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Kent News.

SATURDAY..... DEC. 31, 1881.

JUDGE J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS has been appointed and confirmed as assistant Secretary of State.

THE liabilities of the firm of R. W. L. Rasin & Co. are now reported to be $1,500,000, and assets about one-third of that amount. A very ugly failure!

MR. JOHN W. GARRETT has presented the Boys' Home of Baltimore the sum of $2,000. There are 79 boys now at this Home, and the monument Mr. Garrett erects in their hearts is more beautiful than any marble shaft that may mark his last resting place.

DR. J. W. BURTON, of Long Green, member elect of the legislature from Baltimore county, died Sunday, in Florida. A new election will be necessary to fill the vacancy. Dr. Burton would have made an excellent member of the House, and his death will be generally regretted.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CORKHILL being questioned the other day as to the probable length of Guiteau's trial from this out, remarked that it was difficult for him to say, but thought that after all the evidence was in, the case would be concluded in two or three days.

GOV. HAMILTON has appointed Mr. James Hodges a director in the Maryland penitentiary. Mr. Hodges is a well known O. L. D., and it seems to be the Governor's purpose, if possible, to get a majority of the board of the same stripe, so that a warden may be selected after his own heart.

JUDGE TUCK, counsel for the Maryland Agricultural College, has filed a petition for a mandamus to compel Comptroller Keating to pay $6,000 to the college which it claims under its charter. The Legislature at its last session, in the general appropriation bill, appropriated only $5 to the college. The petition claims that the college, being entitled under its charter to $6,000, cannot be deprived of that amount in a general appropriation bill, but that a special bill is necessary for that purpose. Comptroller Keating refused to pay more than the $5, and hence the petition.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.—Speaker Keifer has announced the House Committees. The Maryland members have been appointed as follows; Commerce, McLane; Naval Affairs, Talbot; Railways and Canals, Hoblitzell; District of Columbia, Urner; Revision of the Laws, Covington; Accounts, Urner, (chairman); War Claims, Chapman. Hon. Samuel J. Randall, late Speaker, has been accorded the Chairmanship of the Committee on Expenditures.

The New York Sun passes the following severe judgment upon the organization of the House: "Taken as a whole, the House is organized in the interest of great corporations, of barefaced jobbery and of unlimited extravagance. Star routers, railroad schemers, mining speculators, syndicates, land grabbers, Indian Jobbers and other characters will control legislation in the House. The country may look forward to abuses and to stealing even more outrageous than those of Grantism."

THE freight steamer, West Point, of the Baltimore and York River line, was blown up Monday noon at her wharf, West Point, Va., by a terrible explosion in her hold. Nineteen persons were killed, among them Adam Jasper, the colored fireman from Baltimore, and a mess boy from the same city. The others killed were colored stevedores from West Point, Richmond and City Point. First officer Geoghegan and Quartermaster Bohannon, of Baltimore, were badly burned. The vessel was completely destroyed. The cause of the explosion is yet a mystery. They say that the only fire on board was under the boiler which runs the hoisting or donkey engine, and that the engineer running it remained at his post and was unhurt. The hold had been open nearly two hours when the explosion occurred.

WHAT THE SICKNESS OF THE LATE PRESIDENT COST.—The committee appointed to audit the claims incident to the illness of the late President Garfield will meet immediately after the holidays and call for the presentation of bills. It is not known, says the correspondent of the Gazette, what the aggregate of these claims will be, but it is thought $100,000 will prove amply sufficient to cover all. When the committee meets, Marshal Henry will make a statement, the purpose of which is to secure to Dr. Boynton recognition as a physician equal in standing to those who were in regular attendance upon the case during General Garfield's illness. Dr. Boynton was looked upon by Dr. Bliss and the other physicians merely as an attendant or nurse. Relative to this, Marshal Henry says: "It is to be hoped that Congress will not have the thoughtlessness to insult the man who actually did more for Gen. Garfield's comfort, who made the weary moments of the sick-room easier to bear than all the other nurses and physicians combined, by offering him a less sum than is paid to the attendant or consulting physicians. To attempt to discriminate on the score that he was merely a nurse would be an insult to the memory of Gen. Garfield, who had a stronger desire for Boynton's attendance than for any of the skillful men who surrounded him while he lay upon his sick bed. There is not the slightest doubt that had a direct issue been made between Dr. Boynton and the other physicians necessitating a decision upon the part of the President as to which should withdraw from the case he would unhesitatingly have demanded the retention of Boynton. So, without disparagement of the services of the other physicians, I believe that Dr. Boynton was really the man who gave the dying President whatever comfort he secured during those long months of pain. Dr. Boynton will present no bill, will urge no claim, but it behooves Congress to see that he is compensated as fully as any man connected with the case." Marshal Henry will also urge that Mrs. Edson be allowed a reasonable compensation above that given to an ordinary nurse, as she had as a physician considerable practice which was lost by her attendance upon the President. Daniel, the colored servant, who attended the President so closely in his illness, will also be considered in the marshal's plea before the committee.

REPUBLICAN editors and orators have a good deal to say about lawlessness, violence, and ballot-box stuffing by democrats in the Southern States, but the New York Times, an able and outspoken republican journal, shows that such pastimes are occasionally indulged in by Northern Republicans. In describing the manner of doing things at a republicon primary election in that city a few days since, the Times tells the following interesting story:

Dwyer stood by the box and took the ballots from the voter. Hermann took charge of the roll of members. Lee kept the score, and Mr. McLaughlin stood on a bench and roared "Put him out" whenever a free and independent citizen objected to the way in which things were managed. The division of labor was adjusted to each man's special abilities, "cheek" being the only quality that was evenly distributed. When a voter approached the box Dwyer took his ballot, examined it, and if he approved of it, he held it in his left hand and bawled out the name of the intending voter. Hermann saw the signal and answered, "All right," and a vote for Pettigrew went into the box. If Dwyer was not pleased with the ballot, he held it in his right hand, when Hermann recognizing the signal, replied, "Name not on the roll." If the voer insisted that his name was there written, and attempted to show it to Hermann, this model inspector covered it with his finger and denied everything. If the possessor of a freeman's noblest privilege made remonstrance, Mr. Patrick McLaughlin from his bench roared, "Policeman! fire that man out." And he was "fired out." A reporter of the Times, taking notes of proceedings with a view to the enlightenment of his fellow-citizens, was also ordered "the grand bounce," whatever that might be. But he staid until the ballots were in and counted.

It is only necessary to add that Messrs. Dwyer, Hermann, Lee, and McLaughlin are all Republican statesmen of renown in the slums of Gotham.

A FIRM has been formed at Centreville for the purpose of holding regular monthly sales of stock, implements, machinery, &c.

DISCUSSING STATE DEMOCRATIC AFFAIRS.—*Drafting a New Registration Law.*—A number of prominent democrats from the city and counties were at Barnum's Hotel on Wednesday night and an informal conference for the interchange of opinions relative to State affairs was held. The day had been set for a meeting of the committee on a new registration bill and the time was thought to be suitable for a gathering at which other matters could be discussed. The members of the registration bill committee present were Attorney-General Gwinn, Ex-Governor Thomas and Mr. Farnandis, who affixed their signatures to the bill. Mr. Gwinn explained the provisions of the bill to the conference at Barnum's. The Sun says: This conference lasted until a late hour, and the interchange of views was very general. It was stated the legislative policy was outlined, the probable heads of committees were touched upon, and other matters of detail considered, but that nothing positive was done. As the first gathering preceding the meeting of the Legislature the gathering was considered a success by the "regulars." The outsiders in the corridors were numerous, and rumors were to the effect that an aspirant or two for the canal presidency could be named in the party, and that the State treasurship, police commissioner and other important questions occupied the attention of at least some of the leaders. The legislative caucus is called for next Tuesday, at Annapolis. A good deal of informal work will no doubt be done in Baltimore by the legislative members the day before. State Secretary Briscoe and Mr. Bannon were at Barnum's last night on other business.

Mayor Whyte, according to the American, has advised his friends to go into the caucus on organization, and it is generally conceded that George Hawkins Williams, of Baltimore county, will be elected President of the Senate, and Otis Keilholtz, of Baltimore city, Speaker of the House of Delegates. These gentlemen are the choice of the regulars for the respective positions.

The Sun also states that the friends af Gov. Hamilton have matured a bill which will be introduced at the coming January session for a new registration of voters in September, 1882. It is understhood the bill was drawn by General Bradley T. Johnson. It introduces some new features, such as impartial selection of registration and election of officers equally from the two leading opposing political parties, all to be sworn officers; conferring rights and powers on challengers; introducing glass ballot-boxes in Baltimore city; providing for free and unobstructed scrutiny of registration lists and the process of voting from beginning to end. It is provided that there shall be a *new* registration of voters every two years from September, 1882, in Baltimore city and every ten years in the counties. On petition of twenty voters, showing good cause, the courts may order a new registration in any county, legislative district, election district or precinct, The pay of the registers is fixed at $25 in the city and $20 in the counties a year.

RE-ELECTED members of the Legislature and those who were around last session will hardly recognize their surroundings when they assemble next Wednesday at the State Capital. The halls of both houses, as well as the rotunda, have been handsomely improved. Mr. Wm. L. Pfeiffer has been engaged under the supervision of the Governor and the chief clerks of the respective houses for several weeks past, in fitting up both the Senate and House. He has had the carpets taken up, dusted and relaid, the desks revarnished, new curtains placed at the windows, new matting laid in the lobbies, besides making other decided and necessary improvements, which was very much needed, and both halls now begin to look up in appearance, and no doubt by the time the session commences will be in readiness for the reception of the members, and present a handsome appearance. The rotunda has greatly improved also during the past three months, the walls having been replastered and painted, and a marble checkered floor laid; the stairs leading to the library, Court of Appeals and Executive Chamber, have been covered with brass, and the dome has been frescoed. The hotels and boarding houses are expecting a tremendous harvest. In many ways a lively session is anticipated.

THE JEANNETTE'S SURVIVORS.—Mr. P. M. D. Collins, formerly a Russian telegraph contractor in Siberia, and who is familiar with the part of the country where the Jeannette's survivors now are, on being interrogated on the subject by a New York reporter Saturday, said he is quite confident that the missing boat will be found and that the hardships of all the survivors are ended. "The mere fact that they are shipwrecked seamen," he says, "would guarantee that. As to their journey homeward, their best route is Moscow, and so far from its being one of difficulty or discomfort, it is one of absolute pleasure. I never enjoyed anything more in my life than my sledge ride from Ivkutsk to Moscow. The distance is about 3,500 miles and the journey consumed 27 days. Sometimes the mercury was forty degrees below zero, but the air was dry and still."

DR. MACDONALD, superintendent of the Ward's Island Asylum for the Insane, occupied the witness stand during the whole of the proceedings in the trial of Guiteau on Tuesday, and gave testimony of much weight and importance for the prosecution. As an expert he had made several examinations of the assassin, and was convinced of his sanity now and on the 2d of July. Dr. MacDonald blew to atoms the defence erected on the supposition that Guiteau was acting on an insane delusion when he shot the President, by stating as a conclusion drawn from his own extensive practice that "inspiration always overrides all fear of bodily injury or pain, and renders the person who believes he is acting under inspiration wholly oblivious to such considerations." This applies to Guiteau's carefulness for his own protection after he had fired the shot, and the cross-examination did not succeed in breaking the force of the statement.

MESSRS. HENRY D. FARNANDIS and Edwin H. Webster, trustees, have sold the Harford Furnace property, in Harford county, containing about 4,500 acres of land, with an iron furnace and chemical works, to a Boston capitalist, for $80,000. This property formerly belonged to William F. Pannell, lately deceased, by whom it was sold in 1867 to Clement Dietrich, for $90,000. The latter erected upon it extensive chemical works, etc., at a cost of about $130,000, and a large stone dwelling-house, costing nearly $50,000. The chemical works were run for some years by Mr. Dietrick, but were stopped about five or six years ago. Harford Furnace is situated on the headwaters of the Bush river, and if the project now being agitated of deepening a channel in the river is successively carried out, the property will become immensely valuable for manufacturing purposes.—*Ægis and Intelligencer.*

DANGEROUS INSURANCE.—A well-known Philadelphia conveyancer recently insured his life for $5,000 in one of the numerous "mutual accident and life assurance associations" which have sprung into existence in Pennsylvania. He paid his entrance premium, amounting to $50, and last week received notification to pay an assessment of $64 90. The notification contained a list of eleven persons who had recently died. Upon examining the list he found that the deceased members of the association were all of advanced age. Three of them were over eighty years old, and, with one exception, the others were over seventy.

ONE TOO MANY.—The Governor has made the singular blunder of appointing two magistrates to fill one vacancy. About a month ago Mr. James R. Meredith, the magistrate at Hall's Cross Roads, resigned, and the Governor appointed Mr. David N. Smith to fill the vacancy, and last week he appointed Mr. Geo. E. Price to fill the same vacancy. As Mr. Smith has already received his commission and taken the oath of office, the appointment of Mr. Price cannot count.—*Centreville Observer.*

MR. THOMAS C. JENKINS, one of the leading business men of Baltimore, and one of her most respected and esteemed citizens, died suddenly, at his residence, No. 167 St. Paul street, early Saturday morning, in the 80th year of his age.

TWENTY-ONE men, including a corporal, have been bounced out of the Ninth Massachusetts Regiment for drunkenness, disobedience to orders, and improper conduct at the Yorktown Centennial.

THE New York Herald favors running Mayor Grace of New York city for Governor next Fall.

THE CHURCHES.—Christmas Sunday was appropriately observed in all the Churches in Chestertown.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The first service in the remodeled Protestant Episcopal Church was held last Sunday morning and besides partaking of the character of the usual Christmas service, had the additional interest of a re-opening. The acoustic advantages of the new audience room over the old were marked by every one; every word of the minister could be distinctly heard at the farthest pew and the songs of the sweet-voiced choristers had the additional charm of understood sentiment added to rotundity of sound. The Rev. Mr. Roberts, in the course of the service, referred to the advantages of the changed structure, and spoke in highly complimentary terms of the work of the committee in bringing about its successful completion. Messrs. Geo. W. T. Perkins, Wm. N. E. Wickes and Jas. A. Pearce composed the committee in charge of the work.

METH. EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

In the morning Rev. T. H. Haynes, the pastor, delivered a sermon appropriate to the day, and at night a Christmas exercise was had consisting of responsive readings, interspersed with singing by the Sunday School and recitations; reading of "The Messiah," by Miss Lulie Harris; "A Christmas Legend," by Miss Ida DeFord; a solo sweetly sung by Miss Annie Lambert; duet, by Misses Delmar Bordley and Belle Pippin, and an address by the pastor. Miss Dollie Davis presided at the organ. The Sunday School room was neatly decorated with evergreen wreaths and hangings.

METH. PROTESTANT CHURCH.

At the Methodist Protestant Church the pastor, Rev. Wm. J. Neepier, preached in the morning—his sermon being appropriate to Christmas—and at night an exercise entitled "The Advent Night," was effectively rendered, with the addition of several fine choruses and recitations.—Mr. W. H. McFeely declivered an interesting address, and the recitations were: "The Everliving God," by Mr. L. B. Russell; "A Christmas Legend," by Miss Madge Slaughter, and "The Dream," by Miss Fannie Russell. Misses Mary Bowers and Lulie Lambert presided at the organ. The infant class sang "A Christmas Carol" very nicely. The Church was appropriately decorated with flowers and evergreen, the most prominent being two beautiful holly trees filled with natural red berries; a gilded cross with liberty vine twining about it, and a suspended silver star encircled by a large wreath made of liberty.

CATHOLIC CHURCH.

At the Church of the Sacred Heart high mass was celebrated in the morning by Rev. Father Carey, minister in charge.

THE FUNERAL of the late S. E. Sullivan—the particulars of whose sudden death we gave last week—took place at the deceased's late residence on Saturday morning. The services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Neepier, assisted by Rev. T. H. Haynes, after which the remains were taken to Centreville and interred in the family lot at the Cemetery, Rev. D. L. Greenfield performing the last sad rites at the grave. The coffin was opened just before being lowered into the grave to permit friends to take a last look, and the appearance was found still perfectly natural and life-like.

The Sabbath School, in which the deceased took such active interest, will hold a memorial service to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, thus appropriately recognizing his worth and cherishing his memory.

A QUIET DAY.—Last Sunday being Christmas day, some dissipation might have been expected. But the streets of Chestertown never presented a more Sabbath-like appearance and the Churches were all attended as usual with respectful and thoughtful congregations, and in numbers larger than ordinary on account of the beautiful day. This much is due and may be spoken to the credit of Chestertown. Public dissipation and drunkenness is ill-becoming and disgraceful at any time, but the more so upon the Sabbath day.

REG. WILLS' OFFICE, Monday, Dec 26.—Letters of administration were granted by the Register of Wills, on the personal estate of Samuel E. Sullivan, late of Kent county dec'd unto Margaret Sullivan (widow of said dec'd), who filed her bond in the penal sum of $2,000, which was approved by said Register of Wills, and L. S. Fowler and W. B. Usilton appointed to appraise the personal estate.

CONSTABLES.—The County Commissioners have made the following appointments of Constables. No other applications were received: 1st district, Geo. W. Jacoby; 3d, Thomas J. Parsons; 4th, C. H. Davis, S. L. Rawleigh; 5th, J. Frank Wheatley, Nathan Voshell.

THOMAS L. CECIL, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Millington, Kent county, died on Thursday night of last week, in the 66th year of his age. Mr. Cecil was one of the most useful members of the M. E. Church South in that place.

PROF. S. D. FORD, the distinguished elocutionist of Wilmington, will give select readings at Bond Chapel on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings next. Let all who relish an intellectual treat of elocutionary powers go out and hear him.

SALE OF A FARM.—R. Hynson, att'y, has sold the farm of Wm. H. Lambert, in Quaker Neck, containing 120½ acres, to R. H. Rouse for $5,250 cash.

A FAIR and festival is to be held by the St. Denis' congregation, at Horsey's Hall, Galena, commencing next Wednesday, Jan. 4th. See advertisement.

A BILL has been offered in the House of Representatives, providing for an appropriation of $6,500 for deepening the channel of Chester river from Spry's to Kirby's landing.

SALE OF STOCK.—Mr. Wm. Ford advertises to sell at public sale some very desirable blooded stock. See advertisement.

THE Catholic fair will be removed to the town hall to-morrow evening, and will be open several evenings.

NEW AND BEAUTIFUL HEARSE.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. E. C. Reiche, undertaker, of this town, which may be found in this issue. The hearse was built by Crane, Breed & Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the largest manufacturing firms in this country, upon the special order of Mr. Reiche, who himself visited the Queen City and contracted for the building. Having seen the hearse ourselves, we can say with certainty, that it is one of the handsomest we have seen on this shore, and complete in every department. The outside appearance is magnificent, all inclosed in excellent polished plate glass, not only the sides and doors, but also the front, the driver's seat being separate from the body, finished in nice style and adorned with two handsome lamps. The body itself is of modern architecture, tasty and neat, and ornamented with six handsome urns and plume sockets. The inside is the finest we have ever seen, the wood-work being finished in French burl, and handsomely upholstered in brown and white satin and the floor covered with Brussels carpet; the receptacle for the casket is a sliding truck with nickel-plated bier pins, on each side are heavy-plated rods, a post on each end and boquet holder in the centre, with a handsome boquet and chain attachment running from the centre to the outer posts. It has two sets of curtains, both finished in excellent style—one in deep black, with gold bullion fringe and tassels; the whole making a very beautiful and attractive appearance. Mr. Jas. A. Russell (who has driven this hearse several times) says it is the lightest running of any he has ever used.

We cannot refrain from mentioning Mr. Reiche's warerooms, which are stored with a full stock of funeral furniture and everything pertaining to his business. We mention in particular his stock of metallic caskets, samples of which are constantly on exhibition at his office under the Voshell House. They are very handsome and must be seen to be appreciated, being very tastily upholstered on the inside with watered satin; the workmanship is superb, and a corpse can be kept in one of these caskets for any length of time without bad results. Advantages of metallic caskets will be fully explained by Mr. R. Besides the above he keeps in stock a fine assortment of cloth covered and other caskets.

Mr. R's establishment is certainly a credit to our town and county. He always keeps pace with the strides of civilization and progress.

Prof. Rivers' Address.

Messrs. Editors:—Last week you published a notice of an address delivered at the college at the request of the students. It is signed "Visitor." If a visitor had written it I would say nothing. But the writer is not a "visitor" in any sense of the word.

The audience if "composed mostly of young persons," as a college society audience generally is, contained also a number of ladies and gentlemen whose presence would grace any audience in the State of Maryland. It was gratifying to see the number who came such a distance in so dark a night; and I here make my acknowledgment of their courtesy.

I did say "with emphasis, 'I honor science,'" and I said, with equal emphasis, that I showed such honor in taking the view that the word science is not and ought not to be equivalent to infidelity and atheism. It is said in the notice, "he touched lightly upon 'evolution,' which he called "evolutionism." In looking over the address I find "evolution" used eight times, and "evolutionism" three times, designedly and correctly. The expression "*humbler things,*" marked as a quotation and put in italics, does not occur in the address.

I shall only add that the notice does not make prominent the chief purpose of the address, which was to speak to the students some suitable and *necessary* words in behalf of Christianity, in behalf of the existence of God, in behalf of the immortality of the soul. Very respectfully,

WM. J. RIVERS.

A DOG'S FATAL BITE—*Death Resulting From Hydrophobia Three Years Afterwards.*—The death of Henry B. Comly on Sunday at his mother's residence in Philadelphia, was attended with peculiarly painful circumstances. The young man, who was only 20 years old, was a nephew of Seth I. Comly, and was employed as a bookkeeper in the Girard Life and Trust Company. Three years ago he was bitten by a small black and tan dog that ran into the office. He stooped to caress the animal, when it suddenly turned and snapped at him, fastening its teeth in the wrist. Although the dog did not show signs of madness the wound was cauterized and soon after healed; but the incident affected the mind of young Comly, and it was nearly two weeks after the accident occurred before he informed the friends at home. He was given every assurance of comfort, and as the Summer passed away without any ill effects it was thought the incident had ceased to be a cause of anxiety to him. It seems, however, that fears of hydrophobia eventually resulting from the bite preyed upon his mind. In his outward life there was no evidence of a secret trouble. Last week the effects of long meditation upon the horrors of the malady manifested themselves. On Wednesday, while at business, Mr. Comly was unable to drink water, and divining the reason, he attempted to take a dose of castor oil, but could not swallow it. That evening Dr. Harrison Allen and Dr. H. C. Wood were called in, but decided symptoms of hydrophobia were not manifested until next day, when the young man was taken with convulsions. His ravings were heartrending, and it required the constant care of attendants to keep him in bed. When water was offered to him it could not be swallowed. He frothed at the mouth, and at times uttered sounds not unlike the whining of a dog. The symptoms continued until an early hour on Sunday morning, when death came to his relief.

HOLIDAY AMUSEMENTS OF AN INDIANA FAMILY—*A Sad Ending.*—On Monday night, at Jeffersonville, Indiana, John McClelland went to his house, and in order to amuse his wife and children fired off a lot of shooting-crackers. Not satisfied with this, he procured a pound of powder and put it into three ale bottles, and fastened them up tightly. After he had inserted a fuse into each bottle he attempted to fire them off in his yard. He was unsuccessful in this attempt, and taking them into the house set them upon a table at which his wife and little girl named Berry were sitting. Mr. McClelland wished to fire off a shooting-cracker, and in order to get a light removed the chimney from the coal oil lamp, which stood on the table. The cracker went off and caused the lamp to explode. The burning oil was communicated to the powder in the bottles, and all three went off with terrible effect, scattering glass all over the room. The oil set fire to the house and to the clothing of Mr. and Mrs. McClelland and Miss Berry. Mr. McClelland scucceeded in extinguishing the fire, not, however, until he had been severely burned. His wife was also dangerously burned about the head and face, her clothing being burned from her body. Miss Berry was probably fatally injured by glass striking her in the side. She also received several other cuts and burns.

A ROMANCE OF REAL LIFE.—The Washington Republican publishes an item to the effect that Colonel Riley, of Virginia, will receive by the will of Colonel Preston, of England, recently deceased, a legacy of $25,000. Colonel Riley was appointed by Gen. Grant, United States consul to Zanzibar, and upon the steamer on which he crossed the Atlantic *en route* to his post he made the acquaintance of Col. Preston, of the British army, and his son, a little curly-headed boy, of about 6 years, whose bright and winning ways made him the pet of all on board. One day the little fellow fell overboard, and Col. Riley, who was an expert swimmer, sprang overboard and held the child up until a boat could be lowered away, when both were rescued and safely returned on board ship. Col. Preston was deeply moved and assured the gallant rescuer that he should never forget the noble act. In the lapse of time the incident had almost passed out of Col. Riley's memory until reminded by notice of the legacy how deep an impression it had made upon the father's gratitude.

HAD A FORTUNE THRUST UPON HIM.—John E. Owsley, an extensive Chicago property owner and capitalist, died Thursday of last week. He came to Chicago when it was in its infancy. He lived in Kentucky and came here to collect a bill for whiskey. The man who owed the bill had no money, and offered him a tract of land on the west side in payment. Mr. Owsley refused to take it. Finally, by a trick, this man succeeded in getting Mr. Owsley to sign a receipt. In the morning Mr. Owsley tendered his deed to the proprietor of the old Tremont House in payment of his board bill. The proprietor refused to accept it, and Mr. Owsley put his deed in his pocket and went back to Kentucky, believing that he had been imposed on. In time, Chicago real estate increased in value, and Mr. Owsley's tract felt the benefit of it. What at first was valueless turned out to be the foundation of his fortune. He became rich in spite of himself.

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE YEARS OLD.—According to the Atlanta, (Ga.,) Constitution, Tamah Brooks, who visited the cotton exposition, the other day, is possibly the oldest person in America, having reached the remarkable age of 123 years. She was born in Roanoke county, Virginia, in 1758, as is shown in the Bible record of the family of Robert Yancey. She was the property of William Yancey, and at his death was given to his son, Thomas Yancey, for a house servant. At the death of Thomas Yancey she was transferred to one of the legatees of the estate. Aunt Tamah is the mother of seventeen children, all of whom reached their maturity. Her baby son, who attends her, is an old white-headed man 68 years old.

EX-PRESIDENT HAYES, according to a Cleveland dispatch, has declined to contribute towards the erection of a monument to the late President Garfield, at Cleveland, poverty being the excuse offered for the refusal. He claims to have met with ill-success in his farming operations in the Red River country, and he declared to the gentleman who solicited the contribution that his savings out of the salary drawn by him as President of the United States had been greatly exaggerated, that his bank dividends had not come up to expectation, and that under all the circumstances, he found himself unable to contribute anything to the fund for a monument to Garfield.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—The Christmas holidays brought at least one terrible accident in our county. Joseph Bardroff, of Baltimore, aged about 16 years, had come to spend a few days at the residence of Mr. Emil Hohn, near Port Deposit. On Monday morning, in company with William, a son of Mr. Hohn, Mr. Bardroff started out on a gunning expedition. Shortly afterwards, in climbing over a fence, by some means the gun in his hand was discharged, the entire contents entering his neck causing death almost instantly. The whole community was severely shocked by the awful tragedy.—*Cecil News.*

DISASTROUS RESULT OF A PICKPOCKET'S RUSE.—The London Standard in its Sunday evening edition published a dispatch from Warsaw reporting that during the celebration of high mass in the Church of the Holy Cross, a man was seized while picking pockets. In order to effect his escape the culprit cried "Fire." Immediately a great panic seized the congregation, who rushed for the doors. During the confusion twelve women were crushed to death and forty other persons seriously injured. The pickpocket was soundly beaten by the crowd.

ONE of the most curious of the hundreds of bills with which Congress has been delayed since its sessions began is one from Mr. Phelps, of Connecticut, who wants the President to be authorized to appoint three colored persons as commissioners to visit the South and inquire into the intellectual condition of the colored people of that section, ascertain their needs and report what can be done by the federal government for their relief. The liberal provisions of $19,000 for expenses is made.

THE will of a New York police captain was offered for probate Tuesday of last week. The value of the estate is estimated at $200,000. This is a very respectable amount of accumulation for a man who was most of his life a policeman, rising through the intermediate grades to the rank of captain.

MARRIED:

At the M. E. Parsonage on the 29th inst., by the Rev. T. H. Haynes, JOSHUA BENNETT, of Kent county, Del., to Miss ANNIE L. PARSONS, of Kent county, Maryland.

Dec. 21st, by Rev. George Leary, at his residence, near Edesville, RICHARD A. HODGES and Miss MAGGIE A. LECOMPT, both of this county.

Dec. 23d, by Rev. George Leary, at his residence near Edesville, JOHN T. HODGES and Miss FANNY JONES, both of this county.

Dec. 21st, 1881, at the Oxford Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, by Rev. Dr. Harper, GEO. W. SUTTON, formerly of this county, to Miss ANNIE M., daughter of Mr. John Riegel, of Philadelphia.

At the M. P. Parsonage, Dec. 27, by Rev. W. J. Neepier, WILLIAM F. BLYMAN to Miss CATHARINE B. RUTH, all of this county.

Dec. 22, by Rev. J. T. Vanburkalow, J. M. DAVIS, of Kent county, and Miss ELLA M. CANNON, of Queen Anne's.

At the M. E. Church, Centreville, Dec. 22, by Rev. J. P. Otis, JOHN W. KEITH, of Harford, and Miss MARY A. COSTIN, daughter of James H. Costin, Esq., of Centreville.

DIED:

In Chestertown, Friday morning, Dec. 30, after a long illness, Mrs. ANNIE V. MILVIN, wife of J. Wesley Milvin, aged about 35 years.

Suddenly at Sassafras, Md., Dec. 8, 1881, Mrs. SARAH A. JOHNSON, in the 71st year of her age. [Wilmington papers please copy.]

In Millington, Dec. 22, THOMAS L. CECIL, of apoplexy of the brain, in the 65th year of his age.

Near Massey's, Dec. 20, ALBERT PERCY, eldest son of C. E. and Kate Comegys, aged 2 years, 5 months and 23 days.

Suddenly, in Chestertown, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, Mrs. MARY D. COLEMAN, in her 68th year. One that we loved has left us. Gone but not forgotten.

In Baltimore, Dec. 28, after a long and painful illness, J. WESLEY KREBS, aged 34 years, beloved husband of Sallie C., and youngest son of Julia A. and the late Henry W. Krebs.

Dec. 22d, in Baltimore, after a short illness, JAMES A. BORDLEY, aged 8 years, 22 days, only son of R. G. and Mary V. Bordley.

SCHOOL NOTICE.

The Public Schools of the county will re-open on MONDAY, January 2, at 9 o'clock, A. M.
1t. E. F. PERKINS, Sec'y.

WANTED—A YOUNG MAN of experience and pleasant address, who can come well recommended, as CLERK. R. F. PARKS.
d31-3t.

FAIR! FAIR!!

The ladies of the Catholic Church will re-open their fair in the TOWN HALL, on FRIDAY, the 30th inst., and continue it for two or three evenings.

The public generally, and friends of their church are invited. 1t.

FAIR AND FESTIVAL!

The congregation of St. Dennis' Church will hold a FAIR

IN HORSEY'S HALL, GALENA,

commencing Wednesday evening, Jan. 4, and continuing for six nights. Many valuable articles will be disposed of. All are invited.
Admission 5c. 1t.

AT PRIVATE SALE.

Having no further use, I will sell
1 FAMILY CARRIAGE, in good order;
1 HORSE CART AND HARNESS, nearly new;
1 YOKE OF OXEN, 5 years old next spring;
2 Alderny COWS, one of them extra for butter;
1 two-year old HEIFER.
Apply to F. BAKER,
d31-3t. Pomona, Kent co., Md.

PERSONAL.

TO TOWN PATRONS OF THE "NEWS."

Next Monday we expect to call upon our town patrons for our annual settlement, and hope each one will make it convenient to do so at that time whether we or they be on the debit side. We give this notice so that all will be ready and not meet us with a "call again," as is sometimes the case. PLUMMER & USILTON.

ATTENTION KENT GUARDS!

The members of the Company are particularly requested to assemble at the armory promptly at 7½ o'clock, TUESDAY EVENING NEXT, the 3rd of January, in full fatigue uniform. A special business meeting will be held, and it is necessary that every man should report promptly.

By order, THOS. S. BORDLEY, CAPT.
GEO. S. VICKERS, Sec'y. 1t.

SELECT READINGS—

In Lecture Room of Bond M. E. Church, by *PROF. S. D. FORD, of Wilmington,* on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 3d and 4th, at 7 o'clock.

Admission—adults 25c.; children 15 years and under, 15c. Different selections each evening. *

JOHN H. HESSEY, M. D.,
HANESVILLE, MD.

OFFICE at residence of Mr. A. G. Mathiot.
dec24-3t.

LOST—On Saturday last, a RED LEATHER POCKET BOOK, between Chestertown and Mr. James A. Toulson's farm, containing $30 and some cents. Five Dollars reward will be paid if left at the KENT NEWS office.
d24-3t* J. W. BIGLOW.

LOST—On Thursday afternoon last, either at Buck Neck or in Chestertown, an ENVELOPE containing $74.15, in denominations as follows: Three twenties, one ten, and balance in ones or twos. The envelope was addressed W. J. Tarbutton, Buck Neck. The finder will be paid $10 on leaving it at Buck Neck or at this office. dec17-3t*

ALL PERSONS are hereby cautioned against trusting any of my family, or any one else on my account, as I will pay no bills of their contracting after this date.
JOHN M. DAVIS.
Sassafras, Dec. 24, 1881—3t.

NOTICE.—All persons wishing to take Stock in the new BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION of GALENA, will call at the Harness shop of HENRY PARR, where the books are now open for subscriptions to stock, and any information required concerning the association will be given. GALENA, Dec. 17—3t.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

The undersigned having been connected with a leading Business College, is prepared to give instruction in Book-keeping, Accounts, &c., as taught in such Colleges. Apply for further information to A. E. TWIFORD.
Dec. 17, 1881—3t.

NOTICE.—The Annual Meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent Co., will be held at the Court House in Chestertown, on MONDAY, January 2, 1882, at 11 o'clock A. M. N. G. WESTCOTT, Sec'y.
Dec. 17, 1881—3t.

FOR SALE—
About Three Thousand pounds of *GOOD CORN BLADES.*
N. C. CROW,
Dec. 17—3t. Up Town.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

Solid Gold and Plated Jewelry,
Rogers & Bro.'s Finest Triple-plate Silver-ware.
C. M. LUCAS,
d27. Chestertown.

NEW GOODS!

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

MRS. E. N. MELVIN wishes to inform her friends and customers that she has just returned from the city with a large assortment of goods, suitable for Holiday presents.

Come and see them before buying elsewhere. She has a full line of goods, such as she usually keeps. dec17.

FOR SALE—
A few more 8 months old *CHESTER WHITE SOWS,* very fine.
ALDAY CLEMENTS,
d10-4t. Near Crumpton, Kent co., Md.

"TRAVILLA" POULTRY YARDS.

I am now prepared to furnish a few very fine PLYMOUTH ROCKS of Stoddard's strain; LIGHT BRAMAS, Felch's strain; and PEKIN DUCKS, which I will sell low if taken before the holidays. EDWARD SLAUGHTER,
d10-tf. Chestertown, Md.

HOME-MADE WORK!

I will take measures for First Class Hand Made BOOTS or GAITERS, and guarantee a fit. Also, keeps best quality in stock. JAMES A. SHAW,
dec10. Court Street.

UNDERTAKING.

SPECIAL NOTICE

I desire to inform my friends and the public generally that I now have the

Handsomest Hearse on the Eastern Shore

which was specially built for me, and am better prepared to attend to any business entrusted to me than ever before, always keeping in stock a full line of Funeral Furniture, such as

METALIC CASKETS,

which for beauty of design and fine finish cannot be excelled. We respectfully invite one and all to call in and examine these caskets and see for themselves the advantages we claim.

CLOTH COVERED WORK,

plain and in combination, always on hand and made to order. Also, full line of Wood Caskets, Burial Cases and Coffins, from the lowest to the finest grades manufactured in this country.

Our Dry Goods department is complete, and open for inspection, in which will be found Satins, Silks, Cashmere, Merino, Dobourg, Cloth and Stamped Satin. Also a full line of Burial Robes for children, ladies and gentlemen, which will be furnished for less money than the goods would cost to have them made.

Our *ICE CASKETS* are of the latest improved style, and are furnished to our customers free of charge, except for incidental expenses, such as ice, &c. Bodies are also kept by embalming, which science we have studied carefully, and guarantee satisfaction.

Our charges are moderate, work good, and always prompt and polite in attendance, and can refer to over 200 of the best families in this county with whom we have had business relations, to substantiate the above facts.

People at a distance need not hesitate to employ us, for our charges will be satisfactory, and we are as able as any other house to wait for the money. Thankful for the very kind and generous support I have received in the past, I hope to continue in your confidence and appreciation.

Respectfully, E. C. REICHE.

N. B.—Having incurred considerable expense, parties indebted will please come and settle by cash or note, as I have not the face or desire to be always dunning for money. E. C. R.
Dec. 31, 1881—tf.

Collector's Sale.

BY virtue of authority conferred by law, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of John Blackway's hrs, of, in and to

A LOT OF LAND,

Containing TEN ACRES, and situated in the First Election District of Kent county, near Masseys.

And I hereby give notice, that on *SATURDAY, the 28th January,* 1882, on the premises named, at 2.25 P. M., I will sell said property for cash to pay taxes due from said Blackway's hrs, as follows: Taxes due for the year 1881.....$1.39 together with interest and cost due and to become due thereon.
J. F. WHITTINGTON,
d31-ts. [$