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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....FEBRUARY 26, 1881

THE Pennsylvania Legislature, on Wednesday, on the thirty-fifth ballot, elected the Hon. John I. Mitchell United States Senator. Mr. Mitchell has served several terms in the House of Representatives and at present represents the Sixth district. The independent republicans claim his selection as a great victory, they having compelled Senator Cameron to agree to the withdrawal of two of his candidates and the acceptance of one whom they profess to know will not bow the knee to the Senator.* It is thought Cameron agreed to Mitchell's selection because he will prove personally agreeable to him, and that he will not overshadow him.

THE Senate committee has decided not to recommend the construction of the Maryland and Delaware Canal by either the Sassafras or Choptank routes to the present Congress, but in its report will urge that an appropriation of $10,000 be made to defray the cost of a new survey, in order to ascertain definitely the comparative cost and advantages of the several routes. If this proposition should be adopted, it will undoubtedly prepare the way for the authorization of the improvement at the next session of Congress, and those mostly interested, therefore, have every reason to be satisfied with the progress that has been made. In this matter they are pretty sure to have the earnest co-operation of the Western Senators and representatives at the proper time.

FREE TRADE AND DEMOCRATIC POLICY.—A letter from Washington to the New York World states that a dinner was given on the night of the 22d instant at Wormley's Hotel, by Representative Hurd, of Ohio, to a number of Democratic members of Congress of well known free-trade proclivities. About thirty members were present and the initial steps were taken toward forming a Congressional organization in the interest of free-trade and to commence an aggressive free-trade campaign throughout the country. Speeches were made by Representatives Hurd, Cox, Springer, Lefevre, Knott, Morrison, Townsend and others, nearly all of whom declared themselves in favor of making free-trade a prominent feature of Democratic policy from this time forth, with a view to making it a leading national issue in 1884.

THE INTEREST RATE—*What Baltimore Bankers Say.*—The funding act for the issue of United States bonds bearing 3 per cent. interest has created a great stir in financial circles all over the country. The Baltimore bankers think that the lower rate of interest that will have to be accepted by the banks on the bonds they deposit as security will be offset by the act now pending to relieve bank deposits of taxation. As long as the bonds are in existence the banking people say that 3 per cent. will be the rate of interest of the country. It is thought that the 3 per cent. bonds will be accepted as a safe investment by all, in the hope that the rate will be better some time in the future. The Baltimore Sun says that banks will make the 3 per cent. on their bonds and about 4 per cent. on their circulation, making a total of about 7 per cent. The cashier of one of the leading banks in the city said yesterday that the only disposition manifested here on the subject was to wait and see what came of it, if the President signed the bill.

GEN. SHERMAN has issued the official program for the inauguration procession. After escorting the President-elect from the White House to the Capitol, and return, the military will be reformed on Pennsylvania avenue, in front of the executive mansion. The procession will start for the Capitol upon the firing of a signal gun, at 11 A. M., and will be headed by the first division, United States troops, commanded by Brevet Major General Ayres. The President's party and escort will come next, followed by the second division, Pennsylvania associations, Major Gen. Hartranft, the Grand Army of the Republic, Major General Fletcher, and fourth, volunteer military, commanded by Major General Field. The ceremonies at the Capitol, east front, will be under the control of the proper officers of Congress, and about 1 P. M., at the conclusion, the procession will counter march in the same order to Fifteenth street, where the presidential party will leave the line and drive on ahead to the White House. The column will then march on, and be reviewed, and after that can return by any route desired.

STATE POLITICS.—The Frederick *Citizen*, edited by Col. L. Victor Baughman, perhaps one of the best posted politicians in the State, gives the following glance at State and city politics:

"The Democracy of Baltimore are getting ready for the October contest, at which time they elect the mayor of their city. It is with pride that the Democracy of the entire State refer to the able administration of Mayor Latrobe and the assistance he has received from the City Council. There is no city in the Union that has a more economical city government, and no city can boast of better credit than our proud old Monumental City of Maryland. For years she has been in the hands of true and tried representative men, whom the Democratic party have called on to administer her affairs, and as an evidence of appreciation Mayor Latrobe will be unanimously re-nominated, and as triumphantly elected. After the mayoralty election, then will come the November election, at which time the people of Maryland will have the pleasure of voting again for Hon. Thos. J. Keating, whom the party will unanimously re-nominate for Comptroller of the State. The administration of Mr. Keating has been honest, able and thoroughly appreciated by the Democracy of Maryland, and his re-nomination and re-election will be a just tribute to his worth and character. As for the re-election of our State Treasurer, the Hon. Barnes Compton, as a matter of course that is understood, for he would be a brave man who would undertake to run against the courteous Treasurer, who captures both friend and foe by that smile of his, which is so child-like and bland. Of course Compton will be re-elected, and everybody will be happy when they congratulate him as our next Treasurer."

THE P., W. & B. road operates altogether 207 miles; its capital stock is $11,572,750, and its funded debt only $2,753,500. It has been paying eight per cent. dividends regularly for five years. The road is in excellent condition in every respect, and its management is first-class.

GENERAL HANCOCK and his entire staff have accepted an invitation to be present at the inauguration of President-elect Garfield on Friday next. It is said that all the arrangements for the inauguration have been made, and it is thought it will be the most magnificent affair of the kind ever seen in this country.

GEN. GARFIELD made a statement last week that he had made no pledge in reference to an appointment in his cabinet, or any other place, to anybody in the whole country. He has thousands of applications for office, which he has filed for reference at the proper time.

THE Senate of Arkansas has solemnly resolved that the name of that State should be pronounced ARKANSAW. A resolution is now demanded from the Legislature of KANSAW.

A COMPLIMENT TO SENATOR WHYTE.—Mr. Jas. R. Randall, of the editorial staff of the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle and Constitutionalist, in a letter from Washington, commenting on Senator Whyte's exposure in the Senate of the Roach subsidy scheme, says: "The senior Maryland Senator speaks without notes and never corrects the record. He is one of the ablest, most eloquent and best equipped of our public men, and retires from the Senate full of honor and renown." Correspondents of several Northern papers have also spoken in warm praise of Mr. Whyte's effort on the occasion referred to.

THE Baltimore Morning Herald advocates the whipping post as a punishment for wife-beaters. Let us have a statute to that effect at the next session of the Legislature.

Ex-Gov. Seymour is slowly recovering from his recent illness and is staying with his sister, Mrs. Roscoe Conkling, in Utica.

THE National Association of the Veterans of the Mexican war assembled Tuesday at Louisville, Ky. About 200 members were present.

A GREAT RAILROAD CHANGE.

THE B. & O. OBTAIN A CONTROLLING INTEREST IN THE P., W. & B.

THE fight which has been so hotly waging in the Delaware Legislature for some weeks to secure a charter from that State by which the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad could secure a route from Baltimore to Philadelphia independent of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore road, culminated this week by a syndicate of the friends of the Baltimore and Ohio purchasing a controlling interest in the P., W. & B.

It appears that Mr. Thayer, of Boston, and other large stockholders become alarmed at the prospect of the B. & O. charter passing the Delaware Legislature, which would have been followed by a vast reduction in the value of the shares of the P., W. & B., and, having been already approached on the subject, thought it prudent to sell out before the decline in shares should overtake them. As a sequence of the transaction, Mr. Robert Garrett sent a letter to Dover on Wednesday stating that the Baltimore and Ohio withdrew its advocacy of the amendment to the Delaware Western charter.

Commenting upon this change the Baltimore Sun says: The purchase of a controlling interest in the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore road by a syndicate, of which friends of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company are influential members, is a transaction of much significance to the general public and of great importance in connection with transit between leading points of the country. It gives to the Baltimore and Ohio Company that unimpeded through route to New York for which it has struggled so long. It puts an end to the obstructions alleged to have been uselessly interposed by the Pennsylvania Company to the free passage over the three miles of Union railroad in West Philadelphia, and brings the New Jersey Central into full use as a competing line with the Camden and Amboy railroad, which is under lease to the Pennsylvania Railroad. In short this combination made in the interest of the Baltimore and Ohio Company, puts the latter on an equal footing with the Pennsylvania Road, and for a time, at least, lessens interest in the proposed Delaware Central as a competitor of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Road, the construction of which would otherwise have doubtless been steadily pushed to as early completion as possible. As this new control of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore carries with it the working of the whole system of Delaware roads and its Maryland branches from the line of the former road down to their terminus at Crisfield, the importance of this change of ownership to the trade of Baltimore would seem to be very great, and makes the proposed construction of the thirteen miles of road from Elkton to Middletown, where it would connect with the entire system of peninsula roads, a matter of special interest and urgency. All the delays to which travel and traffic have been subjected between Baltimore and our Eastern Shore counties by making in the interest of Philadelphia the outlet of the Delaware roads at Wilmington, and thus forcing the trade of the Peninsula to Philadelphia instead of seeking Baltimore as the natural market for the Eastern Shore counties of the State, can now be very materially obviated, and more so because it is to the interest of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to offer all possible facilities that may encourage bringing to Baltimore the products of the peninsula, and the carrying back as return freight the commodities bought in our market. As respects the effect of the change in the ownership of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore road, we infer from the published statements that the Pennsylvania railroad will continue to enjoy the same facilities of its use as heretofore, while the policy of the road in its new hands will operate as a check upon obstructions in any quarter.

PEACH-GROWERS IN COUNCIL.—The Peninsula Peach-Growers' Association organized at Middletown, Del., Tuesday, about 50 peach growers being in attendance. Ex-Gov. Cochran, who presided, said it was the object of the association "to get clear of railroad monopoly." Resolutions in favor of the proposed amendment to the charter of the Delaware Western road and denouncing the opposition of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company were adopted. An address was also adopted in favor of a rival railroad line across the State, and repelling "with indifference the threat of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company to make up by increased charges upon our tributary road the losses of trade by the competition of a rival for through traffic." The meeting was characterized by considerable confusion, several speakers objecting to fifty peach-growers attempting to speak for over one thousand.

PRIZES FOR FARMER BOYS.—The proprietors of the Democratic Advocate, Westminster, Md., one of the most enterprising and ably conducted journals in the State, desiring to stimulate the love of agriculture among the farmer boys of Carroll, and to test the productiveness of Carroll county land, offer thirty dollars, in two prizes of $20 and $10, for the first and second best acre of corn raised in 1881 by boys of that county under 18 years of age. The only requirements are that the land shall be plowed, planted and cultivated by the boys themselves, and the yields accurately measured by three reliable farmers of the neighborhood; also, that each contestant shall write out his mode of culture. Under the above stimulus we may expect a good report from Carroll' farmer boys next fall in the way of corn growing.

"THE IRVING LITERARY GAZETTE," is upon our table. It is an 8-page 32-column monthly paper, published by the "Irving" Society of Western Maryland College, Westminster; J. F. Somers and E. P. Leech, editors. This first number is of beautiful typographical appearance; its contents well arranged and of first-class character, and its editorials give evidence of superior talent. Taken altogether it is one of the most creditable College journals in the whole country, and should be liberally sustained by the friends of that worthy institution—Western Maryland College.

DEATH OF EDWARD H. COURSEY.—The Centreville Observer says: Edward H. Coursey, Esq., known as the man of figures, died at his residence in Piney Neck, this county, on Wednesday of last week, at the ripe age of 86 years. While a youth he moved to Baltimore, where in 1815 he married Miss Allen of that city. In 1819 he left Baltimore and came with his family to Centreville, where he pursued his occupation of watchmaker until 1833, when he purchased a farm in Piney Neck, and removed to it, and spent the remainder of his days in that section. About 13 years ago he was paralyzed, and although he partially recovered the use of his limbs, has been failing ever since. Mr. Coursey early developed a fondness for figures, and became quite remarkable for proficiency in the use of the digits. He was not an educated man, and his work was generally by methods of his own, without regard to or knowledge of arithmetical rules. So notorious did he become that he was frequently written to and problems sent him by persons in other States. He made it a rule to carefully answer all such problems and was never known to be wrong.

STRANGE FREAK OF NATURE.—Col. James M. Lowe, residing at Clay's Neck, has a lamb, several days old, with but two feet (fore ones.) The hind legs of this lamb are very short—only about half the length of the fore ones, and have no feet to them. There is, however, part of an imperfect hoof attached to these diminutive legs. In walking, it at times uses these short legs, but oftener elevates the rear part of its body in the air and trots along on its fore legs.—*St. Michaels Comet.*

NEW JAIL IN EASTON.—The county commissioners for Talbot county, have decided to build a new jail, and have selected a lot on the Bayside road at the north end of West street, Easton. The jail is to be 48x80 feet, with sheriff's house in front, two stories high. There will be 12 cells, each 7x10 feet, on each of the two floors. The outer walls will be of stone; cell work and the sheriff's house of brick. The estimated cost will be about $15,000.

ELKTON was deprived of gas for four days last week, and the cause was only discovered after a visit of a Wilmington expert to the works. He found that a disarrangement of the wheels on which the chains supporting the gas-holder ran had torn a small rent in the side, allowing an exit for the gas as fast as it was made. The leak was soon stopped, and the means of lighting the houses and streets restored.

Celebration of the Twenty-Second.

The birthday of WASHINGTON was celebrated on Tuesday by the Kent Guards of Chestertown, H. W. Vickers, Captain. They met at the armory and formed into line at about 10 o'clock, and were put through numerous drill manouvres until eleven, at which time they were marched into the court-house, where a large audience of ladies and gentlemen had assembled to listen to an address by Rev. E. B. Newnam. Before the address, Lieutenant Thomas G. DeFord read very clearly and forcibly the Declaration of Independence.

The Rev. Mr. Newnam commenced by saying that the Declaration of Independence just read was an illustration of a principle which he wished to set before them, and which was suggested by the Saviour to his followers: "*He that hath no sword let him sell his garment and buy one.*" The principle applied first *to civil life.* Nations drew the sword and went to war. War is sometimes right. It is right to wage war to put to an end a greater evil than war itself. It is also right to resist invasion and injustice. It was wrong for King George to increase the burdens of the American people; it was right for them to draw the sword and drive his army from American soil. The principle of the Saviour's words applied secondly to the struggle between Good and Evil, Truth and Error, and which would continue until Truth was triumphant and Error was subdued. Then the sword would be turned into the plough-share, symbol of plenty as well as peace, now the symbol of strife. He showed thirdly how the garment of sloth and indolence and dishonor and discouragement must give place to the sword or spirit of industry and integrity and economy and determination to succeed. The principle was applied fourthly *to social life*—that men must by *decision* cast off evil companions and evil habits; and illustrated by Hercules and Samson how men, though strong in other respects, if morally weak, will come to destruction. The last application which the speaker made of the principle was to the struggle of every man to gain the victory over self. He illustrated this point by General Grant, whose greatest victory was in *going around the world without taking a drink.* But the most illustrious example was WASHINGTON, who, like Saul among the people, stood head and shoulders above the greatest Generals known, not because he fought more battles or vanquished more foes, but because, in addition to his other victories, he conquered *self.* The *secret* of his conquest of self was his *faith in God.* He did not spend hours of leisure in reading Tom Paine. He was a bold defender of the truth. The speaker closed by urging the men before him to make a breastwork of the Bible as Washington did; to take the Sword of the Spirit and go forth to conquer self and sin, and when the last battle is fought He whom John saw riding on a white horse leading the armies of heaven, would place in their hand a palm of victory and on their head a crown of glory which shall never fade.

After the address there was prayer by Mr. C. H. Baker and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. S. C. Roberts. Appropriate music was rendered by the M. E. Church choir.

After the conclusion of the exercises at the court-house, the Kent Guards were marched out of town for target practice, in competition for a handsome Maltese Cross, with gold medal attached. The scoring among some of the best shots was very close, and resulted as follows, Lieut. T. S. Bordley making the highest average and taking the prize: Lieut. T. S. Bordley 5¼; Chas. Burgess 5¼; J. F. Connelly 6 1-6; W. L. Hamilton 8 5-12; Geo. S. Vickers 9½.

At the finish of the target practice the Guards returned to town and at 4 o'clock filed into the Voshell House, where a sumptuous dinner awaited them and quite a number of invited guests. The dinner consisted of a bountiful supply of oysters, turkey, roast beef and other substantials, besides an abundance of pastries, and ample justice was done it.

At the conclusion of the repast, Capt. Vickers announced the score of each marksman, and as Lieutenant Bordley was found to have made the highest score, the prize was awarded him. Lieutenant DeFord made the presentation in a neat and complimentary speech, and the medal was accepted by Lieutenant Bordley in a few graceful remarks. After the presentation of the medal, loud calls were made for a speech from James A. Pearce, Esq., who responded in a neat and appropriate address.

THE TERRAPIN SENATOR.—Ex-Senator Dennis, of the Eastern Shore of this State, it is represented, has about twelve acres of land put down in a pond that is full of salt water. This pond made the largest terrapin farm, probably, in the world, and is the source of a heavy income. In it terrapins are raised for the market, and it is said that over 12,000 "counts" have been sold from it in one year. It may be noted, for the benefit of the uninitiated, that a "count" is a terrapin over seven inches in length, and that "counts" are sold by number, bringing from $10 to $14 a dozen, or about $1 each. In market they retail for about $20 a dozen, and in the fashionable restaurants are served at $1.50 a plate, one terrapin filling about three plates. Smaller terrapins are sold at lower figures, but all bring good figures, and are "diamond" backs in fact as well as in name. There are several terrapin ponds in Maryland.—*Annap. Ade.*

THE LARGEST CATTLE SALE EVER MADE.—The Trinidad (Cal.) *Republican* of a recent date says: "The largest cattle sale that has ever taken place, we venture to say, in the world was consummated the other day by the Hall Brothers, the New Mexico cattle kings, who disposed of their ranch and stock in Colfax county for $400,000. About a year ago one of the brothers, of whom there was then three in partnership, sold out to the other two his interest, receiving if we remember correctly, $100,000 and 6,000 head of cattle. He then removed to Texas where he still is. The two other brothers continued the business till the present time, and may now retire to private life with the snug bank account of $200,000 each."

SAD DEATH OF AN OLD SOLDIER.—Capt. Geo. Stevens, of Jackson, Pa., was wounded just under the heart at Gettysburg in 1862, but recovered and fought until the war ended. The old wound began to trouble him again four years ago, and he kept gradually failing. Eminent physicians pronounced his case incurable. He died on Monday, and for several days previous it required four strong men to hold him. In the dying hour, despite the vigorous efforts of his friends to hold him, he broke their embrace, and leaping through his bedroom window, fell to the ground, a distance of ten feet, where he breathed his last.

A SECOND LINE DEMANDED.—The Philadelphia *Record* says: "There ought to be a second line of railroad from Philadelphia to Baltimore, in the interest of both cities. The contest going on in the Delaware Legislature for the right to build a new line is watched with keen attention in this city."

EDWARD EARL, a farmer living near Hope Falls, New York, was sent to prison four years ago for an assault on his wife. When he was released, he swore he would finish the job; and last Saturday morning, while his wife was feeding the stock, he sprang upon her and stabbed her to the heart.

HARVESTING CLAMS.—At Newport, R. I., Sunday morning, at least 15,000 bushels of clams were washed upon the beach, and by noon there were three hundred people engaged in "harvesting" the unexpected visitors. It is thought a storm at sea was the cause of the strange phenomenon.

REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER, in his sermon on last Sunday, said there were men who wished he would go out of the Congregational church, but he was not going to do it; he intended to stay in it and love his enemies.

THE St. Louis elevators are busy loading barges with wheat and corn for foreign shipment, via New Orleans. From three to four hundred thousand bushels were sent out early this week, and more will follow.

Now is the season to trim grape vines. Those having vines should not wait to trim them until the warm sun starts the sap. If trimmed too late they are apt to bleed, which is both injurious to the vines and the crop.

THE Chicago *Times* estimates that the extra expenses of the Western railroads caused by snow storms this winter will fully consume the net earnings of January and February.

HON. J. Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, has been elected chairman of the House committee of ways and means, to succeed the late Hon. Fernando Wood.

THE grand jury of Darlington, S. C., Tuesday found a true bill against Colonel Cash for the murder of Colonel Shannon in a duel. The case was set for trial on Thursday last.

COL. LEWIS SNOWELL, of Berlin, Maryland, president of the Eastern Shore Railroad, had a $1,000 watch stolen from his pocket in Philadelphia last week.

THE Delaware Beet Sugar Company has offered a premium of $300 for the best one hundred tons of beets raised the coming season.

THE citizens of Caroline county have subscribed the necessary stock and have applied for a charter for a National Bank, to be located in Denton.

THE Crisfield Leader is fondly cherishing the hope that the mosquito crop of that section has been killed by the recent cold weather.

CAPT. F. LAYMAN, of Chesapeake City, Md., has leased the Townsend House, at Townsend, and will take possession March 25th.

TOWN HALL.

Our readers in town and country, we are sure, will be glad to learn that a movement is now on foot to secure a suitable Town Hall in Chestertown. That a town of this size—the county seat of a rich and fertile county, with farmers and business men as intelligent as can be found in the State—should be without a Town Hall, is amazing to the stranger who visits us, and is not only a mortification to ourselves, but a source of much inconvenience.

The Legislature at its last session incorporated a company with the view of erecting such a building as the needs of an enlightened community require, and authorized the use of any unoccupied public lands within the limits of the town for the purpose. Acting under the provisions of this incorporation, the company have taken the necessary preliminary steps; a fine site in the centre of the town, between the Market House and the old M. E. Church building, has been secured; plans and specifications have been drawn by a competent architect, and accepted.

At a meeting of the directors this week by-laws were adopted, and it was determined to push the matter to a successful issue or demonstrate the unwillingness of the people to have such an institution.

The capital stock of the company is fixed by the charter at ten thousand dollars. The plans provide for a brick structure of suitable dimensions and of beautiful architectural design and finish, to cost about ten thousand dollars. The stock is fixed at fifty dollars per share, and under the plan proposed, with the advantages secured, it is believed the stock will pay a good interest, so that subscribers not only aid in supplying a great public need, but at the same time find a paying investment for their money.

The directors have no desire to monopolize the subscriptions, but propose to give everybody a chance to take shares, with the hope that the interest in the enterprise will be widespread and general. For this purpose subscription books have just been opened and those desiring to secure stock can do so by calling upon either C. T. Westcott, T. W. Eliason, Jr., J. W. Chapman, C. F. Stam, or Wm. B. Usilton.

Judging from the flattering encouragement the project has already received, it is confidently anticipated that the whole stock will be taken within thirty or sixty days, which will enable the company to commence building at once.

PERSONAL.—Mr. William Sheffer, engineer of the steamer B. S. Ford, and who has been employed on the Chester river line for some nine or ten years, has been appointed an assistant inspector of steam vessels at the port of Baltimore, with a salary of $1,600 per annum. Mr. Sheffer is a practical engineer, and a young gentleman of steady habits and thoroughly competent to perform the duties of the new position to which he has been called. He left the "Ford" on Monday and was succeeded by Mr. Chas. Reeder, also a practical engineer, who has been in the employ of the company for some time.

TWO CLAIMANTS TO A HORSE.—The trial for the possession of the mare held by Rev. G. P. Smith, of Sudlersville, came off before Esquire Tarbutton, at Crumpton, last week, and was decided in favor of Mr. Swart. Mr. R. T. Crouch, of Cecil county, who sold the mare to Mr. Smith, says that he will take an appeal from the magistrate's decision. Mr. Swart's mare was stolen in October, 1876. Mr. Boulden, who sold the mare to Mr. Crouch, swore that he purchased the mare held by Mr. Smith, in Elkton, in July, 1875. From the evidence adduced, the large number of persons in attendance were almost unanimously of the opinion that the mare belonged to Mr. Swart.

THE LAST.—A sacred song service will be given by Prof. Quimby and his class in the Chesterville M. E. Church, on Friday evening, March 4th. Whenever this Class has given concerts, the people have highly complimented the singing, and all who would enjoy a pleasant evening should not fail to attend, as this will probably be the last concert by the Class this season.

AT A MEETING of the New Castle Presbytery at Milford, on the 18th instant, Rev. W. W. Reese was formally dismissed from his late charge at Lewes, Del., and assigned the pastorate of the Westminster and Kennedyville Churches, to which he has recently received a call. He will begin his regular pastorate on the 1st of March, but will preach at both churches on Sunday (to-morrow) Feb. 27.

WINTERISH AGAIN.—After a week or more of mild and enjoyable weather, a skirt of snow fell on Thursday night, and mother earth put on quite a winterish appearance again yesterday morning.

The Chester River Steamboat Company have elected the following officers for the present year: President, George Warfield; Secretary, Dr. S. E. Ford; Treasurer, Hon. F. C. Latrobe; Wm. S. Taylor and Frank Wright.

NOTICE OF TRANSFERS, &c.—The County Commissioners give their annual notice of meetings to note transfers, &c., in another column. This is an important matter, and all interested should give it attention.

MESSRS. A. J. HACKETT and W. J. Hurlock have been elected as delegate and alternate to the Maryland Annual Conference, Meth. Prot. Church, from Kennedyville.

The Kent County railroad will run another of those popular excursions to Philadelphia—$2 for the round trip—on Wednesday, March 2.

DANIEL Cox had one of his ribs broken on the 22d in a fracas at Hall's Hotel, in this town. Dr. C. W. Whaland attended him.

The steamer Trumpeter advertises to resume her trips next Tuesday.

ORPHANS' COURT, Thursday, Feb. 24.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

James A. Pearce, attorney for Annie T. Spry, one of the administrators of George T. Spry, deceased, filed a petition to be relieved from her appointment as said administratrix, upon which the court ordered a notice to be given, as directed by Article 50, Section 96, of the revised Code of Maryland.

George T. Williams, one of the administrators of Wm. V. Lucas, dec'd, returned a list of debts due said deceased.

MARRIED:

In Millington, Jan. 13, 1881, by Rev. W. J. O'Neill, JOSEPH H. MOFFIT to MINTA GORDEN.

On Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1880, near Edesville, by Rev. George Leary, JOHN F. SHRIVER, of Quaker Neck, to Miss BELLE APSLEY, of Piney Neck.

At the residence of the bride, on Feb. 23d, 1881, by Rev. W. J. Neepier, Mr. WILLIAM O. DUGAN to Miss MARY R. BENJAMIN, both of this town.

In Kennedyville, on February 23d, by Rev. J. A. Weigand, WILLIAM W. NEWCOMB to Miss ALICE L. MATTHEWS, both of Kent county.

DIED:

In Kennedyville on the 19th inst., of paralysis, Mrs HANNAH CULP, aged 72 years.

FOUND ADRIFT off Swan Point, ONE LOG, ninety ft. long, round, Feb. 16, 1881. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away.
JOHN T. STEPHENS,
Feb. 26, 1881—3t. Rock Hall, Md.

$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.

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.
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.

A SACRED SONG SERVICE will be given
BY PROF. QUIMBY AND HIS CLASS
in the CHESTERVILLE M. E. CHURCH, FRIDAY evening, March 4. All are invited. 1t.

FOR SALE,
A NEW FIVE-ROOM HOUSE and SIX ACRES OF LAND, near Worton Station. A good location for a doctor.
Price $600. Apply to J. R. BECK,
feb26-3t. Lynch's, Kent co., Md.

"WILKINS POST" G. A. R.
In pursuance of a call of the comrades of the Second Reg't E. S. Md. Vols., a meeting was held at the Armory Feb. 17, 1881, and organized by calling BENJ. H. GARDNER to the chair, and appointing W. J. VANNORT secretary, for the purpose of establishing a post of the Grand Army of the Republic at this place. Having received a sufficient number of members, on motion adjourned to meet for permanent organization on TUESDAY, March 1st, 1881, at 2 o'clock P. M.
All honorably discharged soldiers and sailors are requested to meet us in the Armory on the date named to be mustered in.
1t. W. J. VANNORT, Sec'y.

ORCHARD GRASS SEED,
SHROPSHIRE SHEEP,
and
PURE BLOOD AND GRADE ALDERNY COWS and HEIFERS,
For sale by JAS. H. BAKER,
jan29-6t.* POMONA, MD.

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Feb. 26, 1881.

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Leave Buck Neck for Baltimore at 10½ a m, and Tolchester at 11½.
WM. CUNDIFF, Master.
Feb. 26, 1881.

In the Orphans' Court for Kent Co.

IN THE MATTER of the PETITION of ANNIE T. SPRY, one of the administrators of George T. Spry, deceased, for leave to retire from and resign her appointment as administratrix.

ORPHANS' COURT, Feb. 24, 1881.

ORDERED by the Orphans' Court for Kent county, that Annie T. Spry, one of the administrators of George T. Spry, deceased, be released and discharged from the further performance of the duties of said appointment, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 15th day of March, 1881; provided a copy of this order be published in some newspaper printed in Kent county for three successive weeks prior to March 15, 1881.

ROBERT NICHOLSON,
THOS. J. SHALLCROSS,
R. B. WILLSON, JUDGES.

Attest:
J. C. SLAUGHTER, Reg. of Wills.
Feb. 26—3t.

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Feb. 12, 1881—3t*

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