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The Kent News.

SATURDAY.....JUNE 11, 1881.

Political Notice.

The Democratic and Conservative voters of Kent county are hereby notified to assemble in their respective Election Districts at the usual places of holding elections therein, in primary meetings, on SATURDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF JUNE, INSTANT, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of selecting five delegates from each of said Districts to a County Convention hereby called to convene at Chestertown on TUESDAY, the 21st day of June, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of choosing three delegates to represent the county in the Democratic State Convention which is called to meet in Baltimore on Thursday, the 23d day of June, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for the office of Comptroller of Maryland. The following gentlemen are requested to act as Judges of said Primary Meetings in their respective Districts, provided the meeting decides to ballot for delegates, and in the first and third districts the first named Judge will, at the hour specified, call the meeting to order, and preside until the selection of a chairman. The Judges have power to fill vacancies and appoint clerks.

First District—William Cacy, Wm. M. Gilpin, Richard F. Moffett.

Second Dist.—Daniel U. Dewees, H. Creighton Wallis, William S. Busick.

Third Dist.—Samuel H. Crawford, James S. Gemmill, James C. Roseberry.

Fourth Dist.—John R. Gray, J. Evan Thomas, William Ford.

Fifth Dist.—R. Bennett Willson, Richard W. Jones, Thomas A. Hulme.

MARION deK. SMITH,
DAVID JONES,
JOHN F. BEEKS,
Democratic-Conservative State Central
June 4, 1881. Committee for Kent Co.

THE Republican State Convention met at Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday, and renominated Hon. Charles Foster for Governor and Judge Richards for Lieutenant Governor. Senator Sherman presided as permanent chairman.

HON. WM. PINKNEY WHYTE will be the next mayor of Baltimore. He will, without doubt, receive the nomination of the regular democratic organization of that city, and besides has already received an endorsement by a town meeting of leading citizens. We are glad to see the worthy and distinguished ex-Senator the recipient of such marks of approval.

COL. WM. P. MAULSBY, a prominent member of the bar at Westminster, Md, was sent to jail by Judge Hayden, on Monday, for contempt of court, in default of $10 fine. Judge Bartol, Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, was telegraphed for, and on Wednesday had Mr. Maulsby before him on a writ of habeas corpus. He sustained the decision of Judge Hayden in imposing a fine of $10 and costs upon Mr. Mausby, who again refused to pay the fine and went to jail. His son, however, paid the fine, and Mr. Maulsby was released.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal was held in the executive chamber at Annapolis on Monday. Gov. Hamilton was called to the chair, and Mr. B. Fawcett chosen secretary. President Arthur P. Gorman read the annual report of the president and directors. Authority was given to issue repair bonds to the extent of $350,000 in order to lengthen certain locks of the canal. On motion of Mr. A. Bowie Davis the meeting went into the election of officers, and he nominated Hon. Arthur P. Gorman for president. Mr. Gorman said the stockholders had for eight years honored him with the election as president. It was known to many of them that at this time he had no desire to be further connected with the company, and he asked that some other person be elected in his place. Mr. Davis presented a memorial signed by the holders of a large majority of the stock, begging that the rumored resignation of Hon. Arthur P. Gorman as president of the canal be not accepted. In reply to the objection of Mr. Gorman that he is a United States Senator, the examples are shown of the first president, Charles Fenton Mercer, and of George C. Washington and Francis Thomas, all of whom were members of Congress. A ballot was then taken, which resulted in the election of the following officers by a vote of 14,547 shares of stock, none being cast in the negative: President, Arthur P. Gorman; directors, Hon. Patrick Hammill, Col. James G. Berret, (of Washington city,) John Humbird, H. D. Fernandez, J. Bayard H. Smith and Thos P. Morgan.

OUR STATE FINANCES.

The Baltimore papers of Monday publish a communication from Hon. Thomas J. Keating, Comptroller of the Treasury, and Hon. Barnes Compton, State Treasurer, addressed "to the people of the State," which we regret not having space to reproduce in our columns. The statement is clear, concise, accurately presents the condition of our State finances, and explains the reasons why sinking funds for the payment of State debts maturing between 1883 and 1893 have not been maintained. It will be recollected, says the Gazette, that at the recent meeting at the Maryland Institute Gov. Hamilton arraigned the General Assembly and officers of the treasury on the charge of having been derelict in their duty in that connection; and to persons unfamiliar with the matter such a sweeping statement was well calculated to excite uneasiness, growing out of a misapprehension of the actual condition of affairs. No more complete refutation of the charge made by the Governor could be made than the statement which now appears over the signatures of the comptroller and treasurer of the State. Without inquiring into the motive that prompted Gov. Hamilton to indulge in such a criticism, at this time, it is only necessary to refer to the communication to see that the Governor's conclusions are not justified by the facts. At the close of the last fiscal year the entire State debt was slightly in excess of eleven and a-quarter millions of dollars. Of this sum nearly five and three-quarter millions was a debt for internal improvements contracted before 1840. To balance this the State holds securities, the fruits of these investments, worth in open market to-day over four million dollars. The remainder of the debt—about five and a-half millions—was contracted between 1870 and 1880 for the payment of war bounties, for the State Insane Asylum, Deaf and Dumb Asylum, the payment of matured indebtedness and other purposes, to which no valid objection has or can be made. By an act of the Legislature, passed in 1864, nearly four and a-half million dollars of the then sinking fund was cancelled, the effect of which was to leave a sinking fund of a little more than one and a-quarter million dollars. This act cutting down the sinking fund was passed by a Republican legislature and upon the express recommendation of Governor Bradford, and that action was affirmed by the people of the State without regard to political predilections; and, to say the least, public criticism of the course pursued, at this late day, is inopportune. The Constitution of the State was not violated either in letter or spirit by the legislation on this subject. The questions presented by the Governor are whether we are to largely increase our rate of taxation in order to extinguish rapidly the debt during the present generation, or to pay the debt gradually by the sale of the State's valuable internal improvement properties. To increase our tax rate would, of course, be unwise, and it would be equally impolitic to sell the State's interest in its internal improvements. The loan of $3,326,750 66, maturing in 1883, can easily be funded at 4 per cent., and probably at a less rate of interest, and in fifteen years the saving effected in interest alone would amount to more than one-third of the whole debt. The treasury officers very properly abstained from investing annually $100,000 in State securities to add that sum to the sinking fund, for the very simple reason that when money was available for such purposes the prices of those securities were too high, as the treasurer and comptroller remark, "to permit a proper exercise of the discretion lodged by the act in the treasury officers." The facts set forth by the State's financial officers are so clear that he who runs may read. It disposes of the whole subject in the most thorough manner.

THE proclamation which the government has caused to be posted in Ireland amounts almost to a declaration of civil war. It authorizes the troops and the police to fire on the people without incurring any responsibility thereby. Already there have been collisions, in which there have been lives destroyed on both sides. The Irish will hardly make effective resistance to considerable bodies of disciplined troops; but still by protracting their present tactics and yielding to strong military force wherever it appears they will have the ultimate advantage. When it costs the government a force of cavalry, infantry and artillery to serve every writ and enforce every eviction the cost of holding Ireland down will be greater by far than that of carrying on a civil war. Meanwhile the landlords are driven from the field, for plowing and harvesting cannot be carried on under the protection of troops.

THE people of Baltimore seem to be in a hurry about making nominations for Mayor and other officers. The committee of one hundred met on Tuesday and nominated Hon. Wm. Pinkney Whyte for mayor. The democratic city convention met on Tuesday night and made arrangements for city primaries, to be held yesterday, to elect delegates to a city convention to meet to-day and nominate a candidate for mayor. June 25 was selected for making legislative nominations, June 30 for city council, and July 8 to nominate candidates for Sheriff, Clerk of the City Court and for City Surveyor.

It is said that in accepting the mayoralty nomination Senator Whyte will steer clear of any entanglements. In his letter he will take the ground that he accepts the nomination as the candidate of the Democratic party of the city and not a candidate for any clique or faction.

THE executive committee of the Maryland State Agricultural and Mechanical Association has arranged to hold a State Fair at Pimlico in October next, the week following the meeting of the Maryland Jockey Club. The purses for running races, it is expected, will draw many of the horses that were entered in the Jockey Club meeting. There will be handsome prizes of silver offered to the Elkridge Fox-Hunting Club in flat and steeplechase races. It is believed the new features in prizes and the railroad facilities will make our State fairs equally successful with those of other States.

THE WATCHWORD of the O. L. D.'s party, as given out by Mr. Heuisler in his speech at Baltimore on Tuesday night, is "no more primaries." He said it was *multum in parvo*. And so it would be to him and his little coterie—"much in little"—if the great party of the people should ever consent to *their* managing things for them. It would be very pleasant, no doubt, to Mr. Heuisler, or Mr. Hodges, or Findley, Bannon, Henkle, etc., to be allowed to do all the nominating!

MAYOR LATROBE, of Baltimore, has written a letter declining to be a candidate for re-election. He will "step down and out" after his three terms of service with the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens, not only of Baltimore city but of the State at large. He has made one of the best mayors that city has ever had.

EXTRACT from Mr. Hodges' speech at the ratification meeting in Baltimore.

"Let our watchword be a purified democracy and the democratic platform of 1879."

That's good!—we can adopt that also. The platform of '79 was violated most by the very men who now cry loudest for its re-adoption and we had rather trust the maintenance of its principles to the honored representatives of the *people* than to an ambitious partisan faction—though a man of as high character as Mr. Hodges should be among them. And then, a "purified democracy," who is to do that? Is it likely that such interested office-seekers as Findlay, or Henkle, or Bannon will take much trouble to *purify* the party if such a procedure stood in the way of personal success? May be they would, but there are others we had rather trust.

THE Denton Union, radical, takes up the cudgel in defense of Mr. P. W. Downes. Our *query* of last week didn't please it at all, and we are charged with being a "mouth-piece for Gorman, Colton & Co," from unworthy considerations. Lest our cotemporary may be unhappy in our silence we reply: First, we are glad to have such worthy associates as "Gorman, Colton & Co," and to know that our views or the course of our paper is an endorsement of their masterly leadership. As to *considerations*, we are not aware of anything improper; perhaps the Union man is "measuring our corn in his half bushel"—knows what *he* would do in return for a "sop" and, drawing conclusions from these premises, he labors now for a "doucer" from Gov. Hamilton or Mr. Downes!

THE Senatorial dead-lock at Albany continues. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the joint convention on Wednesday, were Kernan, 51; Depew, 51; Jacobs, 50; Conkling, 34; Platt, 29; Wheeler, 21; Cornell, 19. In giving Depew 51 votes, it is claimed that the "half-breed" combination put forth all its strength; yet it was *thirty* votes short of a majority. The strongest of their many candidates, fairly pitted against the weaker of the two stalwart candidates, has shown what there is no reason to doubt is the maximum of their strength which can be concentrated upon one candidate. This result shows that neither Mr. Depew nor any other of the "half-breed" candidates can be elected, and that the only thing left for the Legislature to do consistently with decency is to adjourn and remit the question to the people.

INSURANCE REPORT.—Hon. Jesse K. Hines, Insurance Commissioner for Maryland, has submitted to Gov. Hamilton the report of the department over which he presides for the year 1880, but the commissioner deals with matters connected with the insurance business of much more recent date. Although there were no extensive conflagrations during the year, the fire insurance was, as a whole, rather unprofitable to the companies organized in other States which maintain agencies in Maryland. The premiums received by ninety-two of these companies amounted to $885,137 24, and the losses paid amounted to $546,699 10, leaving a balance of $338,438 14 as profit. After deducting expenses and dividing the remainder among ninety-two companies there was but a meagre sum for each. Some, of course, fared much better than others, and a few actually lost money and withdrew their agencies. The Maryland companies were more fortunate. The thirteen Baltimore companies received in premiums $401,513 45, and paid in losses $104,168 98, leaving a margin of $297,344 47 for expenses and profits. Sixteen mutual companies in the counties received $146,010 08 in premiums and paid out $76,219 66 in losses. These figures relate only to business in Maryland. The entire receipts of the Baltimore companies from premiums were $733,181 91, and the disbursements for losses $387,818 91. Two Maryland life insurance companies received $109,123 60 in premiums, and paid out $53,795 77 to policy-holders. The Maryland agents of twenty-six life insurance companies of other States received $1,061,456 79 in premiums, and paid out to policy-holders $748,799 38. Twelve co-operative life insurance associations made reports to the commissioner, only one of which has its headquarters in Maryland, namely, the State Mutual Benefit Association of Carroll county, located at Westminister. Mr. Hines recommends the adoption of such amendments to the law as will bring these associations more completely under the supervision of the insurance department.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE.—The commencement exercises of this institution, at Westminister, will be held next week, as follows:—Sunday, June 12, morning, baccalaureate sermon by President Ward; evening, sermon before the literary societies by Dr. J. L. Killgore. Monday at 8 P. M., anniversary of the Browning Society. Tuesday, class-day, 10 A. M.; oratorical contest between Irving and Webster literary societies, at 8 P. M. Wednesday, 9 A. M., annual meeting of the Alumni; 8 P. M., annual oration by Hon. H. W. Hoffman. Thursday, 10 A. M., commencement; 8 P. M., oration before the alumni association, Winfield S. Amoss, A. M., LL. D.; annual essay, Janie M. Bratt, A. M. The graduating class consists of Hattie Bollinger, Louie M. Cunningham, Westminster; Bettie R. Braly, Hagerstown; M. Kate Goodhand, Kent Island; Hattie V. Holliday, Annapolis; Bessie Miller, Elkton; H. May Nicodemus, Wakefield; Katie M. Smith and Laura F. Stalnaker, Carroll co.; George Y. Everhart, Westminster; J. Fletcher Somers, Crisfield; George W. Todd, Salisbury.

A SQUABBLE OVER THE CHESTERTOWN POST-OFFICE.—Quite a stir was created in Chestertown last Saturday evening by the announcement that Captain W. H. Hamilton had secured the appointment of postmaster, to supercede Mr. J. W. Collins. The latter had been resting easy under the belief that he would not be disturbed, though rumors of efforts in that direction had been circulated since the election, and he had taken no steps to counteract the efforts of his opponents, so that when last Saturday's mail brought the news of Mr. H.'s appointment, Mr. C. was astounded. Mr. H. executed the requisite bond on Monday morning—Messrs. J. W. Corey, A. L. Corey, W. Jos. Vannort and Thos. Ellis being his bondsmen—and proceeded to Washington at once to obtain his commission.—In the meantime, however, Mr. Collins had stirred around, and securing the co-operation of leading members of his party, including the State Central Committee for the county, also proceeded to Washington on Tuesday, and, protesting against the "snap-judgment" manner of his decapitation, succeeded in getting a stay of proceedings until he could present his side of the question. The two claimants, without the knowledge of each other's presence in the city, met at the White House, but failed to secure an audience with the President. On Wednesday further interviews were had by Mr. Collins and friends with Postmaster-General James and his first assistant Tyner, and after an investigation it was determined, we understand, to cancel the bond of Mr. Hamilton and continue Mr. Collins in the office. Mr. C. was appointed postmaster at the beginning of Lincoln's administration, and has held the office ever since, a period of over twenty years. He has conducted the office efficiently and satisfactorily, and, without disparagement to Mr. Hamilton, or any others who might desire the position, we may say that Mr. Collins' removal would be greatly regretted by the community. The Garfield administration will be honored by retaining such worthy incumbents in official position.

WHITSUNTIDE.—Last Monday was a big day in this locality with the colored people. We had about the usual number of that race as visitors in town. Early in the morning the colored band here marched through the streets, discoursing *music*, and afterwards proceeded to Brown's woods, near Church Hill, where a great gathering of "societies" took place. At that place the Chestertown band was brought into competition with the Centreville band, and though the former "charmed the natives," the Record claims that the Centreville band rendered the best music. May be if the trial had been on their own ground, with their full share of *sympathy*, the result would have been different. On Tuesday Crumpton was the objective point and a great crowd was present. One colored man says that 60,000 persons were present. The steamer L. G. Cannon, Capt. Thompson, took up an excursion from Chestertown. To the credit of the colored people it may be said that on all but one of these occasions they deported themselves peaceably and quietly. At Crumpton a row occurred, but with what result we have been unable to learn.

A COW FALLS INTO A WELL.—Wednesday afternoon as an Alderney cow belonging to C. T. Westcott, Esq., was being driven from the pasture lot she espied another cow in the back yard of Major T. B. Hynson's premises, on Princess street, and darted in the gate. In doing so she took a short turn to the right and her hind feet alighted upon the top of an old and insecurely covered well some twelve to fourteen feet deep, and down she went hind parts foremost. There were several feet of water in the well, and had the cow gone down head foremost she must have necessarily drowned. As it was she presented an amusing and pitiful plight. Some sheer poles (too short, however,) were erected over the well and a rope lowered and arranged around her horns, which seem to have taken shape with a view to this unfortunate episode in the animal's history. In this condition the cow was hoisted until her head and fore feet were above the top of the well, but the sheer poles being too short she could not be raised any higher. A rope was then adjusted under her rump and by the aid of some powerful men the cow was finally extricated from her perilous position. The hoisting must have been a terrible strain upon her horns and neck, but after lying quietly upon the ground for a few minutes the cow got up and walked homeward without any indication of serious injury.

SALES OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.—On next Tuesday, at the Voshell House, Chestertown, a valuable tract of land known as "The Forest Farm" of the late Wm. T. Baker, will be sold by Charles H. Baker and Richard Hynson, Esqs., as trustees.

On Thursday of next week, Messrs. Richard Hynson, James A. Pearce and Michael Bannon, as trustees, will sell, at Masseys, the valuable and highly improved real estate of Mr. David C. Blackiston. The estate contains 500 acres.

H. W. Vickers, Esq., will sell on Tuesday next, at the Voshell House, the Vanhorn part of the Clark farm in Quaker Neck, containing eighty acres.

James A. Pearce, Esq., will sell on the 11th of June (to-day) at Pennington's Hotel in Galena, the store house and dwelling of G. W. Sutton, situated in that village.

For particulars see advertisements.

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICE.—To-morrow being the day set apart by the M. E. Church as Children's Day, our friends here in town have concluded to properly and religiously celebrate it. There will be a sermon preached to the children in the morning by the pastor, Rev. T. H. Haynes, and in the evening a special service will be participated in by the children, and from what we can learn will be of the most interesting and instructive character. The floral and other ornamentations will no doubt be in keeping with the superior taste of the ladies of the Sunday school. All are invited.

THE FESTIVAL of the Kent Guards at the Town Hall, which was to have closed Thursday evening, will in consequence of the bad weather be continued over to this evening. It will open today at 2 o'clock, P. M. and continue during the evening.

The festival of the M. P. Sabbath School at Kennedyville has been postponed until Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

The festival at the Union will be continued today (Saturday) and this evening.

VENDUE.—M. deK. Smith, Esq., will sell on Tuesday next the personal property of the late Mrs. Mary L. Johnson, at her late residence in Chestertown.

MR. E. T. WILLIS, one of our town jewelers, received for repair, by express, last week, a costly and complicated independent fifth-second watch, from Mr. James Caffrey, a wealthy carriage builder of Camden, N. J. Mr. Caffrey stated that he had placed the watch in the hands of a number of Philadelphia watch men, none of whom had been able to make it work correctly. Mr. Willis was soon successful in making all of the hands mark time accurately. This speaks well for Mr. W.'s mechanical skill and is certainly a "feather in his cap." With the ability he possesses in his line of business he *ought* to make a fortune!

QUEEN ANNE'S POLITICS.—The Record states that the announcement of Dr. Thos. H. Green, of Church Hill, as a candidate for Clerk has created some political enthusiasm in that district, and some excitement throughout the county.

A very large temperance mass meeting was held in Centreville last Tuesday to encourage the movement for local option.

W. W. HOFFMAN, of Hagerstown, the founder of the banking house of Hoffman, Savey & Co., and latterly engaged in raising sheep and other stock, committed suicide last week by drowning in Antietam creek.

REV. E. B. NEWMAN is announced to preach at the M. E. Church in Centreville to-morrow, the 12th instant, both morning and evening.

A NEW M. E. Church is soon to be built at Locust Grove, in this county.

THIS has been a bad week for strawberry festivals. A number were postponed, and others did the best they could under the circumstances.—The weather was also very much against the excursions advertised to go to Annapolis from Sassafras and Chester rivers. The Ford left here at the appointed hour with only about a half dozen excursionists.

THE VACANCY in our Levy Court caused by the death of Mr. Dixon has not yet been filled. Messrs. Josias Ringgold, jr., and Josiah Massey, we understand, have been recommended to the Governor but it is not known which of the two will receive the appointment.

RAIN! RAIN!—Such a season of wet weather at this time of the year, as we are having now, seldom occurs in this latitude. Farmers, especially those who have big wheat, are greatly concerned for its safety, as it has fallen badly, and it is believed cannot rise again, consequently will not properly ripen, and will be harvested, if at all, with great difficulty.

A NEW POSTOFFICE has been established at Stanley, in this county, with Mr. J. C. Seney as postmaster. Stanley, formerly known as Price's Corner, is about three miles from Lynch's Station, on the Still Pond Neck road. This office will be a great convenience to persons residing on and contiguous to the bay shore from Barnard's wharf to Still Pond creek. Mr. W. T. Stanley is the contractor for carrying the mail.

THE rumored sale of the Kent Co., Smyrna and Delaware Bay Railroad, running from this town to Bombay Hook, on the Delaware Bay, to the New Jersey Central road, is pronounced by those in authority to be untrue. It is not doubted that there has been some agitation of the matter, but there has been no sale, and it is not probable there will be, at least not soon.

EXHIBITION.—The St. James M. P. Sunday School will have an exhibition at the Worton Fair Grounds on Wednesday evening next. It will, no doubt, be an interesting affair.

THE strawberry season on the peninsula has been of short duration this year. It commenced about Monday, May 23, and will probably close this week. Last year's season began in the middle of May and concluded about the middle of June. The berries have been of a better quality this season than they have been for many years past. They have also been more plentiful, and dealers reaped larger profits. The shipments of berries over the Delaware Railroad up to Saturday last aggregated 629 car loads.

MR. D. B. STEWART, who has recently opened a confectionery and ice cream saloon on Bacchus' corner, is furnishing the cream for the Kent Guards' festival, and it is pronounced by all an excellent article. He supplies families with any desired quantity. See his advertisement and prices in another column.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, June 7.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

S. Franklin Smith, late guardian to William A. Smith, filed his release from said ward.

Charles L. Pearson, one of the adm'rs of Rob't J. Lusby, filed a list of debts due said deceased.

James W. Ivens, guardian to Martha J., Annie E., Sam'l H., Andrew J., Alfred T., Mary E. and Sarah C. Tims, filed his bond in the sum of $1500.

The sale of real estate made and reported by William A. Cleaver, executor of Wm. Bowman, was ratified and confirmed.

Richard C. Smyth and George S. Diehl, exec's of Richard Smyth, returned their fifth administration account.

George W. T. Perkins, administrator of Sarah Clows, returned his first and final adm. account.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of Jacob Carroll, late of Kent co., deceased, were granted to Marion deK. Smith, (Daniel Carroll, brother of deceased, first renouncing,) who filed his bond in the sum of $600.

THE STOCK DOCTOR AND LIVE STOCK ENCYCLOPEDIA. *By J. Russell Manning, M. D., V.S.*—A book of a thousand; 1,000 octavo pages and 400 illustrations, and two charts illustrating the ages of horses and cattle. Including within its scope Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Poultry, their origin, history, breeds, characteristics, management, breaking, training, sheltering, buying and selling, profitable use and general care. Designed for the farmer and stock owner, after a ripe experience of more than a quarter of a century in stock raising and dealing and an extensive practice in veterinary surgery. This book embraces all the diseases to which domestic animals are subject, and gives the remedies and plans by which they can be combatted and cured. This work is to be thoroughly revised and enlarged and will be re-issued in August next. Farmers and stock owners, look out for this invaluable book! It is right up to the times and will give remedies and cures for all diseases of stock hitherto known to medical skill. SAMUEL J. WATTS, the agent, will call upon you with the revised edition of this work, and you will be delighted to see the wonderful book, as it is the greatest work on live stock ever issued in this country.

AN AMUSING MISTAKE.—A few days ago Senator Conger, of Michigan, called at the house of Blaine after business hours, expecting to find him at home. Mr. Blaine, however, had been detained at the State Department. Mr. Conger requested that the telephone be used to ascertain when the secretary would get home. The servant, who misunderstood Mr. Conger when he gave his name, went to the telephone, signaled the State Department, and gravely informed Mr. Blaine that Mr. *Conkling* was at his house, very desirous to see him, and would like to know when he would be home. Mr. Blaine was thunderstruck. He knit his brows, ran his hand through the remnants of his hair, and requested that the name of the gentleman who wanted to see him should be repeated. "Conkling," came back again through the telephone. "Conkling," repeated the secretary, *sotto voce*, "what can he mean?" and still doubting, the suggestion was made that there must be some mistake. Mr. Conger was then appealed to to know if he had not said his name was Conkling, and he then pronounced it intelligibly enough to be understood by the sable domestic, who sent it this time all right through the telephone, and Mr. Blaine was relieved of any fears he had as to the presence of his arch-enemy in his household.

A RAIN STORM of unusual severity occurred in the vicinity of Wheeling, W. Va., about midnight Tuesday night, by which considerable damage was done. A family named Straub living on Glenn's Run, was swept away, the mother and five children being drowned, and the father carried on a log to the head of one of the Sisters' Islands, where he was found next day in an insensible condition.

A DUEL was fought last Saturday near the mouth of Hewitt's creek, Boone county, W. Va., between John P. Jeffrey and James Elkins. The woman in the case was one of bad character, named Rebecca Chambers. Both men fired at the same instant, and both fell. Jeffrey died instantly, pierced to the heart, and Elkins lived until the next day.

MAIL ROUTE ABANDONED.—The postoffice department at Washington has notified the Chester River Steamboat Company that the contract for carrying the mail between Baltimore and Queenstown will be abandoned after the first of July. The Observer says this will prove a great inconvenience to the people of the lower districts of that county, and an effort will be made to have the contract continued.

COMMENCEMENT week of the Conference Academy, at Dover, begins on Saturday, June 18th, on which day Rev. G. R. Bristor will deliver an address before the O. E. D. Society. On Sunday, Prof. J. A. Lippincott, of Dickinson College, will preach the annual sermon, and the examination of classes and business meetings will follow. The commencement takes place on Thursday, June 23.

IT is claimed that limestone crushed and ground into powder contains greater fertilizing properties than when burned into lime. Better lime, it is said, can also be made by grinding than by burning oyster shells. The Crisfield Leader says that the business of grinding shells will soon be commenced in that town.

BALT. AMERICAN: Commander-in-Chief Hamilton, of the Maryland National Guard, has under him three hundred and sixty officers and eight hundred and thirteen privates. This is a little better state of things than exists in his political army, where all are officers—in prospectu.

ISIQUOS, the three-year-old horse colt of Mr. Pierre Lorillard, won the Derby in England last week. This is the first instance on record where the Derby was won by other than an English bred horse.

THE commencement exercises at St. John's College, Annapolis, will take place on June 15.

"OH, LET'S DRINK" is the way the gamins construe the mystic initials O. L. D.—*American.*

WOODLAND Beach Hotel, Geo. A. Millington, proprietor, will open on the 21st of this month.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF EASTON.—The thirteenth annual convention of the Diocese of Easton was held in St. Peter's Church, Salisbury, last week. Rev. John Cotton Smith preached the annual sermon to the convention. His subject was "Catholic consent, or the universality of belief in the canonical Scriptures and creed, notwithstanding the attacks of narrow philosophy." Rev. Mr. Smith is rector of Ascension Church, New York, and is one of the ablest clergyman in that city. His sermon was argumentative, able and impressive.

In delivering his address Bishop Lay said that the past year had been the busiest of his life. The diocese was in a flourishing condition and the future seemed bright. He advised the laying aside of differences of opinion among the clergy, and begged of them to go to work more earnestly than ever, assuming their responsibilities with cheerfulness and carrying them with determination. Referring to the new revision of the Testament, he said that he never doubted that the work would do justice to the revisors. He did not, however, like to hear the authorized edition spoken of despairingly while praising the revision, which should be carefully read before being accepted by the people. He himself had not read it yet. During the year 128 persons were confirmed by the bishop. He advised the formation of a church temperance society. There are thirty-six clergymen in the diocese.

The convention adjourned to meet in Port Deposit at its next annual session.

THE PROPOSED NEW MANSION HOUSE.—Mr. I. Albertson, proprietor of the Mansion House, Fayette and St. Paul streets, Baltimore, contemplates tearing down the present building and having erected on the same site a large hotel. He has already had drawings made for the new building. The new building is to be in the Queen Anne style of architecture, constructed of Baltimore pressed brick, with free-stone trimmings, five stories and an attic, surmounted by a cupola. The house will contain 165 rooms, finished with appointments of the most approved style. In the center of the Fayette street side will be the main entrance, with a granite front and a balcony extension from the ladies' parlor on the second noor. West of the main entrance, the main dining-room, 30x65 feet, is to be erected, and east of it a gentleman's sitting room, a barber shop, a restaurant and a store-room. The main entrance will run into the office, back of which, and in the centre of the house, will be a grand stairway and an elevator, adapted to be run by either steam or hydraulic power.

GOOD LOGIC.—A word to those who neglect to avail themselves of the business opportunities we offer. For nearly thirty years we have largely supplied the retail demand for Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing in this city and State satisfactorily. The class of Clothing we make is too fine for dealers in small towns to keep and is much better than is generally found in large cities. If you want a good article at the lowest possible price call upon C. N. Oehm & Son, Pratt and Hanover streets, Baltimore.

MARRIED:

At the residence of the bride's sister, at Smithville, May 4, 1881, by Rev. F. T. Little, JAMES V. POTE, of this county, and Miss MARTHA ROBINSON, of Sussex county, Del.

DIED:

Departed this life, at his mother's residence in Broad Neck, June 6, 1881, H. B. CAMP, in the 46th year of his age.

IN MEMORIAM.

Died, at his residence near Chestertown, on Friday, May 27th, Mr. THOMAS P. DIXON, in his sixty-fifth year.

When a good man dies how deep and widespread is the feeling of grief and bereavement! This amiable gentleman was one of "nature's noblemen,"—better than that, he was a good Catholic. Quiet, conscientious and unobtrusive, he was yet conspicuous by his virtues, possessing a most benevolent heart, and a rare delicacy of feeling, which elevated him in the respect of all, and especially endeared him to his friends.

He lived for others, and the absence of selfish motives in all that he did secured him the confidence of all who came in contact with him. For years his large family enjoyed that serene happiness known only in pious households; and many friends will long remember the heartfelt pleasure of their visits to his house in the days when our Catholics frequently assembled in it for worship, before the building of the Church. His name, and that of his lamented wife, will ever be treasured in our memories and associated with holy recollections.

In the latter years of Mr. Dixon's life many crosses and bereavements came to try his piety, but he bore them with calm and edifying Christian patience.

His consistent life, and peaceful, happy death, console us with the hope and belief that he has gone to a great reward!

May his soul rest in peace! M.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county Letters of Administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

JACOB CARROLL,

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 13th day of December, 1881, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under my hand this 7th day of June, 1881.

MARION deK. SMITH,
June 11, 1881—4t. Adm'r.

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Given under my hand this 31st day of June, 1881.

WILLIAM A. COCHRAN,
June 4—4t. Adm'r.

PETITIONERS' ROAD NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that in thirty days from the date hereof, they intend to petition the Hon. Board of County Commissioners to

Open a Public Road

In the First Election District

to commence at Miss Georgie Spear's lane, on the road from Millington to Massey's, and to run through or near the lands of the Spear heirs until it strikes the division line between the lands of J. F. Whittington and Samuel Hurlock, and with said line by or near Mr. Hurlock's out-buildings, across said Hurlock's and Miss Olevia Dulaney's field, and with the line between Mrs. Boyer's and Spry's land to the public road from Massey's to Sinyrna.

JOHN F. WHITTINGTON,
JOHN McFEE,
EDGAR PRICE,
HENRY SPEAR,
June 11—5t. and others.

FOR RENT,
For the balance of the present year, "THE ROCKWELL HOUSE," Chestertown, Md. For terms, &c., apply to
mh19-tf. C. H. BAKER, Att'y.

HANDSOME
NEW AND ORIGINAL
ILLUSTRATED PICTURE CARDS
given to every purchaser of HIGGINS' GERMAN LAUNDRY SOAP.
Ask your Grocer for them. je4-1m.

WATER COOLERS.
We have just received a fine stock of Water Coolers, which we are offering very cheap.
m28. THOS. L. HINES & Co.

LAWN RAKES.—This Rake is especially adapted for raking grass, as it does not disturb the roots. Call and examine them at THOS. L. HINES & Co's.

TO FARMERS.—We are handling *CULTIVATOR TEETH*, and can furnish them to the farmers of Kent and Queen Anne's as low as the lowest. THOS. L. HINES & Co.

TIN FRUIT CANS, home made, and of the best quality tin, for sale by
je4. THOS. L. HINES & CO.

THE finest assortment of WATER COOLERS and Cream Freezers, for sale by THOS. L. HINES & CO.

NOTICE.
DR. J. HORTON KELLEY will be at E. L. COVINGTON'S DRUG STORE at Lynch's, every morning until 12 M.
June 11, 1881—tf.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXHIBITION.
The Sunday School of ST. JAMES M. P. Church will have an EXHIBITION consisting of Recitations, Select Readings, Tableaux, Music, etc., at the FAIR GROUNDS on WEDNESDAY EVENING, the 13th inst. Admission 25 cts.
Doors open at 7 P. M.; exercises begin at 8.
June 11—1t.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.
POSTPONEMENT.
The STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL by the Sabbath School of the Meth. Protestant Church at Kennedyville, was postponed in consequence of inclement weather, and will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of NEXT WEEK.
Come one! Come all! je11-1t.

GRAND ELOCUTIONARY
ENTERTAINMENT of HUMOR and PATHOS!
Will be given at the Court House, Chestertown, BY PROF. S. T. FORD,
the popular Elocutionist of Wilmington, Del., on THURSDAY EVENING, June 16, 1881.
If you want to be highly entertained and instructed don't fail to attend this entertainment. The programme consists of the most popular selections of humor and pathos. The public press speaks of his entertainments in the highest terms, and suffice it to say wherever he has given an entertainment he has always been invited to "come again."
☞ *Hear His Fine JUBILEE SINGING.*
ADMISSION 25 cents. Entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock. 1t.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
I have now on hand for sale or exchange *TWO PIANO-BOX YORK CARRIAGES, new,* one of them a side bar; the other an end spring. Price of side bar $135; end spring $110. Can furnish any style Carriage or Buggy desired, ranging in price from $75 to $300. Can also sell bargains in JAGGER and EXPRESS WAGONS. For further information call on or address E. L. COVINGTON,
LYNCH'S, Md.,
Or my brother, J. C. COVINGTON, Still Pond.
June 11, 1881—tf.

FOR SALE—
THREE RYDER EVAPORATORS, large size, only in use 3 months; have ten extra trays to each dryer, all of which have been strengthened at extra expense. Will be sold cheap. Address SINCLAIR, BRO. & CO.,
May 28, 1881—3t. BALTIMORE, Md.

NEW ICE-CREAM SALOON
Corner of Main and Queen Sts.
CREAM, Water Ices and Custard, 10 cents per plate; furnished to families at following prices: One pint, 20 cents; one quart, 35c.; one-half gallon 60c.; one gallon $1.15. Five gallons or over at reduced rates.
All the best flavors will be used in manufacturing. Plain and fancy cake.
FOREIGN and DOMESTIC FRUITS
IN SEASON.
A SALOON fitted up especially for Ladies.
☞ Saloon open from 7 A. M. to 11 P. M.
je4-tf. D. B. STEWART.

Ratification Notice.

Margaret S. Kennedy, Edwin Moore and Jacob Highley,
versus
M. M. Ellis and wife, N. D. Cartwright and wife, and Moore C. Kennedy.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, June 8, 1881.

ORDERED that the sale of the residue or balance of the real estate of John Kennedy, deceased, made and reported by Margaret S. Kennedy, Edwin Moore and Jacob Highley, Trustees, under the deed of trust to them from the heirs at law of the said late John Kennedy, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the Thirteenth day of August next, —Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county Md., once in each of three successive weeks before the Thirteenth day of July next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $12,850.00.

SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True copy,—Test:
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
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