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Chestertown,

SATURDAY MORNING.....MARCH 31, 1883.

THE Baltimore papers state there will be more activity in building operations the present season than for several years.

MR. JAMES C. ROGERS, of the well-known firm of Coleman & Rogers, druggists, died at his residence in Baltimore last Saturday morning.—Probably no gentleman in that city was more widely known or respected.

THE tax rate for Baltimore has been fixed by the city council at $1.50 on the $100. It has for several years been $1.37. The exemption of manufacturers' plant from taxation has been the principal cause of the increase.

MR. LINCOLN'S monument at Springfield, Ill., is taking its final shape slowly. The cavalry group was placed in position the other day. This group consists of two human figures and a horse, and represents a battle scene. The horse, from whose back the rider has just fallen, is represented as frantically uprearing.

THE Wisconsin Legislature is considering a bill which contemplates a somewhat novel departure from the beaten paths of procedure in murder trials. It provides that such cases, when insanity is set up as the defense, the jury shall first try the question of sanity, and if the prisoner is found insane he shall be discharged.

LAWYER BIGELOW has brought suit against Mrs. Mason for $3,500 for his services in trying to get her husband out of the Albany penitentiary. If he charges this amount for his failure to effect the sergeant's release, all the pennies that were given Betty and the Baby would not have requited him had he been successful in his efforts.

HON. ERASTUS BROOKS, formerly a pronounced opponent of everything savoring of woman's rights, has introduced a joint resolution in the New York Assembly for the securement for women of the "civil and political rights" for which they have been so long contending. Mr. Brooks confidently asserts that there is no question of a large majority for the resolution in both houses, and if he is correct, before the end of the session woman suffrage in New York, therefore, will be accomplished.

HON. EDWARD M. ALLEN, State Senator from Harford county, having been unfortunate in business, has made an assignment of his property to Hon. Stevenson Archer for the benefit of his creditors. The Harford *Democrat* says "there has not been a more upright, active and enterprising business man in the county than Mr. Allen, nor one more obliging and helpful to those about him, and there is a general expression of regret that this trouble has overtaken him."

GOING FOR KELLOGG.—Senator William Pitt Kellogg, whose escape from indictment some time ago in connection with the star-route frauds occasioned so much scandal, has come within the meshes of the law. The grand jury in Washington on Tuesday presented him for unlawfully receiving while a Senator, on April 17, 1880, a certain sum of money, postoffice drafts, &c., of the value of $20,000, for procuring, persuading and inducing Thomas J. Brady to allow James B. Price an increase of pay. As the witnesses against him are four in number, Walsh being among them, it is likely that the Senator from Louisiana, if he is to escape, will have to exert all his well-known skill in getting out of the scrape.

GENERAL SHERMAN says that as the time draws near for him to retire from the head of the army he feels how hard it is going to be for him to break loose from official duties in which he has taken so much pleasure, and in severing the official relations he enjoys. He knows, however, that if it were not for the law (which he not only favored but urged) compelling his retirement, it would be wise for him to step down and out at this time and let the duties of his high position devolve upon a younger head. Before he goes, however, he intends to make a tour of those military posts he has not visited recently, so that he can give his successor a complete summary of his idea of the needs and desirabilities of every branch of the Pacific Slope, upon which he will start about the 20th of June.

A $35,000 DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST THE AMERICAN.—A suit was brought on Tuesday in the city court of Baltimore by the Rev. Wm. W. Hicks, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Washington city, through his counsel, C. P. Culver and Malcolm H. Johnston, against Charles C. Fulton and Felix Agnus for $35,000 damages for libel published in the *American*. The ground of his suit is an article published in the *American* January 19, 1883, under the head, "The Sale of Guiteau's Bones," and in which, referring to a visit of Mr. Scoville to Washington, occurs the statement: "Another object of his visit has been to receive from Dr. Hicks a portion of the money paid him by the Army Medical Museum for the cavader." The plaintiff's declaration goes on to say that the charge that he received money for the sale of Guiteau's body, in fraud of Guiteau's will, has injured his good name, so that his usefulness as a minister is now seriously impaired, and the attendance of worshippers at his church was for a time very perceptibly diminished.

Suits for libel have been brought by the Rev. Mr. Hicks against the Washington *Star* and New York *Graphic*, laying damages at the same amount in each case.

HON. TIMOTHY O. HOWE, Postmaster-General of the United States, died of pneumonia, at Kenosha, Wisconsin, on Sunday last. The unexpected announcement was a great surprise to the President and others in Washington, as a previous telegram announced he was better. The death of Mr. Howe will call attention to the fact that since the formation of the government the death of a cabinet officer while in office has been an exceeding rare occurrence. Among them may be mentioned Secretary of the Navy, A. P. Upshur, of Virginia, who was killed by the explosion of a cannon in 1841, while in office, and Secretary of War, John A. Rawlings, of Illinois, who died in 1869, during Grant's administration. The Postmaster-General just deceased was a gentleman of fine presence, possessed of many excellent qualities, and discharged the duties of his office in a manner eminently satisfactory to the country.

THE remains of John Howard Payne, the poet and actor, arrived at New York on the steamer Burgundia on the 22d inst., being taken in charge by a committee of aldermen and the representatives of Mr. W. W. Corcoran, were conveyed to the City Hall. They laid in state in the Governor's room until the next afternoon, when they were taken to Washington in a special car furnished by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In Washington the body was entrusted to the care of the authorities of the Oak Hill Cemetery until the 9th of June next, the ninety-first anniversary of the poet's birth, on which date the final ceremonies of the reinterment will take place. Mr. Corcoran, whose admiration for the author of "Home, Sweet Home," has caused him to have the poet's remains brought back to his native land, has himself selected in Oak Hill Cemetery the spot destined to be Payne's last resting-place. It is a spot on the crest of a hill, sloping down to the valley of Rock creek, and marked by a magnificent beech. Simplicity is the sole ornament with which the monument erected by Mr. Corcoran is to be adorned. The inscription will be but this: "John Howard Payne, author of 'Home, Sweet Home.' Born June 7, 1792; died April 1, 1852."

JOHN WALTON has been committed to jail at Centreville on the charge of an attempted outrage on a little daughter of Mr. John Neal, residing near Church Hill.

THE Baltimore *Sun* says that when the city convention meets on the 10th of May "it is proposed to leave the primaries for electing 180 delegates to a new body to the charge of five prominent democrats, who will only be interested in securing a fair deal. Lists of the registered voters are to be made up and certified with the seal of the court, and the primaries [for members of the city convention] will occur thirty days after the May meeting." If this plan is adopted it ought to be satisfactory to all concerned and leave the independents without reasonable excuse for factious opposition. But we must confess that we are curious to know how the *Sun* got its information.

REV. DR. J. T. MURRAY, the new president of the Maryland Conference of the Meth. Prot. Church, is likely to prove one of the best presiding officers that body has ever had if we may judge by his success at the recent Westminster session. He is a good parliamentarian and has the qualities of firmness, dignity and christian courtesy. In the more responsible and delicate duty of assigning the ministers to their various fields he seemed wonderfully successful, in view of the almost universal change this year. The Maryland Conference is distinguished for its many popular and able ministers, some of whom have very extended reputations, and its annual sessions in addition are composed of laymen of high intelligence and worth from several different States of the Union, and the choice of a presiding officer is a compliment that any one might be proud to acknowledge. Dr. Murray will no doubt prove worthy of his responsible trust.

IT is announced that the salary of the new president of the Maryland Agricultural College is to be contingent upon his success in building up the institution! Unless he is more fortunate in this respect than his predecessors the new official will have to subsist on scanty grub.

RAIDS by Baltimore city grain thieves into the county seems to be almost a nightly occurrence. Mr. Charles T. Cockey, whose country place lies about four miles northwest of Pikesville, and who has had grain stolen several times, had an encounter with three robbers, who had been stealing his grain early Tuesday morning, and was knocked from his horse by one of them and severely injured while pursuing the thieves on the public road.

THE extent of many Mexican estates is almost beyond realization. The boundaries of one estate, on the central table-lands of Mexico, extend over 100 miles north and south. The mountains traversing it abound with mineral wealth, and fine farms and extensive towns are met with at frequent intervals. When that country gets fully opened up to the United States by railway, which will be the case in a few years, there will be immense emigration into it from all quarters.

THE Vanderbilt ball in New York on Monday night was the greatest social event that has ever occurred in that city in its cost, and as a mixture of wealth, culture and shoddyism has probably never been equalled in the world. A simple evening entertainment that costs the sum of $100,000, shows at once the folly which immense riches fosters as well as the dangers that can be wielded by the social power of the wealthy monopolists. The large daily papers gave three and four columns to a description of the event.

HON. HENRY W. ARCHER.—A Belair correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says that all the elements composing the democratic party of Harford county will unite on Hon. Henry W. Archer for Governor. The writer says of him:

"Mr. Archer is understood to be independent in his views and of hard-baked clay, which political potters may not manipulate, put him on whatever wheel you may. His friends say he would not turn his hand or cross the road for the governorship, but all the Harford democrats respond to the call which has been made for a man above cliques and factions with the name of Henry W. Archer. Of course this unanimity here is due to local partiality, but Mr. Archer has been spoken of in other parts of the State in a way well calculated to enkindle fireside enthusiasms. He is a lawyer of large practice, of large wealth, and well-grounded in State affairs. He is about 70 years of age, active, well preserved, and apparently not above 55 or 60 years old. Until 1861 he was an old line whig, but in that year he cast his fortune with the democrats. He was a member of the constitutional convention of 1867, and a member of the Legislature the same year. These have been the only political offices he has ever filled."

COLORED MEN GRASP THE SITUATION.

The colored voters of the second election district of Caroline county held a mass meeting recently at which resolutions were adopted condemning the actions of the Republican party, and declaring that they "will hereafter support no man or set of men, let them be ever so Republican or Democratic, who will not give recognition to our race, national and local." In commenting upon the proceedings the *Caroline Democrat* says:

The meeting, composed as it was of the most intelligent and the most influential part of the colored race in that part of the county, is not without grave significance at this time. The meeting was only the outgrowth of that spirit of unrest and chafing under the political bondage in which the Republican party in this State has held the colored race for the past twenty years, which is beginning to manifest itself in all parts of the State. The colored people are beginning to appreciate the fact that their political bondage is fully as complete as their physical bondage was anterior to the rebellion. They appear to be tired of doing two-thirds of the voting for the Republican ticket while the pale-face Republicans do all the office holding. At last they appear to have made up their minds that their voting strength shall be duly recognized in the distribution of Federal patronage. Slow to reach a conclusion, when they have once reached it they stick to it with astonishing tenacity.

COMPTROLLER KEATING.—The St. Mary's *Beacon* makes the following complimentary but just allusion to Hon. Thos. J. Keating, the present Comptroller of the State Treasury:

A FAITHFUL OFFICIAL.—Comptroller Keating has had a full share of detraction, abuse and misrepresentation since he has been in public office, but somehow or other he has survived it, and he stands today higher in public esteem than when he first entered upon his present duties. His financial policy has been triumphantly vindicated, and reform with him is not a mere clap-trap. Whilst others have been talking reform he has been acting it at the hazard of popularity and perhaps future political promotion. He put his foot down on the claims of the Registers of Voters for extra pay and the Courts have sustained him. He tells the collectors of State taxes in a recent circular that they owe $926,587.63, which must be accounted for and paid over, or he will resort at once to the summary and speedy remedies provided by law for its collection. He is evidently not looking to be his own successor, or seeking to make himself acceptable to influential classes by paying bills of questionable legality without contest, or condoling the short-comings of neglectful collectors. It appears rather that he is seeking the general good by guarding and enlarging the financial resources of the State with out regard to consequences personal to himself. We repeat, a faithful official, and we may add, an able one.

A WEALTHY COLORED LADY BEQUEATHS HER PROPERTY TO A METHODIST MINISTER, AND HIRES WHITE PALL-BEARERS. — A colored spinister named Mary Freeman died in Bridgeport, Conn., last week at the age of 60 years, and was by her request brought to Derby for interment at the Derby Up-Town cemetery. Miss Freeman, by some means, a good many years ago became possessed of some landed estate in the vicinity of Seaside park, which, at the time, was not considered very valuable, but which by the operations of P. T. Barnum in that vicinity appreciated so much in value that at present the estate is valued at from $50,000 to $60,000, all of which by her last will and testament is given to a Methodist minister of Bridgeport (white), with the exception of $1,000, the interest of which is to be devoted to keeping the grass green on her grave. On Thursday the remains of the deceased were brought to Derby and in accordance with her wish white pall-bearers bore her to her tomb.—These were hired for the occasion by the lucky Bridgeport legatee at a dollar each. The names of the persons so officiating were Isaac J. Gilbert, Geo. Bushnell, B. Hubbell, and the sexton Henry Smith. It is said that the deceased in her lifetime would never associate with the people of her own color, claiming that she was "white folks within," and it was only "by accident that her skin was black." If that sixty dollars per annum be faithfully and fully expended, hers will be the greenest grave in Derby. But will it? That depends. Wait and see.—*Ansonia Sentinel.*

SEED POTATOES.—We have received from Mr. Wm. O. Shallcross, Locust Grove, a bushel of Watson's Seedling Potatoes, which are said to be the *earliest* potato grown. Besides the advantage of early growing it is one of the best table varieties, and therefore the most profitable. The Watson is medium sized and smooth, and among the many new sorts introduced within the past few years it is one of the few which has maintained the standard of excellence claimed for it. We are not informed whether Mr. Shallcross has any quantity for sale, but if he has we advise potato growers to procure them for spring planting. He will accept our thanks for those sent us.

THE HOG QUESTION.—In response to a petition the town commissioners have modified the pigsty ordinance so that hogs may be kept in town "between the first day of October and the first day of May." This ought to be satisfactory to the hog raisers. Other citizens who regard pigstys in a populous village as a nuisance *per se*, and who insist upon prohibition at all seasons, should be willing to make the concession named. The *health* of the citizens, it is true, is the *first* duty, and pecuniary considerations should not weigh a feather in the balance against it. The town officers hope to exercise such an oversight as to materially lessen, if not entirely remove, the discomforts arising from proximity to the pens during the colder seasons of the year.

SETTLED AT LAST.—The troubles in the Newark, N. J., Meth. Prot. Church culminated last week in the withdrawal of all the disaffected parties and the formation of an independent church, with Rev. S. T. Graham as pastor. Under the circumstances this is about the best solution of the affair, and the "Grahamites" and Methodist Protestants, of Newark, may now all be happy. Rev. J. M. Holmes, the new pastor of Hill St. Church, will certainly take care of its interests.

SALE OF A LARGE FARM.—R. Hynson, Esq., as attorney for the owners, sold on Tuesday the farm known as "Round Top," lying on Chester river, on the Queen Anne's side above Chestertown, to Dr. S. E. Ford, of the Chester River Steamboat Company, at private sale, for $44,450. The tract contains 1013 acres, about 300 acres of which are in peach trees.

PAYING STOCK.—Samuel Hurlock, of the first district of this county, has a cow that has produced him four calves within thirteen months. Mr. H. is wonderfully successful in the business of raising stock. He sold veal calves last year to the amount of $700, and will have 60 calves for sale this year. His sales from his calves, sheep and wool last year aggregated $1,700.

A CURIOSITY.—We have received from a son of Mr. Samuel J. Hill, of Locust Grove, a rare curiosity in the way of a "white black bird." It is much smaller than the ordinary black bird and perfectly white, but as it was killed in company with a flock of black birds it is presumed to be of that species. The pretty little fellow is worthy a place in any taxidermist's collection.

SMALL-POX.—Two new cases of varioloid, both of a mild form, have developed in town since our last issue—making three in all. There are no new cases at the hospitals and it is expected that those buildings will soon be entirely vacated. The nurse has been discharged.

MRS. DILLEHUNT'S ENTERTAINMENTS at Bond M. E. Church on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were well patronized and much enjoyed. The Kent Cornet Band went down Wednesday evening and delighted the audience with some piece of excellent music.

BROKE HIS ARM.—Fred. Usilton, the 16-year-old son of Wm. B. Usilton, fell and broke his right arm between the wrist and elbow, while at play on the school grounds last Wednesday. Dr. Catlin set the limb and the patient is doing as well as could be expected.

ARREST FOR TRADING WITHOUT LICENSE.—Wm. Waters, colored, was arrested on Tuesday by Officer Simpson, for trading in rags, bones and old iron without license. Esquire Wheatley held him to bail at $100.

A GOOD SALE.— The attendance upon the sale of the personal property of Mr. A. J. Hynson, on Monday, was very large and good prices were realized. His Hereford bull brought $95.

ATTENTION is called to the Carriage Bazar of R. F. Briggs & Co., Baltimore. This is a responsible firm and Mr. A. W. Hawks is the gentlemanly manager.

THE Chester River Steamboat Company has leased a piece of land at Spencer's wharf, on Corsica creek, and intend to build a new wharf there.

COMMITMENT.—Martha Wilson, a colored girl, has been committed to jail for attempting to burn the dwelling of Mr. Thomas Rasin, Jr., in Still Pond.

TWO SHAD, the first of the season, were caught by the seine haulers in Chester river, opposite town, last Tuesday.

LISTER'S FERTILIZERS, for peach trees, corn, oats and vegetables, is offered to farmers by W. N. E. Wickes, Esq.

THE PEACH CROP.—I. N. Mills, superintendent of the Delaware Division of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, was in Philadelphia last Saturday perfecting plans for freight carriage during the coming peach season. On being approached by a reporter he said. "The peach prospect is unusually good. Last year the weather was fine at this time, which had the effect of forcing the sap and bringing out the buds. As a consequence the very first frost played havoc with the germs. No such weather having appeared this season the crisis for the crop may now be considered over. The sap has not been forced and the buds have not started." Mr. Mills also gave it as his belief that in a few years at the farthest there would be no peaches in Delaware, and that the belt would gradually move over into Maryland. The bulk of the crop this year will come from around Wyoming, a small station in the lower part of Kent county, Del. In the event of a favorable spring all through, the shipments this season over the Delaware Railroad will, in his opinion, aggregate 1,000,000 baskets more than the shipments of last year.

MARCELLUS KEENE, who has served two months and two days of a six months' sentence in the Baltimore city jail for gambling, was pardoned on Monday by Governor Hamilton. The pardon recites that it is granted on the recommendation of "Charles G. Kerr, State's attorney; Dr. Hoffman, physician to the jail; Dr. Allen P. Smith, Rev. Edward L. Kemp, Allen Bowie Davis and others."

GEORGE W. LOCKWOOD, one of the most enterprising farmers of lower Cecil county, has just completed a fish pond, 60 by 200 yards, on one of his farms near Warwick, and has deposited therein two lots of young German carp—one received from Fish Commissioner Hughlett of Maryland and the other from Fish Commissioner Moore of Delaware.—*Middletown Transcript.*

THE sale of Judge Frederick Stump's live stock and personal property took place Tuesday on his farm at Deer Creek, Harford county. Between four and five hundred persons were present including some of the most noted cattle buyers in the State. The short-horn cattle brought good prices; about twenty-five of them were sold at figures ranging from $75 to $400 ahead.

GEN. JOHN B. GORDON now registers himself as "of Florida," and it is hinted that he has a return of political aspirations, and may be looked for at an early day as Senator from Florida in the place of Mr. Call. Gen. Gordon is said to have become quite wealthy from recent speculation in railroad securities and enterprises.

THE highwaymen who infest Chicago have ceased to attack men by night, and now rob women in daylight. Three assaults and robberies of women have been reported within three days. The ladies lost their pocket-books, and were roughly treated.

W. S. GOSLIN, of Caroline county, Md., challenges the farmers of the whole county on the yield of corn of a four-acre patch. He makes no conditions as to soil, cultivation or fertilizers, but the winner is to have both crops.

CHURCH ITEMS.

The members and friends of the P. E. Church, Chestertown, gave a surprise to Rev. S. C. Roberts on last Tuesday evening. Many useful and substantial presents were made to the pastor, among which was a purse containing between fifty and sixty dollars. There were abundant refreshments, and the occasion was in all respects pleasant.

Rev. T. H. Haynes, who has efficiently served the M. E. Church of this town for the past two years, left us last Wednesday for his new appointment at Newark, Del. His removal was delayed by the severe illness of his wife. Mr. Haynes is a minister of excellent gifts and attainments, and he leaves his charge here with the best wishes of all. May success attend him. His successor, Rev. E. P. Aldred, has taken possession of the parsonage and entered upon his duties; he has already made a good impression in the community. Mr. A. is well known as a worthy christian gentleman and a most useful and popular pastor, and should receive the cordial co-operation of all the members of his charge in Chestertown.

Last Sunday was "farewell sermon" day in the Methodist Protestant churches in this county—all the pastors being changed. Rev. F. T. Little preached eloquently and effectively to crowded congregations at both St. James' and Lynch's. Mr. Little is one of the best preachers in his denomination, and universally popular as a pastor, and it is like "drawing eye teeth" for the Worton people to part with him. If he is not eminently successful in his new field it will not be his fault. Rev. A. W. Mather, Mr. Little's successor, is well known in Chestertown and other parts of Kent already; he is a good preacher, a worthy christian gentleman, and never gets his congregations in "hot water;" he leaves an unsullied reputation and is abundantly useful on every field he serves. If his new charge is not happy and prosperous under his pastorate it will be because of a failure to appreciate genuine merit.

Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Bates, who has had charge of Chesapeake circuit for the last three years, retires from the active work and locates upon his farm near Edesville, after thirty-two years of honorable and useful service in his high calling. During this long period Dr. Bates has never faltered in his devotion to *principle* and the best interests of his fellow-man; he has been honored with the highest offices in his conference and filled with credit the best charges within its bounds, and the church at large will heartily accord to him the sentiment, "well done, good and faithful servant." The people of Kent welcome him to a home within her borders, where it is hoped he may find rest and comfort and many years of usefulness yet allotted him. Rev. T. O. Crouse, Dr. B's successor on Chesapeake circuit, is a gentleman of attractive parts and will no doubt be useful and popular in his new field, as he has always been elsewhere.

The Meth. Prot. pulpit in Chestertown was occupied last Sabbath morning by Rev. Walter R. Graham, of St. Luke's, Philadelphia, and at night by the retiring pastor, Rev. Wm. S. Hammond. Mr. H. is a most interesting preacher and an exemplary christian gentleman, and was popular with everybody. He will have a worthy successor in the person of Rev. W. M. Strayer, now of Snow Hill. Mr. S. is an able preacher and a devoted pastor, and his church here may well rejoice at having secured his services. A cordial reception awaits him.

The Baltimore *Sun* of Thursday says that Rev. W. S. Hammond, the new pastor of Mt. Lebanon M. P. Church, corner of Preston and Bond streets, was heartily welcomed yesterday by his congregation on his arrival from Chestertown, where he was formerly stationed.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.—At the Voshell House, next Tuesday, Jas. A. Pearce, Esq., will offer at public sale the real estate of the late Mary Burns, located near Tolchester, adjoining the lower farm of Mr. John Brice, and containing 34½ acres.

T. R. HUBBARD & SON give in another column the analysis, by Prof. Liebig, of their Ocean Bird Guano.

SEE notice of Prof. S. T. Ford's readings in another column.

MISS LUCY L. HANSFORD, of King George co., Va., who has been visiting Mrs. (Rev.) Coleman of this place, has returned to St. Paul's Rectory much to the regret of her friends here.

THE dormant condition of peach buds at the present time is not a favorable indication for a crop of fruit this year. Mr. W. D. Pennington, one of our practical peach growers, was interviewed on the subject a few days ago; and replied, "I am not expecting a crop this year; will be thankful for one. Our twenty thousand trees look as thrifty as they ever have, but late blooming has always proven a failure with me. Frosts have always spoiled my peaches when they bloomed late." From present prospects peaches will bloom about May 10th.—*Still Pond correspondence Transcript.*

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Mar. 27.—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

Milton Melvin, one of the adm'rs of A. W. Melvin, returned acc't of sale of personal estate.

William Perkins, late guardian to Clara J. Wilmer, filed his release from said ward.

Letters of adm. on the personal estate of Thos. H. Lee were granted to James A. Shaw, who filed his bond in the penal sum of $5,000, and T. Waters Russell and Lewin S. Fowler were appointed to appraise the personal estate.

C. A. Leary, guardian to Samuel E. Roeder, returned his final guardian acc't, and filed his release from said ward.

AT the public sale of personal property of the late Robert A. Cochran, yesterday, 27 shares of stock of the Citizens' National Bank of Middletown were sold in two blocks of 14 and 13 shares, at $102 and $103, respectively, Henry Clayton and W. Pierce Biggs being the purchasers. Twenty shares of the stock of the New Castle County National Bank of Odessa were purchased by E. R. Cochran for $76.50 per share. The par value of the stock of both banks is $50. Mr. Cochran had an offer of $90 per share for his stock within an hour after buying it.—*Middletown Transcript.*

THE *Sun* says that an established sport about Baltimore, "of which little is heard, but which regularly goes on," is cock-fighting. It has its regular nights and an enthusiastic body of supporters. There are several places in the suburbs where there are regular cockpits known to those interested in the sport. About twice a week matches are made up, and now and then a regular main takes place. It is a cold-weather sport, filling up the gap between racing seasons. The pit is usually established in some out-of-the-way barn or stable. The fighting begins about 9 o'clock at night, and the feathers often fly until between 4 and 5 in the morning.

PAYING AN OLD DEBT.—The Wilmington *Morning News* says that the Rev. B. F. Price, now stationed at Queenstown, finished his pastorate at Middletown and Cantwell's Bridge, now known as Odessa, in March, 1843, and left with $33 of his salary unpaid. As is often the case it is hard to ascertain why the matter was allowed to rest so long, but at the semi-centennial in January last it was proposed by the Odessa congregation to pay one-half if the Middletown people would pay the other. Accordingly the whole debt of principal and interest amounting to $112 was paid to Mr. Price, each congregation contributing an equal share.

FIRES IN QUEEN ANNE'S.—The barn, two stacks of blade fodder and two horses belonging to Dominick Waldron, near Hall's Cross Roads, were destroyed by fire last week. The barn was set on fire by a five-year-old son of Mr. W. Loss about $600—no insurance. Mr. Lee Legg, in the same neighborhood, also had burned several straw stacks, granary, corn house and about 100 bushels of corn, 50 bushels of wheat and many articles. Loss fully $800 and no insurance.

TO OUR READERS.—We direct special attention to the communication in this issue from Bordley Bros., the leading Clothing merchants of this peninsula, under the heading of "Actually Astonishing." While people are apt sometimes to exaggerate in a newspaper, yet we know the house too well to think they would publish anything but positive facts. Bordley Bros. have undoubtedly more Clothing for sale than all the other houses combined in Kent county, and we recommend all our readers to buy from them as their prices this spring are the lowest. If you should become dissatisfied with your bargain you lose nothing by dealing with them, as they refund the money in each case where satisfaction is not obtained. 1t.

NO FERTILIZERS are more popular in localities where they are used than DIAMOND STATE SUPER PHOSPHATE AND TRUXILLO GUANO. Thousands of tons are used annually by the farmers of Western Maryland and the truck growers of Virginia.

MARRIED:

In Baltimore, March 20, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. E. Beverly Newnam, WILLIAM H. LAMBERT to CLARA V. BARKMAN, both of that city.

DIED:

In Still Pond, on the 23d instant, of malarial fever, AMANDA M. CREW, relict of Daniel Crew, aged 45 years.

In Still Pond Neck, on the 25th of March, of membranous croup, MAMIE M., daughter of W. W. and Caddie D. Rasin, aged nearly 3 years.

This little flower nipped by the frost of death has been transplanted to the Paradise of God to bloom in brightness and beauty forever. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

DIVINE SERVICE will be held in I. U. Church on Sunday, April 8, at 10:30 A. M.

READINGS.
PROF. S. T. FORD
will give one of his Readings and Entertainments, at Galena on April 2d, 5th and 6th; at Locust Grove on the 3d and 4th. Readings will commence at 7:40 P. M. Admission 25 cts. 1t.

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NOTICE.—All the members of the Kent Co. Temperance Alliance are earnestly requested to meet in Chestertown on THURSDAY, April 5, at 10 o'clock A. M. Business of importance will be presented.
C. H. BAKER, Pres't.
1t. E. P. JANVIER, Vice-Pres't.

FOR SALE:
10 Ton of Mixed HAY. Also a very Superior lot of YELLOW CORN for SEED that will shell six and a-half bushels to the barrel.
CHARLES W. STEPHENS.
mar17-tf. near Tolchester.

A NEW BARBER SHOP.
JOHN VANDEGRIFT, who is well-known to all of our inhabitants, has returned to Chestertown to open a first-class Barber Shop, after having worked in some of the principal shops in the largest cities. His Shop will adjoin Mr. Washington Hudgins' Bakery, and he requests us to state that all who favor him with their patronage will be treated in the best manner, and a *clean towel* given with every shave. We wish the young man success. His shop will be open about next Tuesday or Wednesday. 1t.

ACTUALLY ASTONISHING.

COMMUNICATED.

Messrs. Editors Kent News:

Gentlemen:—Please say to the people of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, through the columns of your paper, that we most positively guarantee to sell Clothing this spring 10 to 20 per cent cheaper than the same goods can be bought in any city. *We Want it Known*, that we are determined to be the leaders of good Clothing at the lowest prices. We claim to have more Clothing than all the other clothing stores combined in Kent county. We also claim to give the *best fitting* suit for *less money* than any other house on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. *What we ask* is this:—Tell the people that we buy Clothing *cheaper* and *will sell cheaper* than any other house on the Eastern Shore. We are the largest Clothiers on this peninsula, hence we buy more goods than any other clothing house, consequently we buy cheaper and sell cheaper. *Less Expense.*—We run our business at less expense than any other clothing house on the Shore, the customers thereby getting the advantage of small expenses. We have more Clothing than was ever exhibited in Kent county before at one time. Suits to fit young men who are fond of stylish dress can be procured only of Bordley Bros., and, to you reader, we ask only an examination of our stock of Clothing, feeling confident that our prices will be so surprisingly low that you will not hesitate to buy. *Do not be Deceived by Strangers*, but spend your money *at Home*, and deal with those who guarantee satisfaction in every particular. Again we claim to sell goods so low this spring as to completely astonish the customers. We will show customers the largest stock and choicest assortment that can be found on the market. All we ask is a visit from *everybody*. Don't forget that we are determined to do exactly what is herein stated. Everybody keep their eyes wide open for our advertisement next week.

Very Resp'y &c., BORDLEY BROS.,
Leading and largest Clothing House on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. 1t.

R. F. BRIGGS & CO.,

SUCCESSORS TO
T. D. MARSHALL & CO.,
53 W. Fayette St., Baltimore,
Opposite Barnum's.

Fine Leather Top Buggies

At $150, our own make.

Jump Seat Carriages at $150, our own make.
Fair Leather Top BUGGIES at $100.
Leather Top Phætons at $100.
☞ Write for cuts or come and see us.
A. W. HAWKS, Manager.
mh31-6m.

LADIES' GAITERS.

Just received and for sale a VERY FINE ASSORTMENT of

LADIES' GAITERS,

of as Good Material, as Nicely Made, and for as Little Money as they can be bought for on the Shore.

JAMES A. SHAW,
march 31. Court st., Chestertown.

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

THOMAS H. LEE,

late of Kent county, Maryland, dec'd.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, on or before the 29th of September, 1883, or they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate.

Given under my hand this 27th day of March, 1883.

JAMES A. SHAW,
Mar. 31—4t. Adm'r.

Ratification Notice.

RICHARD HYNSON,
versus
JOSEPH R. USILTON and others.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, In Equity, January Term, 1883.

ORDERED that the sales made and reported by RICHARD HYNSON, Trustee for the sale of the real estate of Lewin Usilton, deceased, (said sales only embrace those portions of said real estate known as the "Warren Farm" and the "Skirven Farm,") be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 31st day of May next.—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks on or before the thirtieth day of April next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $14,135.00.

SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True copy.—Test:
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
March 31, 1883—4t.

LIME, HAIR and W. W. BRUSHES at THOMPSON'S, up town.

NEW SPRING GOODS!

We are now prepared to offer some VERY DESIRABLE STYLES of

Dress Goods,

ALL NEW!

Black Lace, Stripe Buntings,
Plain Black Buntings,
Black, blue & pink Nuns veiling in single and double widths.
Black Cashmeres from 25c. to $1.00.

Our LACE STRIPE BUNTINGS we know are specially Cheap,

and the styles the most desirable we have ever had. Having bought early we had our choice from a large variety. ☞ Call and see them

—AT—

J. B. BURCHINAL'S.

Our stock of DRESS TRIMMINGS, comprising Silks, Satins plain, flowered & striped, and Buttons to match almost any shade of Dress Goods.

MUSLINS by the bolt very cheap.
J. B. BURCHINAL.

WHITE GOODS and TRIMMINGS.

We invite special attention to our very large variety of WHITE GOODS, such as India Linen from 12½ to 30c.; Plaid Muslin from 12½ to 25c. Marseilles and Stripe Muslins, Hamburgs, Linen edges, and handsome styles of Swiss Embroidery, Pearl Buttons in fine quality, round and flat.
J. B. BURCHINAL.

SHOES, SHOES.

We have RED LEATHER SHOES in lace and buckle. They never get hard; a most excellent Shoe to plough in. Also, the so-called Government Shoe. Base Ball Shoes for Men and Boys, all celebrated for easy wearing. Indeed our stock of Shoes for Men, Ladies, Misses and Children is too large to mention all the different kinds. We therefore only call special attention to a few, embracing a Glove Kid Lace Shoe, for Ladies having tender feet. Broad Soles and low heels made to our special order, and a Solar tip Shoe for boys and girls, not made to our order yet are known for not wearing out at the toes. We have a lot of ladies', misses' and children's Shoes, not exactly in style, that we are selling way below cost. J. B. BURCHINAL.

Lorillard's celebrated brands of TOBACCO—Red tin tag Climax and Blue tin tag Bullion.

Old Government Java Coffee, green or roasted, in pound packs. Also, a superior quality of Sandwich Island Rice and N. O. Molasses.

J. B. BURCHINAL,
March 31—3m. Chestertown.

WHITE MOUNTAIN, JR.
I will stand my horse at my farm at Worton Station this season. Terms—$10 to insure or $5 for the season.
mh31-3t. P. H. GEARS.

FOR SALE:—TWO GOOD HORSES,
five and six years old. Sound and gentle; work any place, and good drivers.
Terms reasonable. A. L. COREY,
Macrh 17, 1883—3t. FAIRLEE.

1 GOOD MULE
and 1 Light Trotting SULKY, of most popular make, used for training horses, almost good as new, for sale, or exchange for two good farm horses.
N. BARNARD,
mh10-4t. Stanley P. O., Kent co., Md.

NOTICE.
After being solicited I have concluded to allow my TROTTING STALLION "JOE HOOPER" to make a season commencing March 20th and ending June 20th, provided Twenty-five mares can be secured at $20 for the season. All persons desiring his services will apply to or address C. H. HURLOCK, Fairlee P O., or the undersigned.
mh3-tf. S. VANNORT, HANESVILLE P. O.

$21,600. Bashaw, Jr.,

RECORD 2:24¾.

Standard Bred; 28 Heats Better than 30, and a 2-Mile Record of 5.02 1-2, also one of the Big Winners, according to Wilkes' Spirit of the Times, having Won $21,600 during his Turf Career.

Will make the Spring of 1883 at $25 for the season, from March 20th to June 20th, at my farm, near Church Hill, and at the residence of F. P. Cochran, near Galena, Kent county. One week at each stand, beginning the season at the farm of the owner.

Green's Bashaw, the sire of Bashaw Jr., has 11 representatives in the thirty lists, as follows: Josephus, ch. g., 2:19¼; Fred Douglas, ch, s., 2:20¼; Hambletonian Bashaw, b. s., 2:21½; Rose of Washington, gr. m., 2:21¾; Kirkwood, br. s., 2:24; Bashaw, Jr., ch. s., 2:24¾; Wagner's Bashaw, b. s., 2:25; Amboy, ch. s., 2:26; Green Charley, blk. g., 2:26; Wild Oat., br. g., 2:29¾; Josephine, b. m., 2:30.

JOHN F. GODWIN,
March 17-2m. OWNER.

QUEEN ANNE'S NOBLEST SON.

CYCLOPS, 2035.

BAY STALLION, foaled 15th of April, 1875; bred by E. B. Emory, Centreville, Md.; sired by Marshall Ney, 2034; dam, Kitty Puss, by Frank Pierce, Jr., 485.

SPEED LINES REPRESENTED:

Sire, Marshall Ney, 2034, sire of Billy Bad Eye, 2:29½.

Grand sire Mambrino Pilot, 29, sire of Æmulus, 2:25; David Wallace, 2:28; Hannis, 2:17¾; Mambrino Gift, 2:20; Morning, 2:30.

Great grand sire, Mambrino Chief, 11; Lady Thorne, 2:18¼; Woodford Mambrino, 2:21½; Bay Henry, 2:28¾; Brignoli,