Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING........ JAN. 12, 1884.

THE new postal notes will be printed on blue tinted paper, instead of the yellow now used, and of much better quality.

THE general tone of opinion through the State as expressed by the democratic newspapers, is against a constitutional convention this year. The republican press generally is silent on the subject.

THE town commissioners of Easton will ask the Legislature at its present session for authority to borrow $25,000 with which to build water works. Chestertown will jog along as usual until a big fire stirs her up.

THE convent known as the Institute of the Immaculate Conception at Belleville, Ill., was burned Saturday night, and twenty-two pupils and five sisters were burned to death or fatally injured in attempting to escape.

THE COLDEST YET.—A dispatch from Jamestown, Dakota, dated Jan. 5, says: Yesterday was the coldest day ever known in this locality. It was 48 degrees below zero in the morning and 42 below at noon. The air was filled with frost, with a stiff breeze from the northwest.

HON. H. B. PAYNE, of Cleveland, has been nominated by the Ohio democratic caucus for the United States Senate, to succeed Hon. Geo. H. Pendleton. The latter was a candidate for re-election, and as it is understood that he had presidential aspirations, the blow must fall heavily upon him.

GOV. HAMILTON.—The Baltimore *Sun* concludes a lengthy editorial review of Gov. Hamilton's administration as follows: "Passing from the antagonisms of office, he will resume the more agreeable duties of private citizenship, leaving a record of consistent and manly efforts, for the public welfare and of unblemished integrity in the discharge of his high trust."

GOV. BEN BUTLER denies that he is going to Washington to open his house and work up a presidential boom this winter. He says if he wanted to start a presidential boom he should start it from Lowell, which he thinks a much better place than Washington. If he starts a boom from Washington he thinks there is danger of colliding with a dozen or two other presidential candidates, but no danger whatever of colliding with any at Lowell.

CAUCUS NOMINATIONS.

Compton for State Treasurer; Milroy for Police Commissioner.

The democratic caucus called for Tuesday night was in session two hours, and nominated Barnes Compton for State treasurer and John Milroy for police commissioner. Mr. Joseph B. Seth, of Talbot, presided, with Milton W. Offutt, of Baltimore county, and Senator Harry Welles Rusk, of Baltimore, secretaries. Messrs. Lyles and Owings, the two democrats elected on the fusion ticket in Anne Arundel county, went into the caucus, and when their presence was made known Mr. Rich'd Wootton, of Prince George's, objected to their staying. Mr. Wootton made a speech, denying the right of any man to a seat in the caucus who had gone outside of the democratic ranks to secure his election. He asked the chair's decision, and Mr. Seth ruled that the two delegates had no right in the caucus, unless elected on the democratic ticket. Messrs. Lyles and Owings retired during the discussion.

Senator John Gill was in favor of the admission of any democrat who would be bound by the action of the caucus. The regular democratic ticket had beeen beaten in Baltimore a year ago, but the men who did it had been admitted to the party again, and without them the party could not win. Mr. Edward Clark, of Baltimore, asked how the caucus would know in what way the Anne Arundel people would act after being admitted, taking as a guide their conduct at the election. Mr. Plowman said that Anne Arundel county could not afford now to turn any democrats over to the republican party. He favored admitting the applicants. Mr. Wootton said he would rather see republicans admitted to the caucus than democrats who, like Benedict Arnold, had turned traitors to the party.—Col. Legg made a long speech favoring admitting the two. Senator Slingluff opposed their admission. He said if he had gone outside his party organization he would never have applied for admission to that party's caucus. After some more discussion it was decided not to admit the Anne Arundel applicants by a vote of 21 yeas to 50 nays.

A motion by Senator Hayes to go into nomination for State treasurer was carried viva voce, and no effort was made to adjourn the caucus.

Mr. Richard Wootton, of Prince George's, nominated Barnes Compton as a man fit, not only for that office, but for any within the gift of the democratic party. His choice would not only strengthen Southern Maryland, but all other sections of the State, and especially the board of public works and Gov. McLane's administration just about to begin.

Milton W. Offutt, of Baltimore county, nominated John S. Gittings as the man who by the funding of a large debt had saved the State $90,000 a year, and as one who was eminently fitted for the office.

Senator Slingluff, of Baltimore county, in a very complimentary speech nominated Andrew Banks. Senator Gill seconded Mr. Compton's nomination, and spoke of him as a gentleman worthy and capable of filling the office.

J. Monroe Sword, of Washington county, entered a lengthy protest against Mr. Compton's election, saying it would be the death knell of the democratic party, the principles of which were opposed to continuing a man in office perpetually. The vote was then taken by roll-call, and Mr. Compton received 10 votes of the Senate and 43 of the House. Mr. Gittings received 19 of the House and Mr. Banks 1 of the Senate.

The vote in detail was: For Compton—Senators Lloyd, Bishop, Bowlus, Gill, Hayes, Rusk, Jackson, Getty, Mearns and Warfield, Delegates Thom, Wilson, Adkinson, Seth, Thomas, Houston, Rowland, Scott, Jones of Cecil, Wootton, Legg, F. T. Taylor, Martin, Plowman, Douglas, Garrison, Fitzgerald, Clark of Baltimore city, Rothert, Robson, Evans, Handy, Ganther, Weiner, Virtue, Davis of Baltimore city, Brandy, Curran, Seebo, McCosker, Little, Griffith, Greaves, Koons, Baesman, Abbott, Leeds, Clark of Howard, Johnson, Taylor of Wicomico, Sheppard, Moore and Stanton—53. For Gittings—Senators Lane, Shriver and Turpin, and Delegates Brady Kelbaugh, Dockey, Offutt, Lindsay, Leib, Lloyd, Gand, Barton, B. J. Taylor, McNabb, Archer, Silver, Sword, Booth, Jones of Montgomery and Crowe—20. For Banks—Senator Slingluff.

Senator Hayes nominated John Milroy for police commissioner of Baltimore city, and he was chosen unanimously.

MR. W. O. GILMOUR assumes charge of the Cecil *Democrat* in place of G. W. Cruikshank, Esq.,—the latter having transferred his work to the wider field of daily journalism. Mr. Gilmour has already had large experience in all the details of the *Democrat* office—having had charge of its local columns for many years past, and he will without a doubt keep that excellent journal up to its present high standard.

GOV. HAMILTON AND THE COLLEGES.—In his recent message Gov. Hamilton gives as his reason for withholding his approval of the Western Maryland College appropriation that it is "partial or personal legislation," and further that "the preamble to the bill passed for the relief of the Baltimore Female College refers to the appropriations made to St. John's College and Washington College in Kent County and to the Western Maryland College as precedents justifying the appropriations made by that bill. It would be wise to examine into the appropriations made to the two former, and if made for no more substantial reasons the appropriations should be stopped for them as for all others having no merit for public support."

A SOAP FACTORY is about being started in Cambridge.

THE civil-service examiners are busy examining applicants for federal offices in Baltimore.

BISHOP KAVANAUGH, who is 82 years old, presided over the Mississippi Conference M. E. Church South last week.

GROUND has been selected on the St. John's College property, Annapolis, Md., on which to erect Keyser's statute of deKalb.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature reassembled on Tuesday, having adjourned over from Thursday of last week. In the House the Speaker announced the Committee on Organization, Mr. Wilson being selected from this county, who appointed Mr. Joseph Dulaney to the position of folder. The standing committees of both houses were announced on Wednesday. Senator Burchinal has a place on the committees on retrenchment in expenses of State government, inspections, and militia. In the House, Mr. Wilson of Kent is on the committee of inspections, corporations, and immigration, and Mr. Adkinson on currency and Chesapeake bay and its tributaries. Quite a number of bills has been introduced in both houses, some of them of an important character, and the Legislature has already got fairly down to work.

Inauguration of Gov. McLane.

Hon. Robt. M. McLane was inaugurated Governor of Maryland at Annapolis on Wednesday. The ceremony was conducted with simplicity, which made it impressive. Gov. McLane remained at the Maryland Hotel all Tuesday night, and in the morning went to the executive mansion, where he had a pleasant chat with Gov. Wm. T. Hamilton. At noon they went to the State House together. The exercises took place in the Senate chamber, and everybody remained standing during the ceremony, which only occupied fifteen minutes. Gov. McLane said:

Friends and Fellow-Citizens—Called by the voice of the people to the office of Governor of Maryland, I avail of this opportunity to express my grateful sense of their favor and to acknowledge my own unworthiness. But, gentlemen of the General Assembly, I appeal to you for support and assistance, and with the blessings of that Almighty Being who created and who rules all things, we may hope to meet the best expectations of our constituents and contribute to their welfare and happiness.

In all free countries political parties will exist, and differences of opinion will develop, that render party government a necessity; but, however earnest may be these party contests, when the majority of the people have freely and fairly delivered judgment it is the duty of all to give the government an honorable support.

Party government is not inconsistent with an honest, efficient and economical administration stimulated by an enlightened and reformatory spirit, elevating the moral and intellectual character of the people, and fitting them for self-government. When thus equipped, no party will command their confidence and support that does not bring to the administration of affairs capacity and fidelity in public trusts.

The constitution of the United States, with felicitous precision, defines the relation which the national and State governments bear to each other. "The powers not delegated to the United States by this constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively or to the people." And however parties may differ in their principles and opinions as to the greater or less extent of the delegated powers, none should willfully violate these fundamental conditions or seek the support of mercenary and sectional interests to the prejudice of the just and equal rights of the whole people—the supreme object of all government.

In order to promote the moral and intellectual character and the just and equal rights of this State, I will heartily co-operate with the General Assembly in maintaining and fostering the system of public schools already open to every nationality and race without distinction, and entirely free from all sectarian teaching or interference.

I will recommend to the consideration of the General Assembly needful legislation placing greater limitations upon the hours of labor of men, women and children engaged in certain employments in this State, and protecting their health; and providing for the organization of those trades-unions which have proved elsewhere of such benefit to workingmen; and recognizing those rights of workingmen which in less favored countries have been long since acknowledged by statute law; and providing for the collection of those statistics in relation to labor which will form a basis for future legislation and enable the General Assembly to establish and preserve perfect harmony between capital and labor, which are absolutely dependent the one upon the other and both intimately involved in the welfare of the State.

I will recommend further, that the General Assembly shall practice in all its legislation, that economy which the people of the State have a right to expect. That it shall take care that each person residing in the State, or holding property therein, shall contribute his proportion of public taxes according to his actual worth, in real and personal property; and in the exercise of its powers, under the fifteenth article of our bill of rights, it shall so lay those duties and taxes, which it is authorized to impose, as to lessen the heavy burden now resting on the land.

I will recommend further amendment of the election laws, to insure prompt returns and to prevent bribery, and limit money expenditure at primary or at regular elections.

These and other measures in the interest of the commerce and trade of the State, and for the payment of the State debt as it matures, which I may deem necessary and expedient for the consideration of the General Assembly, I will submit for their judgment, promising a cordial and earnest co-operation in contributing to the welfare and happiness of the people.

The oath of office was then administered to the Governor by Chief Justice Alvey of the Court of Appeals. Mr. McLane then repaired to the executive chamber where Gov. Hamilton delivered into his possession the archives of State.

EX-STATE SENATOR WM. M. KNIGHT is lying very ill of pneumonia at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. E. B. Groome, in Elkton.

THE New York *Sun* thinks that John Sherman will have a controlling influence in the Republican National Convention at Chicago and that he will not favor either Arthur or Blaine for the Presidential nomination.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.—Mr. John Nicholas Watkins, aged 71 years, a well know and formerly an active democratic potitician, died on Monday at his residence, in Baltimore, after an illness of three years.

OYSTER INTERESTS.—The Cambridge *Chronicle* says that the problem to be solved by our present Legislature, in reference to the oyster interests, is to provide legislation whereby the supply of oysters shall be kept up to the demand, at the same time there shall be no diminution in the oyster beds. Can it be done? The oyster beds must not diminish, and the industries of dredging, tonging, boating, shucking, packing and shipping must not fail. How is this to be accomplished? This is the problem to be solved by the Legislature.

HENRY VILLARD, the great railroad king, went up like a rocket and came down like a stick. He has resigned the presidency of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and made an assignment of his property for the benefit of creditors. He should have stuck to the Pacific coast and not ventured to tread the slippery pavements of Wall street. He took the precaution, however, to settle $3,000,000 on his wife in government bonds, before his *failure*, so that he is not so poor after all.

THE Postmaster-General recently issued the following order: "The character of paper as an article of merchandise, within the meaning of the postal laws, is not necessarily changed by the printing or stamping thereon of words, letters, characters, figures, images, or of any combination thereof, labels, patterns, photographs, playing or visiting cards, address tags, wrapping paper with printed advertisements thereon, bill heads, letter heads, envelopes and other matter of the same general character, the printing upon which is not designed to instruct, amuse, cultivate the mind or taste, or impart general information, are mere articles of merchandise and should be rated as fourth-class matter." This will allow them to be carried by the mail at one cent per pound. Heretofore they have been classed as third-class matter and carried at one cent for every ten ounces.

THE ESTEY ORGAN is not simply so much wood and metal glued and screwed together, but is the result of 40 years experience, millions of capital, the highest grade of artistic and scientific skill, and is the standard by which all other Organs are judged. 700 skilled workmen are employed. 150,000 families, churches, Sunday schools, &c., are rejoicing in the possession of these noble instruments, while they are now being produced at the rate of 60 Organs per day—yet the demand is far from being met. These facts show what Organ the people want and endorse. Sanders & Stayman, 15 N. Charles street, Baltimore, Md., General Managers.

DENTON is without a dentist.

COMPTROLLER KEATING'S REPORT.

Kent County Figures.

We have received the sixth annual report of Hon. Thomas J. Keating, Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland. It is an able document, exhaustive and comprehensive. Of the State revenues the report states: "The balance in the treasury proper, at the close of the last year, was $982,183.52. To this should be added the cash to the credit of the Free School Fund, $4,720.47, and to the credit of the 'Sinking Funds' $13,858.66, making the total amount in the treasury, in cash, $1,000,762.65." Among the suggestions contained in the report, Mr. Keating recommends that there be but one tax collector in each county instead of one for each election district, as is now the case in most of the counties in the State. Comptroller Keating retires from the office with the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and a record of integrity acknowledged by every one.

The following are some figures of a local character contained in the Comptroller's exhibit:

Washington College, Millington and Shrewsbury Academies received $5,675.00.

The assessed value of property in the county subject to State taxation in 1883 was $7,366,776, on which at 18¾ cts. $13,812.70 was collected.

RECEIPTS FROM DR. S. BECK, CLERK CIRCUIT COURT.

Marriage licenses	$ 589 00
Traders' "	2,606 98
Billard table "	166 24
Hawkers and Pedlers	35 63
Exhibition licenses	199 50
Tax on Civil Commissions	53 20
Fines and Forfeitures	190 95
Oyster fines	1,653 48
Aggregate	$5,494 98

FROM J. C. SLAUGHTER, REGISTER OF WILLS:

Tax on commissions to executors and administrators	$1,038 43
On Collateral Inheritances	496 55
Aggregate	$1,524 98

FROM TAX COLLECTORS FOR STATE TAXES:

J. F. Whittington, 1882	$5,000 00
S. Amos Reed, 1882	1,560 31
B. B. Adkinson, 1881	1,497 06
do 1882	2,512 53
D. E. Jewell, 1881	592 84
J. M. J. Byron, 1882	304 11
do 1883	2,500 00
Wm. F. Roeder, 1882	87
do 1883	3,005 11
D. U. Dewees, 1881	25 17
Geo. W. Jacoby, 1883	1,500 00
Nathaniel Vosbell, 1883	694 00
Aggregate	$19,192 00

PAID BY INCORPORATED INSTITUTIONS:

Kent National Bank, Chestertown	$155 87

FEES AND EMOLUMENTS:

Total receipts by Clerk Circuit Court	$3,569 04
" " " Register Wills	1,807 28

DUE BY INCORPORATED INSTITUTIONS:

Chester River Steamboat Co	$1,159 18
Chester Bridge Co	18 52
Chestertown Straw Board Co	45 75
Enterprise Transportation Co	22 50
Millington Building Association	63 36
Chestertown Mutual Loan Association	64 29
Mutual Fire Ins. Co., Kent County	18 87

TWO YOUNG LADIES DROWNED WHILE SKATING.—Alice Major and Sarah Marsden, of the town of Forty Fort, Luzerne county, Pa., cultured ladies and highly connected, were drowned in the Susquehanna river last Saturday afternoon.—They were skating, in company with a young man, who also went down, but managed to save himself. The girls did not utter a word when they went through the ice, but before sinking cried out "Good-bye." As the bodies have doubtless floated down the river, it is hardly probable they will be found before spring. At the place the accident occurred the ice is fully eight inches thick.

MRS. BEACHAMP'S CLAIM FOR EXPENSES IN HER TRIAL.—The latest reminder of the memorable Caroline county poisoning case is a suit docketed in the United States Court in Baltimore by Mrs. Frances Belle Beachamp, who was acquitted on the charge of poisoning her husband.—Through her counsel, Mr. George M. Russum, she sues the county commissioners of Caroline county for expenses in procuring expert testimony by which it is alleged the acquittal was reached. The county commissioners refused to reimburse Mrs. Beachamp for this outlay, and a suit is to be brought for $1,200.

Mr. Russum said that the action of the county commissioners in refusing to pay Mrs. Beachamp her costs was unaccountable to him. It was in direct opposition to the practice in the county that had the sanction of law, and had been followed for more than twenty years. He illustrated what he termed the injustice of their course by saying: "It is well known that no one can be compelled to testify as an expert unless payment be made or secured of such sums as the witness may consider his time and services worth. The county commissioners discovered that they could fetch the experts for the State to Denton, but could not make them testify, and hence they contracted with and paid them sums largely above the legal fees of witnesses. Experts were summoned by Mrs Beachamp, and to get their evidence, to which her acquittal is due, she was compelled to pay their reasonable charges, and yet the county commissioners refused to repay her that which the law compelled her to pay to defend herself against the charge on which she was arraigned. One thing is certain, if we are not entitled to be paid, then the money paid to the State's experts was an illegal disposition of the public money and somebody will have to refund it."

Two other suits growing out of the Beachamp trial are now on the docket in the county court, to be disposed of at the April term—Doctors G. W. Goldsborough, of Greensboro', and W. H. Downes, of Denton, bring suit against the county commissioners to recover bills for medical testimony in the case. The commissioners refused to pay more than legal witness fees; hence these suits.—*Denton Journal.*

MARRYING IN FUN.—A decision adverse to the lady in the case was given in what is known as the Flatbush kissing case at New Utrecht, L. I., Saturday by Justice Ferguson, before whom Miss Annie Higbie had brought an action for abandonment against Walter Vaughan. Both parties to the action are yet in their teens, and the case has gained considerable notoriety from the somewhat novel character of the evidence by which the young lady sought to establish her claim to personal ownership in the defendant.—A number of very young women and very young men amused themselves at a church sociable in Flatbush one evening by getting one of their number to assume the role of a minister and to perform a mock-marriage ceremony for a number of the youthful couples. Miss Higbie and Walter Vaughan were among those who went through the ceremony, and though all the evidence showed that the whole affair was purely a matter of sport on all sides, and was thoroughly remote from even the semblance of a contract, Miss Higbie, after reflection, and perhaps consultation with some other persons, claimed that the marriage was a real one, and sued the delinquent Master Vaughan for abandonment. A case like this has its humorous side, but it is not without its graver features.

A SUIT OF CARDS ON HIS BACK.—An elderly man, well known in sporting circles in this city, went to sleep yesterday morning in a beer saloon on North Gay street, after having imbibed very heavily. While slumbering a group of jokers, with whom he had been playing pool, pinned an entire suit of cards on his back, beginning with the ace and ending with the Jack. The unfortunate subject arose about noon and ambled down Gay street, raising quite a sensation.—Some one told him of his decoration, and taking off his coat in the street he picked them off, with several remarks.—*Baltimore Sun.*

MR. BARNUM, founder of Barnum's Hotel, left $80,000 to his brother Frank, on condition that he did not take orders in the Catholic Church. If he did, the property was to go to McDonough Institute. Frank became a Jesuit. There has been a fight over the will. The heir claimed that the Bill of Rights guaranteed religious liberty. The Judge decided in favor of the institute. He said the bill of rights did not take away the liberty of the maker of a will to say what he wants done with his property.

HON. THOMAS H. KEMP, formerly a prominent lawyer of Denton, but now of Chilicothe, Mo., is visiting friends in Denton. He has been in Missouri eight years, has gained a large practice and is well pleased with his new home. Mr. Kemp has entered suit in the Caroline court against Mr. Jas. H. Holmes for $12,500, which sum, it is alleged, was placed in his hands by Mr. Kemp in trust for his wife and infant child.

RUMOR has it that Rev. J. E. Smith who, during his pastorate in Greensborough, invented a machine for harvesting corn, has refused $100,000 for the patent right.

A GOOD IDEA.—With a view of affording healthful and profitable entertainment for Chesterville and vicinity during the winter months, and at the same time realize some pecuniary benefit itself, the Meth. Episcopal Church of that place has arranged for a course of lectures and concerts to be given about every two weeks during the winter and early spring. It strikes us that the idea is a good one. Every community needs something of the kind to break the monotony of this season of leisure with the farmer in particular, and the more intellectual and refined the entertainment, the more wholesome the effect it produces. Thus, we think, the M. E. Church at Chesterville did the proper thing when it started its course of entertainments, and the community should liberally patronize them. The first lecture of the course was given on the 3d instant, by Rev. Robert W. Todd, on "The Quaint and Humorous of Peninsular Methodism." The lecture was mainly composed of anecdotes of Methodists of the long ago—preachers and laymen on the peninsula—whose quaint ways and sayings formed the subject matter of the discourse. As the speaker brought up the "Parson of the Islands," Father Henry, and others, the listener could readily imagine he saw them before him, so well were their characters portrayed. After listening two hours the audience seemed not weary—no one supposing that more than half that time had passed.

On the night of the 17th inst., the Middletown Choir will give a concert in the church. They are highly spoken of. Everybody likes fine music. A good opportunity is here offered. Go.

THE citizens of Galena, we understand, have a project on foot to better their mail facilities. They propose to have their mail sent to Massey's by way of the Queen Anne's train which arrives daily at that point about 10 A. M. From thence it is to be taken to Galena—a distance of about four miles—by private conveyance. By this arrangement they would receive the mail every day before 12 o'clock. We are not surprised at this move, whereby a gain of four or five hours may be secured in mail facilities, but our Galena friends under the present arrangement—miserable as it is—are far better off than in the lower section of the county. There the people consider themselves lucky to get Monday's mail by Tuesday night or Saturday's by Monday night—with a day's additional allowance for a snow storm!

A VESSEL DISMANTLED.—During the heavy storm of last Saturday night a pungy, name unknown, Capt. Edwin Kane, hailing from Baltimore, was blown into Worton creek and a part of her sails carried away. Being entirely out of provisions and completely ice-bound, the captain and crew, consisting of Fred. Miller, Jos. Kline, Andrew Smith and Wm. Smith, walked ashore on Monday and came to this town, where they found quarters in the jail. They returned on Tuesday, took the sails off the vessel and placed them in charge of Mr. C. H. Hurlock, at Green Point, by whom they were advanced money to pay their way to Baltimore, for which city they left by the Thursday afternoon train.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS.—The Teachers' Association of the Methodist Protestant Church of Chestertown, at the annual meeting last week, elected the following officers: Superintendent, W. B. Usilton; assistant, Wm. H. Blakeney; secretary, J. F. Howard; treasurer, Miss Mary A. Davis; librarians, J. D. Bacchus, H. L. Dodd.

The M. E. association held its meeting Sunday last and elected the following: Superintendent, Capt. Thos. G. DeFord; assistant, J. E. Mirch; treas'r, M. deK. Smith; sec'y, Wm. R. Pippin; female sup't, Mrs. L. J. Davis; chorister, R. K. Pippin; assst., J. E. Mirch; organist, Miss Laura T. Davis; assist., Ernest M. Aldred; librarian, H. M. Thomas; assist., J. W. Bordley.

RELIGIOUS.—The protracted meetings at the M. E. Church in town have been in progress all the week and have been attended with some success. A number of penitents have been at the altar, and the membership are awakening to the importance of the work.

At the Meth. Prot. Church a series of meetings will be commenced on the 27th inst., and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Strayer expects assistance from abroad in his pulpit labors.

CHESTER RIVER, opposite Chestertown, afforded fine skating last Monday, and upwards of a hundred persons, young and old, might be seen at times enjoying the delightful sport. Some of the young ladies are quite proficient in the art and look very graceful as they swiftly glide over the glassy surface. Others are more attractive to *sympathetic* observers while tediously striving to teach some bungling masculine to keep pace with themselves.

THE FIRST.—Two happy couple stood upon the floor at the same time before Rev. Mr. Crouse, of Edesville, last Wednesday evening. He reports it as his first experience of the kind. The Rev. gentleman is quite young yet, and if he remains in Kent his "allotted time" may enjoy many more like experiences. The young folks in Kent believe in marrying. Right!

SWORN IN.—The oath of office was administered on Monday by his Honor Judge Wickes to Marion deK. Smith, Esq., the recently elected State's Attorney for this county. The Judge took occasion at the same time to compliment Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., the retiring officer, who was present, for the faithful manner in which he had discharged the duties of the office for the past eight years.

SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY.—Mr. Thos. D. France has purchased of Hon. J. A. Wickes the large brick house on High street, Chestertown, where Dr. Samuel Beck resides. Mr. France designs making internal alterations in the house, and by putting up back buildings, to form two dwellings. The house is large enough to form two commodious dwellings.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The Kent Mutual Fire Insurance Company held its annual meeting at the court-house on Monday, and re-elected Mr. W. N. E. Wickes president, and Mr. N. G. Westcott secretary and treasurer. The company is in a very prosperous condition. The assets, clear of all losses, foot up in round numbers $97,000.

RECOVERING.—Frank Mitchell, the nine-year-old colored boy mentioned in our last issue as having been shot while playing with his father's revolver, is rapidly recovering. The bullet was found by Dr. Whaland and extracted; it had entered the left breast just above the heart and passing through the body lodged in the back just under the skin.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Jan. 8.—Present, Judges Walker and Hyland.

Marion deK. Smith, trustee to sell the real estate of Isaac Cotton, returned his report of sale.

Margaret H. Meeteer, executrix of Wm. H. Meeteer, returned her first and final adm. acc't.

James A. Shaw, adm'r of Thomas H. Lee, returned his first administration account.

Marion deK. Smith, executor of Edw. Slaughter, returned the inventory and appraisement of the personal estate of said deceased.

"ELIZABETH FRY."—Those who wish to read the wonderful story of Newgate and its transformations of fiends into Christians should procure the new "Life and Labors of Elizabeth Fry," by Mr. Edward Ryder, of Brewster, Putnam county, N. Y. John Randolph, of Roanoke, said that "the greatest wonder to him in London, beyond even the Tower and Westminster Abbey, was to hear Elizabeth Fry preach to the depraved women in Newgate prison. Oh, it was a sight worthy the attention of angels!"

Rev. Theodore Cullen says of this work: "It has given me a new inspiration. As I followed the career of this beautiful creature—taming the wild beasts of the jail, teaching the Gospel of Jesus to kings, and to lords and ladies, organizing societies of prison reforms, distributing Bibles and tracts by the thousands and living out the beauty of holiness, I said to myself: Well many women have done virtuously, but this Quakeress excelleth them all."

One Week's Weather Record.

Below we give a record of the weather in this latitude from Saturday, Jan. 5, to yesterday noon. The thermometer used for the purpose hung against a wooden pillar under a porch, but fully exposed to the atmosphere:

	7 A. M.	12 M.	6 P. M.
Sat'y	10° N E snow	12° NE snow	12° NW clear
Sun	8° W clear	16° W clear	13° W clear
Mon.	7° W clear	19° N E clear	20° NE cl'dy
Tues	19° W clear	40° S rain	46° E rain
Wed	30° NW rain	27° W snow	26° W clear
Thur	20° W clear	35° S clear	32° S cl'dy
Fri'y	41° S cloudy	42° S rain	

It is seldom that we have in this section a continuous cold snap as severe as that from Friday night, Jan. 4, to the following Monday noon, and for several succeeding days the weather in "changeableness" may fitly be described thusly:

First it snowed
And then it blowed
And then began to rain
And then it blowed
And then it snowed
And then it rained again.

WE are informed that the Kent Co. Agricultural Club at its regular meeting last Monday adopted a new constitution. The article prohibiting horse-racing was not maintained. Next Monday, the 14th, being the annual meeting, all the officers will be elected for the current year.

THE VOSHELL HOUSE.—The new proprietor of the Voshell House publishes his card in another column. Mr. Goldsborough comes to Chestertown from the Arlington Hotel, Centreville, and is highly spoken of by the Centreville papers as a hotel manager.

ON Monday, January 9th, of last year, the first small-pox case was developed in Chestertown. We do not feel disposed to celebrate the anniversary, but might very properly return thanks for our present relief.

FROSTED FINGERS.—"Jack Frost" caught ex-sheriff C. H. Davis last Saturday while out on a gunning expedition and so severely bit one of his fingers that he was disabled in his left hand for some days.

THE FESTIVAL of the Presbyterian Mite Society has been postponed for one week, and will take place Jan. 16, 17 and 18. Call and see them—enjoy the good things provided—and help a good cause.

READINGS.—Miss Gertie Bunnell, of Philadelphia, will give select readings, humorous and pathetic, at Worton Fair Grounds, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Jan. 16 and 17.

ACCIDENT.—Dr. J. A. Perkins fell from a step ladder on Friday evening of last week, and so severely sprained his right ankle that he was confined to his bed for several days.

A GOOD quality of ice is now being gathered. It is about four inches thick.

MARRIED:

At the residence of Mr. Eugene Mayberry, Jan 1, 1884, by Rev. T. L. Tomkinson, DAVID MILLS, of this county, and Miss TABITHA MAYBERRY, of Kent county, Delaware.

At Kennedyville, Grace Presbyterian Church, on the 9th of January, by Rev. W. W. Reese, J. W. SHALLCROSS and Miss SUSIE J. BENNETT, daughter of J. R. Bennett, Esq., all of Kennedyville.

At Crumpton, Dec. 26, by Rev. J. G. Sullivan, GEORGE W. BUTLER and Miss FANNIE P. SPARKS, both of Queen Anne's county.

In Chestertown, Jan. 8, at the Roman Catholic Church, by Rev. Edward L. Brady, FRANK CASEY and Miss VARINA SAPPINGTON, all of this town.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Jan. 9, by Rev. E. C. Macnichol, HARRY P. JONES and MINNIE A. COREY, both of this county.

At Rock Hall, Jan. 8, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. G. S. Conaway, MARION DOWNEY to Miss LILLIE STEVENS, both of Rock Hall.

Near Rock Hall, Jan. 9, by Rev. T. O. Crouse, JAMES E. WALBERT and Miss S. ELIZABETH LARRIMORE, both of this county.

On the some date by same, WILLIAM M. URIE and Miss ANNIE V. WALBERT, both of this county.

At the Wesley Chapel Parsonage, Dec. 12th, by Rev. T. O. Crouse, JAMES HIGGINS and Miss MATILDA BECK, both of this county.

DIED.

In Still Pond Neck, on the 3d instant, Mrs. ANNIE E. PARKS, wife of Alexander R. Parks, aged about 64 years.

At Lambson's, Dec. 29, 1883, BENJAMIN R. GUDGEON, in the 58th year of his age.

In Still Pond, Monday, December 31st, 1883, HOWARD, son of John W. and Josephine Robinson, aged 11 months and 10 days.

What shall I do with the vacant crib?
Where shall I set his chair?
Must the little one's clothes come down?
Oh, let me leave them there!
Fold the little garments,
Lay them softly by;
Put away the playthings;
Check the rising sigh.
Turn thee to thy duties,
Take up life again,
Newly consecrated
By this precious pain. MOTHER.

Obituary.

At his residence, near Rock Hall, on the 26th day of December, LUCIEN THOMAS, in the 56th year of his age.

Brother Thomas was recognized by all who knew him as a man rigidly faithful to his convictions, and especially scrupulous in all that pertained to christian faith and practice. If at times he *seemed* intolerant and illiberal towards his fellow christians, no one who understood the man could question his sincerity or love for the truth, or attribute his firmness in his opinions to prejudice, bigotry or passion. In his last illness he suffered excruciatingly, but he endured all with faith and fortitude, and left this world in joyous anticipation of the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

In Smyrna, Jan. 5, ETTA W., daughter of Rev. J. V. and Henrietta W. Smith, aged 19 years, 7 months and 26 days.

SOME second-hand COAL STOVES for sale cheap, at
jan 12. LOUIS K. STAM.

GOOD WINDOW SHADES at $1 per pair.
jan12. LOUIS K. STAM'S.

2500 CIGARS! More than we intend carrying in stock, will sell cheaper than can be found elsewhere.
jan12. SPARKS, opp. Court House.

DOWN THEY GO!

WE have reduced the price of EVERY LAMP in our store, as we have a large stock which must be sold within the next sixty days. We have them at all prices.
jan12. SPARKS, opp. Court House.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS! to be found at SPARKS', —in— Lamps, Clocks, Queensware and Glassware.
jan12. opp. Court House.

CAUTION NOTICE.

Having rented the gunning privilege of STONETON SHORES for 1884, we hereby forewarn all persons from trespassing on the same. The law will be enforced against all who disregard this notice.
Jan. 5—3t* W. H. JESTER, R. T. ABRAMS.

NOTICE.

The Books of Messrs. SPICER & BACON have been placed in the hands of the undersigned for settlement. Those indebted will please call and settle by note or cash on or before January 25th 1884. No further notice will be deemed requisite.
j5-3t.* H. H. BARROLL, Attorney for Spicer & Bacon.

REMOVAL.

DR. JAMES A. PERKINS

Has removed his office and residence to the dwelling formerly occupied by Mr. Thos. L. Hines, on Queen street extended, between the residences of Messrs. H. M. Stuart and Harry Rickey.
Jan. 5, 1884—3t.

CLOCKS! CLOCKS! at lower prices than ever offered in Chestertown. A fine assortment at SPARKS'.

10 PER CENT. PROFIT is all we are asking on any article in Queensware as we are closing out this line of goods. SPARKS.

WANTED—A WHITE WOMAN to Cook in a small family. Must come recommended. Good wages. Apply to
jan12-3t. LOUIS K. STAM.

FOR SALE—ONE HORSE CART and HARNESS nearly new.
Sold for want of use.
Apply to JOHN C. DAVIS,
jan12-3t. Worton Station.

NOTICE.

The annual Election for officers of the Kent County Agricultural Society will be held at the regular meeting on Monday afternoon next. A full attendance is desired.
WM. T. NICHOLSON,
j12-1t. SECRETARY.

FESTIVAL.

The Mite Society of Kennedyville Presbyterian Church will hold a FESTIVAL Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Evenings, January 16th, 17th and 18th, in the Town Hall, Kennedyville. SUPPER each evening. The public is cordially invited. j12-1t.*

ENTERTAINMENTS.

MISS GERTIE BUNNELL, OF PHILA., Will give two entertainments of SELECT READINGS at Worton Fair Grounds on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS, Jan. 16th and 17th.
To commence at 7 o'clock.
Proceeds for benefit of the Pres. Church. 1t*

A FAIR AND FESTIVAL IN ODD FELLOWS' HALL, GALENA,

NOW OPEN,

and will continue open ONE WEEK.

SUPPER every evening.

Many beautiful articles will be disposed of at chances.

Fair for the benefit of St. Dennis' Church.
Be sure and come as all are invited. 2t

First Course Lectures and Concerts!

CHESTERVILLE M. E. CHURCH.

THE second entertainment of the course will be a *CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC* by the Middletown, Del., M. E. Choir, on Next THURSDAY EVENING, January 17th.

This Choir has a reputation second to none on the Peninsula, and all who would enjoy a rich and rare musical treat should not fail to attend.
Proceeds for the benefit of the Church.
Doors open at 7 o'clock.
Single admission 25c.; children 15c.
G. W. TOWNSEND,
H. C. LAYMAN,
CHAS. ENGLAND,
B. D. QUIMBY,
1t. Committee.

CAUTION.

All persons are warned against gunning, trapping, crossing, or otherwise trespassing upon the "Radcliffe" or "Spencer farm" near Chestertown, upon which I reside. The law will be enforced against all offenders.
ARTHUR M. BROWN.
Jan. 12, 1884—4t*

FOR RENT—A STABLE and CARRIAGE HOUSE centrally located in Chestertown; a pump of water in the yard. Apply to
jan12-3t. B. H. GARDNER.

FOR RENT—For the year 1884,
A Comfortable Frame DWELLING, on the main street to the railroad depot, at the entrance to "Lynchburg." Apply to
d29-3t. M. DEK. SMITH, Attorney.

FOR SALE.

THE STONE HOUSE on the northeast side of High Street, Chestertown, third House below College avenue; will be sold low on easy terms.
Apply to CHAS. T. WESTCOTT,
d8-tf. Att'y at Law, Chestertown.

NOTICE.

I have for sale or exchange at my Stables in Still Pond a nice lot YOUNG MARES. Terms easy.
jan12-3t. J. CARLTON COVINGTON.

STOLEN—From Hall's Hotel on Chestertown, on Thursday night last, a BAY HORSE, with a white hind foot and small white star in the forehead; also, a York Side-bar CARRIAGE. A liberal reward will be paid for the recovery of the same
JOHN McGUGAN,
d29-3t* Kennedyville, Md

FOR SALE

1 HORSE, nine years old; work in all harness; can trot in 3.30.
1 Brewster side-bar TOP BUGGY, in good order.
1 set Single HARNESS, rubber mounted, finished in best style.
1 ROBE, nearly new. 1 leather Fly Net and earbobs, Halters, Blankets, etc.
Call on or address
H. C. ANDERSON,
jan12-3t* Still Pond, Md.

COAL!—WOOD!

To our Friends, Customers and the General Public.

WE are selling now nothing but strictly pure LEHIGH COAL. As our demand has been larger than we anticipated, we have determined to keep the trade going on this quality Coal and we mean to sell it at the same price as the Havre deGrace Coal.

We would also call attention to our stock of WOOD, which we are selling at reasonable prices, and we guarantee as good as can be had in this market, especially our Pine Wood.

Give us a call and we will treat you politely and assure satisfaction. Thankful for past favors, I remain
Yours, very resp'y,
jan12. J. D. BACCHUS.

Ratification Notice.

Nancy P. Cotton
vs.
Joseph Cotton and others.

In the Orphans' Court of Kent County, January 8, 1884.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by MARION DEK. SMITH, Trustee, in the above entitled cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the eleventh day of March 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 before the 8th day of February next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $233.15.

W. S. WALKER,
W. A. HYLAND,
Judges of the Orphans' Court.
True copy,—Attest:
JOEL C. SLAUGHTER,
jan12-4t. Reg. of Wills.

VOSHELL HOUSE, Chestertown, Md.

THE undersigned having taken charge of the above hotel, would respectfully inform the public that he is now prepared to serve permanent and transient guests with good board and accommodations at reasonable rates.

The House has been newly furnished and refitted throughout, and the Tables will be supplied with the best the market will afford.
Respectfully,
jal2y. JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH.

ESTEY ORGANS! ESTEY ORGANS!

No more suitable Christmas Present than an ESTEY ORGAN. Terms easy. Prices low.
d22 LOUIS K. STAM.

FINE and GROUND ALUM SALT, at low Prices. For sale by
oc27. T. W. ELIASON, JR.

VENDUE!

BY order of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, the undersigned will offer at Public Sale at the late residence of Edward Slaughter, dec'd, on

WEDNESDAY, January 23, 1884,

The following Property:

48 STANDS OF

Italian and Native Bees.

A large lot of

THOROUGHBRED POULTRY,

including the following kinds and varieties:—Light Brahmas, Dark Brahmas, Plymouth Rocks, Houdans and Golden Seabrights CHICKENS.

BRONZE TURKEYS and PEKIN DUCKS.

1 No. 8 Splendid Range; 1 No. 8 Cook Stove, 1 Parlor Heating Stove, 1 large Carpenter's Chest and Tools.

Bedsteads, Feather Beds, Mattresses,

Carpets, Oil Cloths, Wardrobe, Rep. Sofa, Chairs, Tables, Clocks, and other Household and Kitchen Furniture and utensils too numerous to mention.

Sale to commence at 10½ o'clock A. M.

TERMS OF SALE:—All sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount nine months credit on note with approved security.

MARION DEK. SMITH,
Executor of Edward Slaughter.

At the same time the undersigned will offer at public sale for Mrs. Martha Slaughter, 1 Falling Top BUGGY.
MARION DEK. SMITH.
Jan. 12—ts.

Too Many Goods!

WE have too many goods of all kinds and will offer INDUCEMENTS on any goods we have for the Next SIXTY DAYS. Try us,
SPARKS,
Jan. 12, 1884. opp. Court House,

TAKE NOTICE!

—THAT—

JAMES A. SHAW

Still continues the BOOT AND SHOE BUSINESS and recently obtained the exclusive right to sell the

Justly Celebrated James Mean's

SHOES,

For MEN'S WEAR,

in Button, Congress and Bal's, and we believe them to be the very best Shoes made in this country for the money.

They are made of fine Calf and for style and durability cannot be surpassed; the retail price is stamped on the bottom of each pair and are sold at that price from Maine to California.

When in want of a NICE SHOE call

At SHAW'S

On Court Street,

and look for yourself. He will treat you politely and *will not get angry* if you fail to get suited.

Remember the place—Court Street,
jan12. Chestertown.

C. M. Lucas.

WATCHES.

Constable's Sale.

BY VIRTUE of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued by William A. Miller, one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Kent county, at the suit of Joseph Morris, use of Kate Morris, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of William H. Hill, to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim, interest and estate, at law and in equity, of the said William Hill, in and to, all that

WOOD LOT, LAND AND PREMISES,

situated in the Maryland part of the Maryland and Delaware Forest, containing *TWENTY ACRES*, more or less, and which lies in the 1st Election District of Kent county, Maryland, adjoining the lands of Joseph W. Peacock, Henry W. Archer and others, and which was conveyed to the said William H. Hill by Joseph Morris, by deed dated the 4th day of January 1883, duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber S. B., No. 3, folio 616, one of the land record books of Kent county, aforesaid. And I hereby give notice that on

WENESDAY, January 16, 1884,

at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on the premises, in Kent county, aforesaid, I will offer for sale the said property so seized and taken in execution, at Public Auction, to the highest bidder for cash.

WILLIAM R. MILLER, Constable.
HOPE H. BARROLL, att'y for Plaintiff,
d22-tds. Chestertown, Md.

A BIG THING—The stock of Bargain Goods at SPARKS'.

A LARGE STOCK of MEN'S, BOYS and YOUTHS BOOTS, at unusually low prices, for sale by
T. W. ELIASON, JR.

FINE CONFECTIONERY for the Holidays
d8. at WM. H. LAMBERT'S.

OUR Line of TOBACCO 25c. to $1 a pound. Our 2 for 5 Cigars best in town.
Sept. 29. J. B. SAPPINGTON.

FOUR KINDS of Sausage CUTTERS Stuffers and Lard Cans, at
n17. J. K. ALDRIDGE'S.

LARGE Stock of FRUITS, LEMONS, Oranges, Grapes and Nuts
d8. at LAMBERT'S

FINE Cut-glass GOBLETS and Wine Glasses suitable for Christmas presents, at SPARKS'.

A LARGE LINE of Gent's, Ladies' and Children's Vests.
at T. W. ELIASON'S, JR.

The Representative American Instruments:

ESTEY ORGANS,

DECKER BROS., HAINES BROS., FISCHER } WEBER Piano Fortes.

Instruments sold on easy instalments.

Tuning and Repairing in city and country.

SANDERS & STAYMAN,
15 N. Charles st., Baltimore, Md.

New and second-hand Pianos and Organs for rent. jan12-6m.

Merchant Tailoring!

REMOVAL.

THE SUBSCRIBER respectfully informs the citizens of Chestertown and vicinity that he has removed to the store room opposite the Bank in Chestertown his MERCHANT

TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT

and has on hand a fine assortment of CLOTHS and CASSIMERES. He will make Suits to order and *Guarantee a Fit* and satisfaction in every case. A call and examination of his goods is solicited.

Prices moderate.
Jan. 5. LOUIS STOLL.

NEW GROCERY STORE

Corner of High and Queen Streets, opp. A. J. Cahall's.

D. A. BACCHUS

Would call attention to the fact that he has purchased with care and for cash a full Stock of Goods, such as

Teas, Coffees, Sugars, Molasses,

Syrups, Canned Goods, Tobacco, Segars, Hecker's Oat Meal, Lea & Sons' Flour, and a choice line of Candies, Raisins, Currants, Citron, Figs, Nuts, and in fact everything pertaining to a first class Grocery and Confectionery store.

Warrants his prices as low as the lowest. Country Produce taken in exchange for goods.
d1-tf. D. ARTHUR BACCHUS.

OYSTERS!

We are prepared to serve OYSTERS in any style, and flatter ourselves that in cooking we can't be beat. Give us a trial.

LUNCH—We will also serve a substantial LUNCH at from 15c to 50c. Persons from the country will find it to their interest to call and see us.

FRESH BREAD, Cakes, Pies, Confectionery, &c., for sale at low prices.
E. CUMMINS & CO.,
oc27-3m. opposite the Bank.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

—OF—

The Extension of Court Street, and Cannon Streets, Chestertown.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CHESTERTOWN hereby give notice, in accordance with the requirements of the Act of 1882, chap. 201, of their intention to

OPEN AND EXTEND COURT STREET

its present width, from Church Alley to the Eastern limits of Chestertown, and

TO INCREASE THE WIDTH OF CANNON STREET,

from Kent Street to College Avenue, to its present width below Kent street, and all persons interested in that portion of the grave yards over which the extension and widening of said streets will run, are hereby requested and notified to remove the tombstones and remains of their friends or relatives lying in those portions of said grave yards on or before April 1st, 1884.

JAMES A. PEARCE,
Pres't Commissioners of Chestertown.
By order of the Board. d29-3t.

TAX NOTICE.

THE subscriber may be found at the Sheriff's office in the Court House on TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS. The levies will be due on the 1st of January, and those owing TAXES are urgently solicited to make prompt payment.
J. M. J. BYRON,
Dec. 15-tf. Coll. 4th District.

TAX NOTICE.

I AM compelled to close my books, and hereby notify all persons in arrears for Taxes for 1881 and 1882, that unless settlement is made by the

FIRST OF DECEMBER

I shall proceed to collect according to law in every case without respect to persons. B. B. ADKINSON.

READ THIS.

MRS. M. C. USILTON

has returned from Baltimore with a fine assortment of Christmas Goods, such as Candy, Fruits, Nuts and Toys, and will be thankful to the public to give her a call before purchasing elsewhere, Store between J. H. Simpers and Dr. Gilpin's, Chestertown. Dec. 22-tf.

Notice to Tax-Payers

OF THE

SECOND ELECTION DISTRICT.

THE undersigned, Tax Collector, respectfully informs the Tax-payers of the Second District that his books for 1883 are now ready and for their accommodation he will be at Kennedyville on Saturday, August 11; Locust Grove on Wednesday, Aug. 15; Still Pond, Saturday, Aug. 18; Chesterville, Thursday, Aug. 16, and at each of the above places every two two weeks from the dates above named.
WM F. ROEDER,
aug4-tf. Coll'r 2d District.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

For the accommodation of Tax-Payers of the THIRD DISTRICT I will be at O. P. Beck's Store, Worton Heights, every Saturday afternoon, Chestertown every Tuesday, and at home the balance of the week. Prompt payment is earnestly solicited. S. AMOS REED.
Aug-18-tf.

Prayer Books, Hymn Books, Bibles.

A large stock for sale by
d15. COLIN F. STAM.

LARGE STOCK Gentlemen's, Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes and Slippers. J. H. SIMPERS.