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The Kent News.

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During his visit to Baltimore last Saturday to attend the annual banquet of the Press Association the degree of LL. D. was conferred upon President Hayes by Johns Hopkins University.

The Court of Appeals having confirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Felix Munshower, convicted of the murder of his cousin near Emmittsburg, Md., the governor has signed his death-warrant. March 25th has been fixed for the day of execution, so that the condemned man has only a little more than a month in which to prepare for eternity. Munshower, it will be recollected, was convicted solely on circumstantial evidence, though the evidence of his crime was ample to establish his guilt.

The deadlock at Harrisburg on the Senatorial question still continues. On Wednesday a compromise was on the tapis, in substance as follows: A committee of 12 is to be elected by the supporters of General Beaver and a like committee by the supporters of Bayne. These committees are to meet in joint conference, and by a three-fourths vote select a candidate, and upon the approval of such candidate by the respective bodies now supporting Gen. Beaver and Col. Bayne, he shall be supported in the joint convention by those participating in such resolution. The Bayne leaders have it distinctly understood that they will accept no man who has a warm side for the Camerons.

The Pension appropriation bill, as amended by the Senate and now before the House appropriation committee, appropriates $68,282,306.68, being the largest pension appropriation bill ever perfected either by this government or any other, and is more than all the pension appropriations of all the governments on earth combined. This is not entirely owing to the arrears of pensions law, although before that was enacted the pension expenditures were annually less than one-half the amount now about to be appropriated. The wholesale pensioning of the survivors of the war of 1812 has helped to swell the aggregate. There are now on the rolls over thirty-five thousand widows and survivors of that war. It is remarked at the pension office that no one engaged in that war seems to have died in the last half century. The effect of this immense swelling of the pension roll is to postpone indefinitely the pensioning of the survivors of the Mexican war. A convention of the survivors is to meet at Louisville on the 22d, and a strong memorial will be sent to Congress asking that the claims of the Mexican soldiers be considered. The justness of these claims is generally acknowledged, but there is a general indisposition to further increase the pension budget. It is estimated that there are only eight thousand survivors of that war, but from the way survivors of the war of 1812 have turned up there must be about 100,000.

The Result of the Election in Philadelphia on Tuesday has been a popular revolution, a surprise, and a cause for general public congratulation. Party politics had very little to do with it. The voting was conspicuously not on party lines. It is "the ring" which has been routed, horse, foot and artillery, by having the city's taxation and income wrested from them and restored to the taxpayers. The Philadelphia ring has been one of the worst, most insolent and long-lived of the "boss" regimes in this country. It has corrupted the politics of that city in a terrible degree, and it has now at last been expelled because the people could not stand the burthens of its ever-increasing taxation. It was long tolerated because Philadelphia was and is a republican city, and the force and significance of the lesson is not diminished by this fact. For mayor, Samuel G. King, independent democrat, endorsed by independent republicans, received 78,127 votes, against William S. Stokely, republican, 72,589, making King's majority 5,538. For receiver of taxes, John Hunter, ind. repub., 88,735 votes, while his opponent, George G. Pierie, regular repub., had only 62,614 votes, making Hunter's majority 26,121. For city solicitor, Wm. N. West, rep., beat Edward R. Worrell, dem., by 19,862 votes.—The vote is said to have been the largest ever cast in Philadelphia at a local election, and the highest on any occasion save that at the last presidential contest.

The Press Banquet.—The annual banquet of the Press Association of Baltimore, which came off last Saturday afternoon at the Eutaw House, the *Sun* says, was in every respect a successful and notable event. The guests were distinguished, the table and service were excellent in every respect, and the speaking was full of point and character. President Hayes indicated the tripod of forces upon which national advancement rests, whence national progress springs, and where national character is engendered and elaborated, "the school, the railroad and the newspaper." Of course, without education the newspaper would be powerless. It would cease to exist. But the press has been the main buttress of education, high and low; it has created railroads where they should exist, and has prevented their construction where it would be money thrown away. For did these speakers fail to do justice to the moral agency of the press, and its steadfast labors for good against evil, for honesty instead of fraud, for truth in antagonism to lying. This theme of the potentiality of the press was further most eloquently elaborated by Senator Bayard. "May the power of the press," said Senator Bayard, "never part from the conscience of the press; may the independence of the press accompany the prosperity of the press; may the liberty of the press be sustained by the courage of the press; may the progress of the press be lighted by the honor of the press, and the friends of the press be ever thus welcomed by the press." And so say we all.

Diphtheria still prevails in and about the city to an alarming extent, and has been so malignant this winter as to baffle the skill of the best physicians. There are, of course, various modes of treatment, some of them directly opposite to one another; but all of them have repeatedly failed. Any method which seems reasonable or plausible is worth trying, and what purports to be deserving of consideration. A young man in the West, whose arm had been amputated, was recently attacked with the disease before the limb had healed. To the surprise of his physician, the matter incident to diphtheria appeared on the arm where it had been severed, in place of depositing itself as usual in the throat, the case seemed to be a very mild one. The doctor profited by this strong intimation from nature, to whom many of his profession pay very little heed, and when next called to visit a diphtheritic patient, blistered his chest. There most of the deposits showed themselves, and the patient speedily recovered. Hence it is inferred that the disorder generally attacks the throat on account of the thinness of its lining, and not because it is any part of its morbid law to do so. When the blister breaks the epidermis, the tenderness of that portion of the body draws the virus in the system thither, instead of to the throat, as ordinarily. This may prove to be of vast advantage to the medical fraternity. If it should, it would only be one of the many instances in which what we call accident has revealed more than any amount of science.—*N. Y. Times.*

Ingersoll Again Rebuked.—*A Delaware Grand Jury After Him.*—The grand jury of New Castle county, Del., at Wilmington, on Tuesday week, in its final report, complimented Chief Justice Comegys for his "incisive and wellTimed declarations upon blasphemy," and added: "The audacity with which the notorious blasphemer, known as Robt. G. Ingersoll, recently announced his purpose to lecture in this city on infidelity has no parallel in the habits of respectable vagabondism. Practically he therein proposes to destroy the sanctity and comforting influences of the Sabbath, to undermine the assurances of faith and hope, the very pillars upon which religion rests; to spread broadcast among us people, happy in the promises of the Bible, blank, fearful doubt; to extinguish every ray of light that may shine upon the trusting Christian's path of life, in death, even to the soul's eternal rest. For the assurances of prompt and exemplary punishment which the honorable the court has expressed, in all such cases heretofore, not only the grand jury, but all Christians, will give earnest thanks. And to the end that this despised reviler of religion may not again deal out his impious rhetoric in our city with impunity, the grand jury recommends that the city authorities be requested to prevent his public appearance here in the future in the character of arch-blasphemer and reviler of God and religion. Let him be taught that in Delaware blasphemy is a crime, and, as such, will be punished by fine and imprisonment." It is generally understood that should Ingersoll attempt to lecture in the State again he will be arrested and tried.

DEATH OF HON. FERNANDO WOOD.

Hon. Fernando Wood, member of Congress from New York, died at the Hot Springs, Arkansas, whither he had gone for his health, at 10 o'clock last Sunday night.

Mr. Wood was born in the city of Philadelphia June 14, 1812, his parents being Quakers. His father in 1820 removed to New York city, and there Mr. Wood has ever since resided. His taste for political life was developed early, and in 1838 he was made chairman of the young men's general committee of Tammany Hall. In November, 1840, when he was only 28 years of age, he was elected a member of the Twenty-seventh Congress, his first service in that body thus dating back nearly forty years. When he took his seat in the House at the extra session of May, 1841, he found among the leaders on the floor John Quincy Adams, Caleb Cushing, Millard Fillmore, Robert M. T. Hunter. His maiden speech was delivered in May 1842, on Mr. Clay's fiscal bank scheme. He spoke an hour. On this occasion Ex-President John Quincy Adams approached him with tottering steps and congratulated him on his speech. Prof. Morse made his application to the Twenty-second Congress for an appropriation sufficient to lay telegraph wires along the sleepers of the railroad track between Washington City and Baltimore. Mr. Wood took an active part in making converts. Prof. Morse never ceased to recognize the great obligations which he and the world at large were under to Mr. Wood for his early appreciation and active support of the magnetic telegraph. Mr. Wood retired for a short time from public life at the end of the Twenty-Seventh Congress, March 4, 1843, and engaged in business and got rich. He was twice elected mayor of New York, filling that office during the year 1855, 1856, 1857, 1861 and 1862.

In 1862 Mr. Wood was again elected to Congress and took his seat in the House in 1863, after an absence from that body of twenty years. Fernando Wood was also returned to the House in 1867, and has continued a member of that body ever since. Among the most notable episodes in his recent congressional course was the presentation of a resolution on February 20, 1873, to impeach Vice President Colfax on account of the Credit Mobilier business, the resolution being defeated by only four votes. In 1877, however, he was made chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means by Speaker Randall, and was continued in that position in 1879. In 1876 he was a candidate for the Speakership, but finally withdrew. He has since been elevated to the head of the Ways and Means Committee and labored earnestly to reform the tariff, but without success. His latest exploit was the passage by the House of the bill for refunding the maturing debt of the United States at a lower rate of interest, a measure which now hangs fire in the Senate.

Sharp's Island Light House Carried Away by the Ice.—A dispatch from Oxford, Md., to the Baltimore *Sun* of Monday says:

Sharp's Island lighthouse, in the Chesapeake, was carried away by the ice on Thursday last. The keeper, Columbus Butler, and his assistant were in it at the time. They drifted about in the Chesapeake bay until the following morning, when, at one o'clock, they succeeded in getting the yawlboat afloat and went ashore in it to Tilghman's Island. They succeeded in saving the lamps and reflectors. Mr. Butler stated that the ice was running very strong on Wednesday and continued so until the lighthouse gave away. He was satisfied that the lighthouse would be destroyed, and was engaged in packing his provisions when it was carried off. The ice had run up high against the lighthouse, jamming the doors and windows. The keepers, however, succeeded in breaking through into the tower, where they remained until they left in their boat. The lighthouse resisted a number of attacks, and at times creened until it nearly touched the ice on the opposite side, when suddenly the ice would break from around it, which would cause it to spring back with such force that every bolt in it seemed to rattle. Butler stated that when the lighthouse went down he gave up all hopes of ever being saved.

The Railroads on the Ice.—A correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* asks in what year the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad laid rails upon the ice at Havre de Grace for the transportation of the mails and baggage and passengers? This was first done in the winter of 1851-'52. The ice gorge occurred just before Christmas, and Gen. Trimble, then superintendent of the road, said in Elkton twenty-four hours after the ice began to run that the river was a solid bed of ice at Havre de Grace. In a short time a track was laid and maintained for several weeks, the passengers, however, being given the option of walking or driving over the frozen mass. When the gorge first occurred there were from six to ten feet of water in the streets of Port Deposit, and the easiest way to get into the hotels was through the second-story windows. The lumber-yards floated off, pile after pile, no one daring to try to rescue them. It was impossible to drive through Port Deposit except by making use of the citizens' back yards, and the old bridge there, which finally yielded, was fearfully pelted by the great cakes of ice which stuck with violence against the piers and frequently shot clear over the roof of the bridge to the river on the other side.

Buying coal by the bucket or basketful is a very dear way of keeping the stove warm. To prove this to his satisfaction a Philadelphia *Record* reporter shoveled and measured a ton of coal, and found that the poor of that city who are compelled to buy their coal by the bucket and basketful pay $12.50 per ton for it. We suppose the same is true of the county towns. So that the poor family, which cannot afford to buy a ton or half-ton at a time, is compelled to pay 100 per cent. for the privilege of purchasing from hand to mouth. But then if the poor man cannot raise money to buy a ton at a time, what is he to do but to purchase it by the bucketful? He can't afford to freeze and starve, and of course must submit to the seller's exorbitant charges, and the dealer who takes advantage of the poor man's helplessness and necessities.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland, Knights of Pythias, met in annual session in Baltimore on Tuesday. The annual report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows 81 working lodges in good condition, with an aggregate membership of 6,230, an increase for the year of 82. The amount of funds on hand in the lodges is $120,755, being an increase of $19,258.17. The lodge exchequers have paid out for benefits of every description $24,172.53, of which $15,587.86 were for sick benefits alone. There have been 226 members and 26 widowed families relieved; 101 orphans are being educated, and 30 members and the wives of 17 members were buried at the expense of the relief funds.

Major Swaim, whom Hayes recently appointed judge advocate general, will step over the heads of six senior officers who are better known and better appreciated in the service. It is said that Swaim owes his appointment to an understanding that Garfield is, in return for the advancement of his private secretary, to make Dr. Baxter surgeon general. Baxter has physicked Hayes and his family since four years ago for nothing, and this is the way the outgoing President puts him off. It is civil-service reform with a vengeance.

Republicans need cherish no illusions as to the composition of the next Senate; for David Davis appears to have finally come down off the fence, and Gen. Mahone has had a good deal of the starch taken out of him—first, by his political fiasco last fall, and more recently by his crushing defeat in the railroad fight. Both, in all probability, will train with the Democrats after the fourth of March; but their majority will not be large enough to encourage the Democratic senator to commit any serious extravagance.—*Balto. American.*

Gov. Hamilton has appointed Judge Daniel R. Magruder, now Associate Justice of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Chief Judge, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Judge Brent. The Governor has also appointed Richard H. B. Chew, a distinguished member of the bar of Prince George's county, as Associate Justice, vice Judge Magruder, promoted.

A London ship-owner, a man of 73 years of age, has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment and fined $300 for sending his ship to sea in an unseaworthy condition, thereby endangering the lives of the crew. The crime is one that well deserves the punishment, and notwithstanding the severity of the sentence and the age of the accused he will find few sympathizers in his misfortune.

The sight at Ocean City a few days ago, while the coast was lined with ice, is described as marvelously beautiful. The ice-field glittered for miles out upon the ocean, with here and there a crystal mass rising five or six feet above the surface, and shining in the sun with prismatic colors. The roar of the waves was silenced by the loud grinding of the ice.

Philadelphia *Press*, rep: Few acts of President Hayes' administration have called forth such a marked dissent from among the Republican papers of the country as has his nomination of Hon. Stanley Matthews to the Federal Supreme Bench.

The State Senate of Arkansas, which is composed almost exclusively of democrats, has passed a bill appropriating $10,000 for a branch normal college at Pine Bluff, Ark., to be used for the education of colored teachers. Only two Senators voted against it.

Howard Johnson, who has large contracts for furnishing poplar wood for the manufacture of paper, cuts most of the wood in Queen Anne's co.

Mail Contracts.—The following awards of star routes, among others, are published in the Baltimore American of Thursday: Lambson's Station to Crumpton, to W. C. Stoddard at $190. Hanesville to Worton Station, to J. H. Wilson, at $117. Chestertown to Rock Hall, to S. B. Dishman at $192. Locust Grove to Black's Station, to J. H. Wilson at $117. Galena to Lambson's Station, to S. B. Dishman at $117. Centreville to Kent Island, to Z. T. Carpenter, $587. Centreville to Booker's Wharf, to J. H. Wilson, at $127. Church Hill to Price's Station, to J. D. Jarvis at $147. Ingleside to Cox's Station, to J. H. Wilson, at $133. Ruthsburg to Price's Station to S. H. Wilson, at $169. Centreville to Easton, to James Morgan at $500.

Appointed to the Naval Academy.—Hon. Daniel M. Henry has appointed Master Pearce Crisfield, of this town, to the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, from the first Congressional district. The young man is a grandson of the late Senator James Alfred Pearce, and a nephew to James A. Pearce, Esq., of Chestertown. The last appointment from this district was held by the son of Col. Lloyd, of Talbot county. Master Pearce has successfully passed the entrance examination to the academy. He is an amiable, intelligent and persevering young man, and we predict for him a brilliant future.

Navigation Resumed.—We are requested to state that the steamer B. S. Ford will be here today, and, if the weather permits, will continue her trips regularly hereafter.

The steamer George Law came over on Tuesday, encountering much drift ice in the bay, but was assisted by the Latrobe. She returned on Thursday morning, with the understanding that she would be met in the bay by the same steamer and assistance rendered if necessary.

The steamer L. G. Cannon, Capt. Thompson, left here for Baltimore Wednesday morning, and was met at the mouth of the river by the ice-boat Maryland and convoyed to the city.

The Entertainment for the benefit of Flatland public school, of which Miss Susie Melvin is teacher, came off according to announcement on Tuesday evening last in the hall at the Fair Grounds. A good audience was present and a handsome sum realized, notwithstanding the bad roads. An amusing play, entitled "Eh, what is it?" was well managed by Miss Anderson, Messrs. Mace, Highley and Stewart. Other features deserving mention were "The Hardshell Sermon," by Mr. Topping; Stump Speech, by Mr. Jack Mace, and a recitation by Miss Ethel Stewart. Excellent music was rendered by Messrs. Crawford, Hurlock and Jewell, Miss Belle Pippin, Mr. and Miss Melvin, and J. W. Bordley.

The Peach Question.—"Particeps," the intelligent reporter of the proceedings of the Kent County Agricultural Association, and who is one of the most thoroughly observant fruit growers in the county, takes exception to the views of Messrs. Coppage and Noble, published last week in our columns. In the opinion of "Particeps" the black speck in the peach bud means death to the peach. But there may be an abundance of peaches yet. Let us make all needful preparation and hope for the best.

Sale of a Valuable Farm.—Mr. E. C. Fennimore, of Odessa, Del., has sold the farm near Lynch's Station, now occupied by Mr. J. B. Crowding, containing 340 acres, to Mr. Jas. W. Chapman, of Chestertown, for $18,000 00. This farm is in good heart, highly productive and improved, with good buildings and seven or eight thousand peach trees, and is, considering all things, one of the finest estates in the county.

Washington's Birthday—*Suspension of Business.*—Next Tuesday being the 22d of February and a legal holiday, business generally will be suspended in Chestertown. The merchants have all agreed to close their stores. The Levy Court and the Orphans' Court will meet on Thursday. Rev. E. B. Newnam, of the M. E. Church, will deliver an address at the Court House, at 11 A. M., before the Kent Guards.

Delegates.—The following delegates to the Maryland Annual Conference, M. P. Church, which meets in Cumberland, Md., on the 9th of March, have been elected: Chestertown—delegate, John W. Carroll; alternate, J. K. Aldridge. St. James'—delegate, S. Vannort; alternate, John Gale.

The Oyster Supper and Festival we spoke of in a previous issue came off at Georgetown, and, thanks to the liberal use of printer's ink, was a grand success, netting over $100 to those having it in hand. We are requested by the Presbyterians to extend their hearty thanks to all those who in various ways so generously contributed to make the affair such a success.

Our first page is filled up with local correspondence and other original matter. We are glad to have letters from all sections of the county, but hope correspondents will not forget the essentials of good writing, viz.: *Have something to say*, and say it in as short space as possible.

Religious.—The protracted meetings at the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant Churches in this town are still continued with gratifying results.

Sale of Town Property.—Mr. Sam'l L. Rawleigh has sold two frame dwellings, recently built by him, on Cannon Street, to Mr. Robert Hatcherson.

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, Feb. 10.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

Bartus Trew, executor of Deborah Trew, returned his first and final administration account.

Thomas W. Skirven and J. Walter Skirven, two of the executors of John T. Skirven, filed the inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of said deceased.

John Bordley, coroner, filed his official bond in the sum of $3,000, which was approved and ordered to be filed in the Clerk's office for record.

The sale made and reported by James B. Willson, executor of Henrietta E. Willson, of lot near Rock Hall, was ratified and confirmed, and the audit as made by J. C. Slaughtef, special auditor, was examined and approved.

Those in want of Mules have a rare opportunity now to purchase. Messrs. Echenhofer & Long offer for sale a fine lot at Middletown, Del.

Queen Anne's Items.—There are five candidates in the field for the democratic nomination for Clerk of Queen Anne's county, viz: Jas. R. Sudler, James Wooters, (present incumbent,) Wm. Henry Legg, John H. R. Embert, and Mordecai Price.

Albert T. Emory, Esq., who has been suffering for the past two months with a dropical affection, left for the Maryland Infirmary, Baltimore, last Saturday.

R. E. C. Downes, Esq., recently of Church Hill, has taken up his residence in Georgetown, District of Columbia.

Peaches—*Prospective Crop.*—Mr. Mordecai Price informed us last Tuesday that he is more confident than ever that fruit up to this time is not killed. He bases his opinion upon the theory that the recent spring-like sunshine has made the buds swell and grow, which could not possibly be the case if they were killed. In that case they would slough off and fall to the ground at the least jar of the tree by wind or otherwise. The sleet of Wednesday morning was harder on the peaches than has been the continued freeze of the present winter.

Mr. Wm. J. Sennett, who is an extensive grower in Rich Neck, informs us that peaches will be as plentiful in 1881 as they were in 1875, unless killed by the frosts in the Spring.—*Record.*

A small tenement house on the farm of Mr. Samuel Hurlock, near Cecilton, was lately consumed by fire. The occupants, colored people, barely escaped. The dead body of a woman, who had just died, was rescued with difficulty.

A writer in the Easton Star suggests the idea of constructing a workshop in connection with the proposed new jail, in order that the prisoners may be made to contribute to the revenue of the county. A good suggestion.

In the Pocomoke postoffice, the other day, were three men whose combined weight was 892 pounds. H. C. Powell weighs 302 pounds, Ulysis Schoolfield 265, and John Silverthorn 235.

A church at Greensboro' was lighted up the other night and a large congregation assembled to see a marriage, but the intended groom failed to appear, and was found later loafing in a store in apparent unconcern.

The Peach Question.

Messrs. Editors:—I read with surprise an article in your last issue on the peach question; surprise that gentlemen of such knowledge and experience as Mr. J. F. Coppage and Mr. Noble should claim it possible for a bud with a black heart or centre to produce a peach. Having studied the peach subject carefully and been a somewhat extensive grower for over twenty years, there is to my mind no fact in peach culture more fully established than that the black speck in the centre of the bud is the embryo peach; careful microscopic examination sustains this. It is this little central germ that enlarges when the blossom opens and which sheds the cups as it expands. If Mr. Coppage and Mr. Noble will examine the buds when they begin to swell and continue the examinations once a week until the peach is formed, they will see the beautiful changes through which this germ passes, and will be satisfied, I think, their opinions were born of their hopes and not of their careful investigations. Particeps.

Donation Party.

The congregation of Bond M. E. Church gave a donation to their pastor, Rev. I. N. Foreman, on Friday evening, Jan. 28. The pastor and his wife had been timely invited to dine at Mr. J. H. Baker's, and the friends went and took possession of the parsonage, it having been previously planned. When all were assembled our ever accommodating "Toney" was sent to them (the pastor and his lady) with the message "that the choir was at the parsonage and would like Mrs. Foreman to assist with the music. They assented at once, and upon arriving at their home were certainly surprised; they had no idea of the arrangements. There was not less than 75 persons present—some say 100—who brought hams, sugar, coffee, butter, lard, canned fruits, flour, (one brought a whole barrel,) vegetables, poultry in abundance, corn, shelled and in the ear, and a beautiful air castle and many other articles; also, an abundance of cake and ice-cream, which was served about 3 o'clock, to the pleasure of all. While this was being partaken of, a purse was prepared ($20.52) and presented by Miss Ida C. Crew in behalf of the assembled guests, with some very appropriate remarks, to which the Rev. Mr. Foreman, made fitting reply. All enjoyed the occasion, and none more than the pastor and his lady, who entertained the company with excellent music. The people of Bond and vicinity certainly appreciate their minister and he his people. Jonas.

Chesterville and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—A protracted meeting was started in the Chesterville M. E. Church on Sunday night, 6th instant, and continued until Wednesday night last. Up to this writing (Wednesday) comparatively little interest has been manifested. On the evening of Jan. 30th, after preaching, an invitation was extended, and a lady went forward and was converted. In view of the fact there was no special effort made at that time, looking to the conviction and conversion of souls, we deem this a matter of note.

The conference year draws to a close, and the churches on Galena and Kent circuits are looking forward with some anxiety to "the coming man." Rev. J. E. Bryan closes his third year; Rev. A. P. Prettyman his first and last, (being, *as yet*, unmarried,) while Rev. T. W. Brown, of the Church South, finishes up his fourth year. As all these will have remained the longest time their conferences permit them to stay at one place, it only evidences their popularity. We feel sure that the greatest harm their present congregations wish them is that they may fall into no worse hands when they remove to their new fields of labor.

A few weeks ago Parson Brown's congregation made him a handsome donation, and last week they held a festival at Millington, for church purposes, by which they realized over $100 clear. At about the same time the Galena people waited on Parson Bryan, and gave him a donation also. On Friday night of last week the Locust Grove people, numbering 35 persons, waited on Brother Bryan, taking with them an abundance of things to minister to his temporal welfare. The good pastor was literally taken by surprise. From a letter we quote: "We loaded his table down with eatables, groceries, dry goods, &c., and filled his poultry house with live poultry. The ladies brought several cakes, and the gentlemen furnished lemonade. The table was set with these and all partook; but you must not think we consumed all, for there were three cakes left uncut, while there was a considerable amount of fragments left. All enjoyed themselves." A partial enumeration of the articles taken shows the donation to have been substantial, while in quantity it was sufficient to keep hunger away from the minister's door for many days to come. Long live the parson and his family!

Among the sufferers by the Easton fire, was Mr. F. M. Gooding, formerly of Galena, who lost a part of his furniture, clothing, &c.

We are still without a wheelwright and a shoemaker. The Howard county man "came, saw"—and left. He left his wife and baby at his former home—hence his short stay. There is room here for both of these mechanics. Walter.

Millington and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—A goodly number of the members and friends of the Asbury Meth. Epis. Church, of this town, assembled at the parsonage last Thursday evening with quite a number of donations, in the way of edibles and other valuable presents, with which they pretty well filled the larder and safes of the Rev. W. J. O'Neill, their pastor. An hour or two was spent very socially and agreeably, after which the company retired to their homes, well pleased with their visit.

The Rev. T. W. Brown, pastor of the M. E. Church South, was also very agreeably surprised a few evenings ago by about seventy-five of the friends and members of the church, who very bountifully replenished his larder and safes with the essentials of life, and presented his very estimable lady and family with other valuable and desirable articles, for which the pastor and his good lady expressed many thanks.

The ladies of the M. E. Church South held a festival in this town on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of last week, for the benefit of the church, which proved to be a fine affair, and, notwithstanding the bad roads and inclement weather, resulted in the net return of $130, which sum was sufficient to pay the rent of the parsonage and a balance due the pastor.

The Rev. W. J. O'Neill has been holding a protracted meeting for several weeks at the M. E. Church in Millington, with a degree of success, though not so great as yet as is desired.

I presume that you, Messrs. Editors, are aware that we of the first district have four candidates out in the Legislative field for nomination next fall, viz.: One at Millington, one between Millington and Masseys, one above Masseys, and one at Galena, and Madam Rumor says it is probable we will have one or two more added to the number, and this being the case when but one can be nominated and elected, it is evident that several of the number will have to take out, give out or sell out when the time comes, and "time will tell." "Let them alone—they are joined to their idols." Traveler.

One of the greatest revivals of religion is in progress at the M. E. Church in Elkton that has been known for years. It is under the direction of Rev. Walter Avery, the pastor, a young man of much talent and religious energy. He was sent there in the early part of the winter to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Vaughan Smith, who had some difficulty with the officers of the church in regard to his salary, and refused to preach any longer.

Rev. Mr. Reese, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lewis, Del., notwithstanding his congregation upon the presentation of his resignation unanimously voted for him to remain, gave notice that he should accept the call from the Westminster Presbytcian Church, Georgetown, Kent county, Md., and would leave for his new church on the 1st of March next.—*Georgetown (Del.) Journal.*

Some months ago Edward Bayly, a resident of Pungoteague, away down the peninsula, married a girl of fourteen. Bayly, who was seventy-three years old at the time of his marriage, died the other day, and Mrs. Bayly is a widow at 15.

According to the Centreville Record, tobacco spittle on the floor of the mill of John McFadden saved it from destruction, after a small hole had been burned in the floor. Eight hundred bushels of grain were in the mill at the time.

"Suppose Garfield should die," is the caption wherewith an alarmist editor would fright the souls of fearful dunces. And suppose he should? There isn't any reason to doubt that he would be buried properly.

Royal Oak, Maryland, has had a sleighing carnival. The sleighs drew up in a long line, and at the sound of the leaders horn the whole gay cavalcade started. The sleighs drove to St. Michaels and back to Royal Oak.

Among a number of visitors at Mentor on Wednesday was Senator Conkling, and gossip is circulating freely regarding his claims on Gen. Garfield's cabinet appointments.

A number of young ladies of the Wesleyan Female College have been converted at the Grace M. E. Church. There are a few yet unconverted.

Rev. Dr. Briston, recently of New Castle, who was sent by the Bishop to New Orleans to raise the debt on Ames Church, has been transferred to the Wilmington conference.

A day or two since Benjamin Murray, a mechanic employed in the cannery at Berlin, Worcester county, was killed by the fall of a heavy boiler he was helping to raise.

J. W. Bayard, Esq., of Denton, has recently been appointed by Gov. Hamilton an aide-de-camp on his staff with the rank of Colonel.

Kent Co. Agricultural Association.

Club Room, Feb. 7, 1881.

Messrs. Editors:—The bad roads notwithstanding, we had a quorum and some to spare to-day. Various committees reported, and the reports were adopted without much debate. The President announced the executive committee the same as last year, with the exception of the president, and consists of Messrs. S. Vannort, W. W. Stephens, Robert Nicholson, J. S. Corsden, C. W. Warren, J. Brice, J. E. Gilpin, T. A. Hulme and W. H. Stewart. The president requested this committee to meet next Monday at 2 o'clock in the hall.

A member asked how to raise enough potatoes for family use. He was told to plant early good seed, manure and fertilize liberally, work well and destroy the bugs, and he would get fair crops. One member said he raised five or six barrels in Baltimore at a cost of 80 cents a barrel, and thought that was the cheapest way. The member asking the question had tried that plan but found the price raised on him. The subject of drilling corn was introduced and elicited some discussion. Good farming seems to be tending in this way, as producing the best crops at the least expense; but not on blue grass or wire grass land, as hoeing corn is very expensive. Notice was given that a public sale of the association would be offered for consideration next Monday. The clover seeder did not come; hope it will next Monday, as the time is fast approaching to sow the seed.

In the absence of the essayist, a member had an article read from the *Maryland Farmer*, on "Trucking in Anne Arundel county."

The regular question, "Small Fruits," was opened very briefly by the member appointed, and the discussion was about in the same style. No new points were made. The gist of the discussion was that if a farmer was adapted to the business by education and taste, had land suited to their cultivation and would give his personal attention, success would follow—otherwise not. The most present did not think they had these requisites, and did not seem to be very much interested in the question.

Subject for Feb. 21—"What is the smallest No. 1 farm that will pay the farmer better to persintend than to labor, and what constituted a good farmer?" J. M. J. Byron, Esq., to open. Rather a comprehensive question, Messrs. Editors, and if Mr. Byron expects to exhaust it he had better begin to prepare early and keep it up.

Essayist, Mr. Jos. Porter. Particeps.

An Elk Neck farmer has a setter dog that understands only the French language, the "native tongue" of the owner.

There were ten newly married couples present at the services of the St. Nicholas's M. E. Church on Sunday evening of last week.

Senator Bayard is on the committee with Senators Pendleton and Anthony to arrange for the inauguration of Gen. Garfield.

Hon. Geo. W. Covington, Congressman-elect, has formed a law-partnership with Wm. S. Wilson, of Snow Hill.

Gov. Hall has appointed Ex-Congressman Benjamin T. Biggs as Delaware's representative at the Yorktown celebration.

Senator David Davis attended the funeral of his relative, the late Henry B. Wirt, Esq., at Elkton.

Decayed cabbage is said to be one of the greatest promoters of diptheria extant.

This is the kind of weather that colds and pneumonia feast on.

MARRIED:

At the residence of Mr. Strong, Willis' X Roads, February 15, 1881, by Rev. F. T. Little, JOHN ALLSTON, of New Castle county, Del., to Miss FLORENCE M. POTE, of Kent co., Md.

On the evening of the 16th inst., at the residence of Wm. H. Lambert, Esq., by Rev. E. B. Newnam, J. BURTON BURCHINAL to Miss MARY ALICE LAMBERT, both of this town.

At Church Hill, on the 16th inst., by Rev. J. D. Carey, HARRY L. BOYD, of Chestertown, to Miss JENNIE FRIEL, of Queen Anne's.

DIED:

In Chestertown, Feb. 11, of consumption, Mrs. M. E. DOBBS, aged 20 years.

Near Hynson's Chapel, Feb. 14, of consumption, MARY E., wife of Geary H. Leaverton, aged 46 years.

Friday, February 4, of pneumonia, Mrs. JANE RAMAGE, wife of James Ramage, in the 58th year of her age, leaving two sons and one daughter to mourn their irreparable loss.

On the 11th inst., near Worton Station, Kent county, CARRIE D., youngest daughter of Lydia A. and the late John Duyer, aged 15 years, 9 months and 20 days.

At his residence in Baltimore, on the 10th of Feb., 1881, THOMAS C. RINGGOLD, formerly of Millington, of typhoid pneumonia, aged 59 years. His remains were transferred to Millington, where they were interred in the M. E. cemetery on Saturday last.

Near Willis' X Roads, Feb. 2, 1881, JESSIE TILDEN, son of George and Sallie Hadaway, aged 4 years and 4 months. Gone but not forgotten.

Departed this life on Saturday, Feb. 12, 1881, at her residence in Chestertown after a long illness, Mrs. MARY A. DAVIS, in the 77th year of her age, relict of the late Charles Davis.

She was a good woman. Having given her heart to God in youth, she endeavored to live a conscientious and faithful Christian; and, after spending fifty-eight years in the service of God, she declared that he was a good Master, and the best of friends. She died in the arms of Jesus, near the gates of heaven. In her death the community has lost a kind friend; the Methodist Protestant Church in Chestertown has lost the last of its original members, and her children have lost an excellent mother. She suffered long and patiently, and now she is at rest.

"Rest, weary head;
Lie down to slumber in the peaceful tomb;
Light from above has broken through its gloom;
Here, in the place where once thy Saviour lay,
Where He shall wake thee on a future day,—
Like a tired child upon its mother's breast,
Rest, sweetly rest."

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.

Dr. T. H. Cooper has made arrangements at the Voshell House, Chestertown, for himself and Brother, where they will practice Homeopathy together after first of next month. Feb. 19, 1881—1t.

Found Adrift off Swan Point, one log, sixty feet long, round, Feb. 16, 1881. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away. John T. Stephens, Rock Hall, Md. Feb. 19, 1881—3t.

Attention.—Rev. E. B. Newnam will deliver an address at the Court House next Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 11 o'clock A. M., before the "Kent Guards." The public are very cordially invited. H. W. Vickers, Capt. John W. Bordley, Sec'y. 1t.

Orphans' Court Notice.

TUESDAY NEXT being the 22d day of February, and a legal holiday, the Court will meet on THURSDAY, the 24th inst. JOEL C. SLAUGHTER, Register of Wills. 1t.

County Commissioners' Notice.

The Board of County Commissioners will be in session on THURSDAY of next week instead of Tuesday, the 22d, which is a legal holiday. By order. T. W. RUSSELL, Clerk. 1t.

Clover, Timothy, Orchard, Herd, And other GRASS SEEDS, SEED PEAS, all the best varieties; Pure Vermont Seed Potatoes; Genuine No. 1 Peruvian Guano, Reliable Garden, Field and Flower Seeds. C. B. ROGERS, 133 Market St., Philadelphia. Our Garden Manual and illustrated catalogue free on application. feb19-3t.

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.

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

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

Orchard Grass Seed, Shropshire Sheep, and Pure Blood and Grade Alderny Cows and Heifers. For sale by JAS. H. BAKER, Pomona, Md. jan29-3t.*

Stoves cleaned and repaired at short notice, at THOS L. HINES & CO'S, next door to the Bank. sep11.

Boots & Shoes a Specialty. At Very L west Prices. J. H. SIMPERS. jan22.

4 GOOD HORSES

Will be sold at a reasonable price, and on easy terms. Apply to JAS. F. WILKINS, Quaker Neck. feb17-3t*

FOR RENT, And FOR SALE:

STORE HOUSE and DWELLING on Main st., in Chestertown. Also, for sale on long credit: TWO HORSES AND MARES, safe and kind. WM. J. VANNORT. feb19-tf. Chestertown, Md.

MULES! MULES!

We, the undersigned, will have for sale at our Stables in Middletown, Del.,

On and after Saturday, Feb. 19

FORTY HEAD OF FINE

Young Kentucky Mules

broken and unbroken, which we have selected with great care. Those wanting Mules should call and inspect them before purchasing elsewhere. ECHENHOFER & LONG. feb19-5t.

FOR SALE, MILL PROPERTY AND FARM COMBINED.

A GRIST and SAW MILL, and about 210