behalf of 800 business firms represented by that organization, protesting against the confirmation of Hon. Stanley Matthews as a justice of the United States Supreme Court. They say they believe that the great railroad corporations are endeavoring to get control of that court, and that Mr. Matthews, having been educated as a railroad attorney, naturally views railroad questions from a railroad standpoint; that his action while a member of the Senate proves this, and therefore renders him unfit for the position.

IN the United States Senate, Saturday, House joint resolution was passed inviting the government and people of France and the descendants of the family of Lafayette to join in the celebration. In the House the Morgan electoral resolution was passed, as it came from the Senate, after a short debate.

In the Senate on Tuesday Mr. Blaine introduced a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, which was read. It prohibits after the year 1900 the manufacture and sale anywhere within the United States and Territories of distilled alcoholic and intoxicating liquors, or any intoxicating liquors mixed or adulterated with ardent spirits, or with any poison whatever, except for medicinal, mechanical, chemical and scientific purposes. It also prohibits the exportation or importation of such liquors and their transportation to any part of the United States except for medicinal or scientific purposes.

COUNTING THE ELECTORAL VOTE.—Wednesday being the day appointed for counting the electoral vote, the Senate repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives and proceeded to make the count in accordance with the Morgan concurrent resolution adopted a few days ago. That resolution settled, for a time at least, the point in dispute as to what the duty of the President of the Senate was in regard to the matter. Under the Morgan resolution the duty of the President of the Senate is limited to opening the certificates of election of the several States in the presence of the two houses, and to announcing the result in each case after the tellers appointed by the two houses had counted and reported the votes cast for each candidate. The certificates were opened alphabetically, beginning with Alabama and closing with Wisconsin. The certificate of Georgia, not being cast on the day appointed by law, was laid aside uncounted until it was shown whether the counting or omitting the count would affect the result of the election. As it did not affect the result the tellers reported the fact, stating what the aggregate was without that of Georgia, and what it would have been with the vote of Georgia added, thus leaving the question as to the validity of the vote of Georgia undecided. After this Vice-President Wheeler, as president of the Senate, formally declared James A. Garfield and Chester A. Arthur to have been elected President and Vice President of the United States.

THE Wilmington *Every Evening* champions the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's case now pending before the Delaware Legislature, which body is asked for a charter authorizing that company to build a railroad through Delaware so as to be able to connect Philadelphia and New York, and says that the motive of the P. W. & B. road in opposing the charter is just the motive which actuates any man who wants to drive out a competitor. It says it "can conceive of no reason why any disinterested persons should oppose the granting of the charter by a State which has not only been liberal in granting railroad charters, but has given substantial aid to some roads."

VANDERBILT AS GOOD AS HIS WORD.—Wm. H. Vanderbilt paid to Commander H. N. Gorringe, last Saturday the entire cost of transporting the obelisk, with its pedestal and steps, from Alexandria to New York and erecting them in Central Park. He originally agreed to pay for the cost of transporting the obelisk. When, however, Commander Gorringe excavated the sand from about the base of the obelisk, he discovered the pedestal. Commander Gorringe, recognizing the importance of his discovery, both historically and archeologically, brought the pedestal with him, at an extra cost of $30,000, which Mr. Vanderbilt to-day included in his original offer by paying the entire bill.

DURING last week's storm in Oregon a number of houses were blown down, and a large schoolhouse, with 100 pupils and teachers, was carried 80 yards. Several children were badly hurt, but none were killed.

JAY GOULD will add about 900 miles of new road to the Missouri-Pacific system during the present year, carrying it to the Rio Grande at Laredo.

THE PEACH QUESTION—NEW THEORIES.—We have lately heard theories advanced as to the location of the peach germ, which would entirely upset the generally expressed view, and clearly indicate that the *black speck*, which has so badly frightened the growers, signifies nothing. The Centreville Record of last Thursday states that Mr. J. F. Coppage, of that county, who has been a grower for ten or twelve years, as well as a close observer of the buds, has made a careful examination of his orchards and those of his neighbors. He says that most people cut the bud open and if they see a black speck pronounce the germ killed; this, Mr. Coppage thinks, is not a true test. He contends that the buds are very backward this season, owing to extreme cold weather early in November, and in order to ascertain whether the peach is killed you will have to cut into the twig or at the point where the bud is attached to the twig. There, Mr. Coppage says, you will find the germ, or peach proper, and in examining in this way he has found them nearly all alive, as well as an abundant crop of buds. Neighbors of Mr. Coppage corroborate him and think the crop in that locality will be as abundant as in 1875, unless killed late in the spring.

The views of Mr. Noble, residing near Bridgeville, Del., published in the Seaford Index, corresponds in every particular with those of Mr. Coppage. They believe that the sap in the young wood freezes every winter, unless unusually moderate, and because frozen this winter it does not follow that the fruit is killed; on the contrary, Mr. Coppage thinks the freezing an advantage rather than a disadvantage. For the prosperity of the community let us hope these predictions are true.

A THAW PROMISED.—The weather this week has been in remarkable contrast with the week previous. Prof. Vennor—like all other "weather prophets"—has been wide of the mark in his predictions for February, leading most persons to conclude that his wisdom in this line heretofore has been simply a compound of good guessing. The thaw seems to have begun in earnest. The snow has rapidly disappeared, and the roads are showing a mud substitute in plentiful supply. The ice on the river at this point is very rotten and it would take but very little force to render it perfectly navigable. A visit from the ice-boat now might effectually open water communication with Baltimore. Yesterday (Friday) was exceptionally beautiful and springlike.

RELIGIOUS.—The religious revivals in progress at the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant Churches in this town have been continued this week with gratifying results. The meeting at the M. E. Church has been in progress three weeks and has resulted in the awakening of greater spiritual interest among the members, and numbers of conversions, while the alter is nightly thronged with penitents and large congregations give serious attention to the services.

The meeting at the M. P. Church is now in the fourth week of its continuance, and during the present week the interest has been greater than ever. On Wednesday evening a scene was presented at this church seldom witnessed. After a very interesting experience meeting, the invitation to penitents brought forward twenty-six persons—nearly all of them male adults—nine of whom professed conversion the same evening.

OUT TOWN PAVEMENTS in many places are much broken up in consequence of the thaw—the effect doubtless of a lack of sand in their laying—and the town authorities should give attention to them at the earliest practical moment. The walk leading directly to the public school and the M. P. Church is now in a miserable condition, and has long needed repair. No street in town is more used than this—especially by children—and none are apparently so much neglected. We trust some immediate attention may be given in that direction.

A NEW INDUSTRY.—Mr. J. C. Mummert has located in Chestertown and proposes, by means of a patent process and the use of steam, to renovate feather beds and mattresses. He seems perfectly to understand his business, and has been making "feathers fly" ever since he opened his establishment. Those having beds or mattresses in need of renovation have now an opportunity and should avail of it, as the cost is far below what it would be if they were compelled to send to the city.

"WILKINS POST."—A notice in another column invites the members of the second regiment Eastern Shore (Md.) Volunteers to meet in Chestertown next Thursday for the purpose of organizing "Wilkins Post" of the Grand Army of the Republic.

REMEMBER the entertainment to be held in the hall at the Fair Grounds next Tuesday evening. An interesting program is promised and the proceeds are for the benefit of the public school at Flatlands.

PROF. QUIMBY'S CLASS, NO. 8, is advertised to give concerts of sacred music at Sassafras and Locust Grove on next Tuesday and Friday evenings. These are entertainments of delightful character and will no doubt be largely patronized.

A Surprise Visit.—Quite a goodly number of the members of the Methodist Protestant Church in this town assembled at the residence of Mr. William Vannort, on Queen street, last Saturday evening, and at about eight o'clock, loaded with baskets and bundles, formed in procession and marched to the parsonage. On arriving they were received,—the pastor, in consequence of a bad cold, having already retired to bed,—by his good lady, who was really greatly surprised. The throng took possession of the dining-room and kitchen, and while the ladies busied themselves in filling up the pantry, cup-board and safe with all sorts of canned fruits and vegetables, jellies, butter, eggs, lard, sausage, hams, poultry, sugar, coffee, flour, &c, parson Neepier made a hasty toilet and descended to the dining-room. He was hardly sufficiently wide awake to immediately take in the situation, but regained his self-possession in time to make a happy response to the short but pointed remarks of Mrs. William Vannort, who, on behalf of the company, presented him with a purse of $42.00. The time was very socially and pleasantly spent until about nine o'clock, when the company took their leave.—*Trans.*

THE Montgomery (Ala.) *Advertiser* of the 2d instant says: Rev. W. R. Graham, the gifted pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of this city, was called by a telegram to Baltimore yesterday where his three little children are sick with scarlet fever. We trust that by the time the Doctor reaches his family the little ones will have greatly improved. The Doctor will not return to Montgomery till after the annual meeting of the Maryland Conference of the M. P. Church, of which he is a member. Previous to the departure of Dr. Graham, a church meeting of the congregation was held in the basement of the church, and a resolution unanimously adopted requesting the Maryland Conference to return the Doctor to Montgomery another year. The stewards of the M. P. Church voted their beloved pastor a round trip ticket to Baltimore and return.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Feb. 7—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Wilson.

Thomas W. Skirven filed the last will and testament of John T. Skirven, and letters testamentary were granted unto Thomas W. Skirven, J. Walter Skirven and Washington G. Skirven, who filed their bond in the sum of $8,000.

Thomas J. Vickers, adm'r of Francis J. Maslin, returned account of sale of the personal estate of said deceased.

George T. Williams, one of the administrators of Wm. V. Lucas, returned account of sales of the personal estate of said deceased.

Richard C. Johnson, guardian to Catherine E. Maulsberger, returned his final guardian account for said ward.

On application, Miss Eunice Gemmill was elected to fill the vacancy in the Baltimore Female College.

John M. Davis, guardian to George S. Clifton, returned his guardian account for said ward.

WE are in receipt of the Seed Catalogue of David Landreth & Sons, Philadelphia, Pa. This firm, established in 1784, is the oldest in their line in the United States, and is widely known for square dealing. Their Almanac and Rural Register and Catalogue is an improvement upon former editions; their motto seeming always to be *Forward*. It is illustrated with cuts of their farm buildings and the more important vegetables. It contains valuable tables and instructions to market gardeners and amateurs. It is mailed, postpaid, to all who apply for it.

CONKLING AND BUTLER—*Another Personal Display in the Senate.*—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* gives the following account of a "scene" between Messrs. Butler and Conkling on the floor of the United States Senate on Monday.

Senators Butler and Conkling were to-day the parties to the first personal debate that has disturbed the quiet progress of the present session. The South Carolina Senator, in a speech upon the alleged census frauds in South Carolina, referred freely and unsparingly to Senator Conkling in having made in stump speeches, during the late canvass, false and malignant assaults upon the Southern people in connection with the topic of his speech. Mr. Conkling was apparently much occupied with correspondence during Senator Butler's speech. At its close he arose deliberately, and disclaiming any purpose to injure any State, or the people of any State, he proclaimed in characteristic phrase and manner his contempt for what he disignated the "vaporings of the Senator from South Carolina." Mr. Butler replied with a declaration of equal contempt for the "swaggering insolence" of the New York Senator. Mr. Conkling declared in replication his belief that the South Carolina Senator was not the "sort of personage" for him to exchange epithets or words with, especially in the Senate chamber.

Thus was Mr. Conkling again a participant in a "scene" in the Senate, as is now in Washington's parlance the descriptive term for any occasion in which personalities of a sharp and offensive character are exchanged between Senators. Singularly enough, it was the first *emeute* in which the New York Senator has borne a part in which he has not been generally assumed to have been the aggressor. In his memorable encounter with Mr. Blaine, years ago in the House, the provocation seemed to be deliberate and with calculation of its possible effects offered by Mr. Conkling. That episode, however, did not bring to Mr. Conkling either the immediate fruits or the remote benefits that he may have expected or desired. It probably cost either one or possibly both of them the Presidency, as it resulted eventually in the incurable estrangement of their respective followers, and to-day confronts each with the other as a disputant for the favor of the incoming administration.

Fresher incidents illustrative of Mr. Conkling's bearing in scenes where personalities are indulged in were his difficulty in executive session with Gen. Gordon in the extra session of 1877, and with Mr. Lamar after midnight in June, 1889. The one was the sequel of the other, as in the correspondence which ensued Mr. Lamar was Gen. Gordon's friend and adviser, and while Gen. Gordon and Mr. Conkling in their subsequent service in committee and on the floor of the Senate were observed to practice a uniform, dignified and respectful courtesy towards each other, Mr. Lamar and Mr. Conkling were believed to entertain a mutual dislike, and were known to be not on speaking terms. The mutual repulsion culminated in the memorable scene at the close of the extra sersion of 1879, in which Mr. Lamar spoke of Mr. Conkling as the deserving recipient of a characterization such as "no good man could deserve and no brave man would wear."

FROZEN IN THEIR HOME—*A Whole Family Found Dead in an Isolated Hovel.*—A dispatch from St. Paul, Minn., dated Feb. 5, says: "On Wednesday Mr. Burke, roadmaster at Barns, on the Winona and St. Peter branch of the Chicago and Northwester railroad, discovered a whole family frozen to death. Mr. Burke while at work with his men on the road under his charge, noticed a shanty close by from which no smoke issued, and seeing no evidence that the place was inhabited, the men visited the premises and forced open the door, when a horrible sight greeted their eyes. Upon the couch and on the floor of the wretched hovel were the father, mother, and children, evidently a whole family, frozen stiff. Word was at once sent to the nearest town, and arrangements were made to care for the bodies of the unfortunate family. Universal destitution is reported among the farmers west of Sleepy Eye. It is stated that no trains carrying fuel have passed Sleepy Eye since Dec. 24. It is impossible to reach many of the settlers, as the railroads are blockaded by snow-drifts, and the wagon roads are impassible, and it is feared that many will starve or be frozen to death before help can reach them.

HOTEL BURNED.—The Capital Hotel at Dover, Del., was burned on Friday morning of last week. The guests were called and a wild scene ensued. A defective flue was the cause of the fire. Some of the baggage belonging to the guests was burned. The building was insured for $12,000. The Wilmington *Morning News* says that the inconvenience is so great that the ingenuity of our Dover friends will be severely taxed to find accommodations for the many who may may have business in Dover during the next two months. It is fortunate that so good a hotel as the Bayard House remains at Dover, but it will not be possible for Mr. Ford to care for all that will apply, so that temporary arrangements of some kind will have to be made, and the sooner the better. The matter for congratulation in the whole disaster is that, although the burned building was full of guests, not a single life was sacrificed, neither was any one injured; but viewed in its best light, it is most annoying and unfortunate that the fire should have occurred just at this time.

A LADY while in a passenger railway car in Philadelphia one day last week had her attention attracted to a very handsome diamond ring on the finger of a gentlemanly looking passenger beside her. She left the car and went to a store where she made several purchases, but on putting her hand in her pocket for her purse found it had disappeared, and in its place found the diamond ring that had attracted her attention. Taking it to a well-known jeweler he pronounced it worth $500. It is supposed the setting of the ring caught in her pocket and it was stripped from the finger of the thief. The pocket-book contained about $10, and the lady is the richer by $490.

AN Elkton shop-keeper complains not only of the hard times, but the penuriousness of some of his numerous customers. One of the latter, the other day, after considerable haggling and looking over the stock, invested in two cents' worth of chewing tobacco. Two days afterwards he returned, and, complaining of the inferior quality of the article, demanded its exchange. This the shop-keeper was forced to do, so he took back the two-cent piece of the weed that had done two days' service and gave him another quality. Certainly this looks like hard times. —*Cecil Whig.*

THE newly-elected Board of Managers of the Peninsula Agricultural and Pomological Association met at Middletown on Saturday last and organized by re-electing Wm. R. Cochran, President and W. Scott Way Secretary. Col. Jos. Hanson was elected Treasurer. A committee was appointed to rent the fair grounds for the current year, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 20th, 21st and 22d were fixed upon as the dates for holding the eighth annual exhibition.

AMONG the wedding presents on the occasion of the marriage of Herbert H. King and Miss Hattie A. McMastey, in Pocomoke City, on the 3d instant, was a towel which had been spun by the grandmother of the bride fifty years before. The gift was made by her mother, who had used the towel for thirty-nine years, and still looked like it would be good for service for many additional years.

THE New York express train for Chicago over the Michigan Southern and Lake Shore road was thrown from the track near Striker, Ind., Monday, by a defective rail. Two sleeping cars jumped the track, and the Union Pacific directors' car, containing a number of railroad officials, was pitched down an embankment ten feet high and completely wrecked. Its occupants were all badly bruised.

DISPATCHES from Portland, Oregon, Saturday, say the destruction of live-stock during the recent floods has been very heavy. In Yakima county the loss amounts to eighty per cent., in Wasco county fifty per cent., and in the section east of the Cascade mountains it is unprecedently heavy.

A NEW device, which greatly accelerates the speed and lessens the labor of skating, has been adopted by the skaters at Havre de Grace. A balancing pole six or eight feet long, with canvas sails or wings, is carried, and the sails regulated to catch the wind, which, when a fair breeze is blowing, carries the skater along at the speed of a mile a minute.

THE case of the commanders of the Oyster Police boats, charged with dereliction of duty in not arresting dredgers, was heard by the Board of Public Works on Friday week. Capt. Travers denounced the charge as false, and disproved them by his log book. No decision announced.

A NEWLY married couple, returning home from Elkton in a carriage, a few evenings since, were thrown out into a snow bank. In the confusion the husband lost his wife and went home without her. Later she arrived home with one arm broken.—*Democrat.*

WE are authoritatively informed that W. F. Ringgold, formerly of this town, has received his discharge from the U. S. service.

AT a shooting match at Fredericktown recently Captain Fletcher Wilson proved himself the crack marksman and carried off the prize—a set of harness.

REV. THOS. F. PLUMMER, a well known minister of the M. E. Church, died at his residence in Wilmington last week.

JOHN A. FORBES, of Dover, has patented a can soldering machine, by which both ends of a can are put in at one operation.

A RACE between an ox and a horse is what Caroline county sports are looking forward to with interest.

MR. J. O. RASIN, of Centreville, has gone into the wheelwrighting and blacksmithing business.

THE SHIP CANAL
BY THE SASSAFRAS ROUTE.

Messrs. Editors:—The people of our county seem singularly apathetic upon this subject. We propose to examine it. Will the canal benefit us or will it injure us? Of course, supposing that the Sassafras route is adopted. If the Choptank route is decided on, it can be of no possible use to us. That is plain. Arguing then from the Sassafras standpoint, let us scrutinize the *benefits*. We would enjoy the use of a *free* water connection with the Delaware right along the upper side of our county, very close—in fact, contiguous—and consequently of the first convenience. This would save *toll*, consequently expense of transportation; therefore, some freight charge on grain, fruit, &c. At least it ought to. Our communications with Philadelphia and New York might be increased and perhaps cheapened. After all, however, the difference between *tolls* must measure the value of our benefits in the way of *freight* transportation, for we have already a well regulated canal, and close at hand—the Chesapeake and Delaware. We cannot claim a benefit in *time*, so far as Philadelphia is concerned, for the distance between most of our localities and that city is shorter by the old canal than it would be by the new one. Nor with New York would the case be different. With an outside sea-line to New York the distance would be lessened as a sea-route. But would we get such a line? And if we did would it answer much purpose, not suiting *fruit*? As a medium of passenger travel, we cannot perceive that anything is to be gained over our present excellent facilities. Could we dispose of our fruits, grain, cattle, &c., to the large European and coastwise vessels *in transit*? Not much. We should have the pleasure of *seeing* them pass grandly along, as we see the movements of the heavenly bodies, or the procession of the beautiful clouds. That, we think, would be about all. Would this magnificent cosmopolitan avenue enhance the value of our lands? *Through* routes seldom have in *settled* localities. Compare prices of land along the P. W. & B. R. R. and Chesapeake and Delaware canal with lands off the line of these routes, and they are *local* as well through routes. We are compelled to sum up and write for the *benefits* the adjective *moderate*. And now what for the *injuries*? No great deal, to be sure. A bummer or two—a few tramps; perhaps some introduction of foul diseases; increased insecurity of person and property. We think *very moderate* would be the words for the injuries. Balancing the account, the result, in our opinion, would be *slightly* favorable to our county should the canal be made on the Sassafras route. Very far, indeed, from a bonanza.

As a national question, in which we are interested pecuniarily, though remotely, the Sassafras route demands the preference over any other. The length of the canal, shorter by half, the cost in proportion—a saving of eight millions of dollars—there remains but the question of ice obstruction. The present winter enables me to speak authoritively to this point. Both the Choptank and Sassafras rivers have been and are now closed to navigation. The question is narrowed down to one of *inches*. The average difference of thickness of the ice covering the two rivers, and that difference is just about two inches, and against our Sassafras river. The Chesapeake Bay has been open to navigation, except floating ice, more than half the winter to Howell's Point, at the mouth of the Sassafras river, and it is beyond a doubt that a steam ice-boat of power could have kept open the communication between Baltimore and the proposed canal during this season of almost unparalleled winter severity.

The question of Susquehanna *sediment deposit* has been raised by parties opposed to the Sassafras route. This is the merest *bosh*—unmitigated. No page of history, sacred nor profane, records a ship marine way or channel which has retained its depth more uniformly than that of the ship channel leading along the western shore of Kent county towards and into the Elk. It has historic interest as the way by which the British transported their troops in the largest, deepest ships of the line during the war of the Revolution and that of 1812. The sediment from the Susquehanna is deposited upon the broad plateau of shoal water below its mouth, called the "flats," and there retained.

Feb. 8, 1881. SASSAFRAS.

HORSE RECOVERED FIVE YEARS AFTER STOLEN.—It will be remembered that about five or six years ago Mr. S. G. Swart, of Crumpton, had stolen from his stable a valuable black mare, for which a liberal reward was offered and diligent search made throughout the Peninsula for one or two months. The recovery was finally abandoned. Much to Mr. Swart's surprise, a few days ago he recognized his long-lost pet horse in the possession of a Methodist preacher, the Rev. Mr. Smith, colleague of Rev. Mr. VanBurkalow, of Sudlersville circuit. It is proper here to state that Rev. Mr. Smith innocently came into possession of the horse by purchase, and politely informed Mr. Swart that he would return the horse at any time when the legal proof of identity was produced. Mr. Swart has instituted legal proceedings to prove identity, and the trial will take place Thursday, the 17th instant. —*Cent. Record.*

MR. COLTON'S COMMISSION.—A very handsomely framed and engrossed copy of Mr. Geo. Colton's commission as police commissioner, together with the official certificate of Frank A. Prevost, clerk of the Superior Court, was on exhibition in the office of the latter on Wednesday. It is the work of Mr. Seymour Cooper, one of the record clerks, and is highly creditable to him.—*American.*

MRS. TAMSEY SLAUGHTER, widow of James T. Slaughter, of Talbot county, on Saturday night last got out of bed to take some medicine, and accidentally took a dose of strychnine instead of the medicine prescribed by her physician, and died in a few minutes afterwards. Her husband was accidentally drowned in Baltimore three years ago last fall.

THE Breakwater Light says the ocean for miles and miles, or beyond the reach of the telescope from the top of Henlopen lighthouse, appears as an interminable field of ice.

GEN. HANCOCK, it is understood, will be present at the inauguration of Gen. Garfield. He is as courteous as he is brave.

MARRIED:

At the M. P. Parsonage, near Edesville, by the Rev. Dr. D. W. Bates, on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1881, JOHN L. DEPUTY to Miss ROSE E. BECK, all of this county. [Delaware papers please copy.]

In Baltimore, January 12, by the Rev. W. H. Reed, Captain SAMUEL G. COPPER, of Kent county and HATTIE J. HOWARD, of Baltimore city.

DIED:

In Quaker Neck, Jan. 30, 1881, ROBERT HADAWAY, son of Capt. John Hadaway, aged about 40 years.

February 5, 1881, at the residence of her grandson, Robert R. Calder, in Chestertown, MARY ANN RINGGOLD, in the 76th year of her age, consort of the late John L. Ringgold, (for many years keeper of Chester river bridge.)

In Baltimore, on the 3d inst., at the residence of H. I. Simpson, Esq., MICHAEL M. GLENN, in his 78th year.

LINES on the death of HARRY O. JONES, son of C. H. and Hosanna R. Jones, aged 2 months and 10 days, who died Dec. 16, 1880:

Thus in faith we place our darling
In the hands of Him who gave,
Knowing that his precious body
Only sleeps within the grave.

Now the little soul's an angel,
With a crown upon its brow,
Shining with resplendent glory,
Yes, dear parents, even now.

Why, oh why then weep, dear parents,
While he is so glory blest;
Do not weep; rejoice, be thankful,
That your darling is at rest. GRANDMA.

LINES on the death of MARY FRANCES, daughter of S. Amos and S. A. Reed, aged 2 yrs., 10 months and 18 days.

Little MACY was our darling,
Pride of all our hearts at home;
But an angel came and whispered
Little Macy do come home.

Fold the waxen hands together,
Close those soft and beaming eyes;
See how like a broken lilly
Pale and beautiful she lies.

Farewell, dear Macy, 'tis a solemn word
Which thrills through every heart,
But oh it is the will of God
That dearest ones should part.

At last her form is resting sweetly
Where cruel pain will rack no more;
At last her eyes behold the splendor
Of the bright resplendent shore.

Oh Macy, Macy, can it be,
Thy look of love no more I see!
Those brightest eyes now closed in death,
I'll think of 'till my latest breath.

GRANDMA.

NOTICE.

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

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.

BISHOP LAY will preach at MASSEYS on FRIDAY, 18th instant, at half-past ten o'clock A. M., and at MILLINGTON on SUNDAY, 20th inst., in the evening at 7 o'clock.

CONCERT! CONCERT!

PROF. QUIMBY'S CLASS, NO. 8, Will give a Concert of Sacred Music at SASSAFRAS, on TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, the 15th of February. Also, at LOCUST GROVE, on FRIDAY EVENING, 18th inst.

Doors open at 6 o'clock. Proceeds for the benefit of the Church. Admission: adults 25c.; children 15c. Full houses earnestly desired. 1t.

CAUTION NOTICE.

All persons are hereby warned under penalty of the law not to set any Fikes or Fish Traps from our shores on the south side of Still Pond Creek.
EDWIN P. JANVIER,
JAMES S. GEMMILL.
Feb. 12, 1881—3t*

NOTICE TO COMRADES of the Second Regiment E. S. Md. Volunteers.

You are requested to meet in Chestertown on THURSDAY NEXT, 17th February, at one P. M., for the purpose of organizing WILKINS POST of the Grand Army of the Republic.
1t. B. H. GARDNER, A. A.

ENTERTAINMENT.

An Entertainment will be held in the HALL AT THE FAIR GROUNDS on TUESDAY, Feb. 15th. Program consists of humorous Plays, Recitations, and Music both vocal and instrumental, &c. Proceeds for the benefit of School No. 5, (Flatlands.) Exercises to begin at 7 o'clock. Admission 25 cents. 2t.

FOR SALE,

Eight Tons PRIME TIMOTHY HAY.
WM. OVEREND,
Fairlee P. O., Kent co., Md.
Feb. 5, 1881—2t.

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.

SOMETHING NEW!

We have added to our stock a fine line of FELLOES, PLOW HANDLES, SHAFTS, Dearborn and Carriage Poles, which are complete and ready for use.
feb12. THOS. L. HINES & CO.

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.

Renovating Feathers.

THE undersigned has located in Chestertown, on the corner of High and Mill Streets, for the purpose of renovating by a patent process and the use of steam

FEATHER BEDS, MATTRASSES,
&c., &c.

By the means employed all the dirt is removed, the feathers are thoroughly renovated, rendered pure and fresh, and so enlivened that old beds are made almost as good as new.
For particulars apply to
J. C. MUMMERT,
fe12-tf. Gardner Building.

NOTICE 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

JOHN T. SKIRVEN,

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 9th day of August, 1881, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under our hands this 7th day of February, 1881.

THOMAS W. SKIRVEN,
J. WALTER SKIRVEN,
WASHINGTON G. SKIRVEN,
Feb. 12, 1881—4t. Exec'rs.

NEW STOCK OF HARDWARE.

FARMERS and others needing FORKS, SHOVELS, SPADES, BILL HOOKS, GRUBBING HOES, &c., &c., &c., will do well to examine our New Stock before purchasing elsewhere.
THOS. L. HINES & CO.
Feb. 12, 1881.

J. C. HUTCHISON, JR., of Middletown, Del.
WALTER S. HILL, of Kennedyville, Md.

HUTCHISON & HILL,
Wholesale FRUIT AND PRODUCE
Commission Merchants,
Peaches, Berries, Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Live Stock, &c.
No. 242 North Delaware Avenue,
feb5-3m* PHILADELPHIA.

JOHN T. GALE,
Wholesale Commission Merchant,
—IN—
BUTTER, EGGS, POULTRY, GAME, Live Stock, Fruit, Produce, &c.,
254 NORTH WATER STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
jan8-6m.

NEW GROCERY STORE UP TOWN!

WHERE can be found such articles as are usually kept in stock in a well conducted Grocery.
Our stock comprises
SUGAR, COFFEE,
TEA, SALT SHAD, HERRING, MACKEREL, Pickles, Syrup, Molasses, Soaps, Notions, Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes, and in fact you may get most anything you call for.
COUNTRY PRODUCE wanted at all times. Highest prices paid, at
WHALAND'S,
GROCERY STORE, UP TOWN.
Feb. 5, 1881—tf.

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.

$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.

HEAVY BOOTS for Men and Boys, at lowest prices, by
T. D. PIERCE.
Dec. 17. opp. the Bank.

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

Mortgagee's Sale
—OF—
VALUABLE
REAL ESTATE.

BY VIRTUE of the power contained in a Mortgage from David C. Blackiston and Rachel M. Blackiston, his wife, to Arthur P. Gorman and others, dated the 10th day of February, 1877, and recorded among the Land Records for Kent county, Maryland, in Liber D. C. B., No. 2, Folio 575, &c., the undersigned as mortgagee and assignee will offer at Public Sale at the COURT HOUSE DOOR in CHESTERTOWN, Kent co., Maryland, on

TUESDAY, the 8th of March, 1881,

At Twelve o'clock M.,

ALL THE LAND AND PREMISES MENTIONED in SAID MORTGAGE AS FOLLOWS:

ALL THAT FARM
OR
Tract of LAND,

Situated in the First Election District of Kent county, Maryland, near Masseys, and on or near the public road leading from Masseys to Sassafras, called

"BRIGHT HELMSTONE"

"DULLAM'S FOLLY," "DRAW NEAR," and THE LOT which was sold by one Sam'l Davis to Geo. Dashiel, containing

180 ACRES,
MORE OR LESS.

Also, ALL THAT FARM,
Or TRACT OF LAND,

near or adjoining the said farm, called "Davis' Industry," containing

152 ACRES, more or less.

Also, All that Tract of Land, on the north side of the road from said Blackiston's residence to Wilson's Point, called part of the Commodore Jones Farm, containing EIGHTEEN ACRES, more or less.

Also, A TRACT OF LAND, called "Willow Hill," or the "Lockwood Farm," near or adjoining the above described lands, containing NINETY ACRES, more or less.

Also, a FOREST WOOD LOT, containing TWENTY-FIVE ACRES, more or less, which was conveyed to said Blackiston by William Skeggs.

Also, A LOT OF LAND, called "Wm. Hurtt's Land," containing about FIFTY ACRES, which was sold to said Blackiston by Mr. Constable.

One of these farms, commonly known as the Blackiston Home Farm, is IMPROVED by a SUBSTANTIAL and COMMODIOUS

Stone Dwelling,

Two Stories High,

and containing twelve rooms. There are also all necessary & usual Out-Buildings, all in good repair. The grounds around the dwelling abound with many rare and beautiful Shade and Ornamental Trees, making it one of the most desirable Country Residences in the county. There is also an ORCHARD or about

6,000 Peach Trees,

of good varieties.

"Davis' Industry" is IMPROVED by a FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, Barn and other necessary Out-Buildings, in good repair.

The "Willow Hill" Tract" is improved by a FRAME TENANT HOUSE.

These lands ard located in one of the finest sections in the county, are rich and fertile, in a healthy and attractive neighborhood, convenient to schools, churches, mills, railroad and telegraphic communication.

THE TERMS OF SALE ARE—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the balance with interest, in one and two years from the day of sale. Deferred payments to be secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned.

WILLIAM H. BIANS,
MORTGAGEE AND ASSIGNEE,
293 Light st., Baltimore.
RICHARD HYNSON,
ATTORNEY,
Chestertown, Md.
Feb. 12, 1881—tds.

THE CELEBRATED
Hyland & Co.
FARM WAGON!

To our Friends and the Public:

In introducing these Wagons on the Peninsula we feel that we are doing something to benefit the public.

It is an acknowledged fact that most Wagons are built of green material.

Ours are built of the VERY BEST and most THOROUGHLY SEASONED MATERIALS, and the workmanship

Cannot be Excelled!

We recommend them to be in every respect an article superior to any other Wagon built or sold on the Peninsula, and know their use will demonstrate this f