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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....FEB. 16, 1884.

LENT commences on the 27th of February, and Easter occurs forty days thereafter.

THE Cambridge papers are discussing the merits of the Steele-Murray homicide. Better let it alone for the courts.

THE National Democratic Executive Committee will meet at Washington February 22, 1884, to select the time and place for the Presidential Convention.

IN both houses of Congress on Monday a joint resolution was adopted appropriating $300,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the overflow of the Ohio river and its tributaries.

A PERSONAL CONTROVERSY, of very little profit to themselves and less to the public, is being indulged in by Messrs. E. B. Emory and W. H. Neal, of Queen Anne's, through the Centreville papers.

AMONG the names mentioned to succeed Judge Wilson upon the bench, are those of Hon. Henry Page and George W. Purnell, Esq. Both of these gentlemen are able and successful lawyers and either would creditably fill the position.

THE OYSTER PACKERS of Baltimore called a mass meeting for last night at the Concordia Opera House, with a view of devising means looking to "oyster fisheries, their value and the necessity for their preservation." Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, Hon. Elijah J. Henkle and Hon. Henry Page were invited to address the meeting.

ACCORDING to the Second Adventists, the world will come to an end on the 4th of next November. If this be true it will obviate the necessity of electing another President or going through the tedium of a campaign. The national conventions, however, will be held as usual.

AT the burial of Col. Milton Y. Kidd in West Nottingham Cemetery, Cecil county, on Tuesday of last week, Alfred Haines, a colored man who was devotedly attached to the deceased while living, accompanied the remains, and placed upon the casket as his offering a handsome pillow of "Rest," made of pretty lilies and other choice flowers.

CONGRESS has voted the money for the expedition for the relief of the Greely party, and the plans of relief are made up and in part already acted upon. The two ships required have been bought. The officers and crew are to be selected, and are to start on their quest by May 15. If Greely and his men shall have survived the winter, the relief vessels will most probably come up with them early in July, if not sooner.

THE DAY.—In Monday's issue the Baltimore *Day* announces the discontinuance of the morning edition. Hereafter it will be issued as an afternoon paper only, and it is believed that a useful and profitable field is open to it as such. A month's experiment with the morning paper was not encouraging, but the afternoon paper has always met with favor; it has already a large circulation and under the enterprising management of Mr. Cruikshank, relieved of the great labor and expense of the morning edition, the evening *Day* will no doubt prove a permanent success.—Mr. Crossdale retires from the paper.

MR. FRANK DEBILIUS, lessee of the Tivoli grounds, on trial last week at Towsontown for manslaughter, was acquitted. The disaster at Tivoli last summer, by which sixty-three lives were lost, has suggested to Mr. McCosker, of the State Legislature, the preparation of a bill providing for an annual inspection by county surveyors of all wharves and steamboat landings in their respective counties. The excursion business on the Chesapeake and its tributaries has grown to such proportions that every measure of safety for human life ought to be taken, and the steamboat companies will doubtless gladly cooperate in reducing the chances of accident to a minimum.

THERE is trouble in the Baltimore city council. At Tuesday night's session, after vainly endeavoring to arrest action upon the ordinance to reorganize the fire department, eight members of the first branch withdrew, leaving the body without a quorum. The head of the department at present consists of only one person, Mr. J. Monroe Heiskell, who was Gen. Latrobe's competitor for mayor last fall, and the new ordinance proposes to appoint a commission of three persons to manage the affairs of the department instead of one. The eight seceding members style themselves "reformers" and contend that the movement is merely a piece of spite work on the part of the mayor and his friends. What the outcome will be remains to be seen.

THE withdrawal of the trade dollar was discussed on Wednesday by the House committee on coinage, weights and measures and a subcommittee having in charge the subject reported a bill. The proposed measure provides that until the first day January 1886, trade dollars shall be received at their face value in payment of all dues to the United States, and shall not be again paid out or in any other manner reissued. Holders of the coin may receive in exchange, dollar for dollar, any silver coin of the United States on presentation of the trade dollar at the offices of the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, or at any of the Mints of the United States.

A PUBLIC BUILDING FOR ANNAPOLIS.—In the United States Senate on Monday Mr. Gorman's bill was reported favorably from committee by Mr. Vest for the purchase of a site and the erection in Annapolis of a building for government offices, not to cost over $100,000. The building is designed to be for the use of the custom-house as well as the postoffice and other general government offices. The late robbery of the postoffice and the loss of a considerable amount of stamps and money demonstrated the insecurity of the present rented quarters. In other respects the provision for the Annapolis postoffice is inadequate to meet the wants of that branch of the public service, as well as unworthy of the government.

PROTECTIONISTS are raising a howl over the Morrison tariff bill, and they will make a desperate fight against it. Now, be it remembered, the Morrison tariff bill does not propose to reduce the tariff in any material particular below the Morrill tariff of 1861 which was the highest tariff ever known in this country up to that time. The tariff adopted at the beginning of the great civil war is not now high enough to satisfy protectionists and plunderers. The false stimulus of an excessive tariff has led to an over production, collapse in prices, reduction of wages, suspension of work and loss of capital. The wage class are much more in need of protection from men who selfishly and fraudulently misrepresent the effect of tariff reduction than for protection from any harm possible to befall them through the operations of the Morrison tariff.

THE NEW SENATOR FROM KENTUCKY.—Hon. Joseph C. S. Blackburn, who has been elected United States Senator from Kentucky to succeed Senator Williams, whose term expires March 4, 1885, is in the 46th year of his age, having been born in Woodford county, Ky., Oct. 1, 1838.—He is an orator of national reputation, and is a favorite with the democrats of Baltimore, where he has made several addresses in behalf of his party. Mr. Blackburn now represents the district represented in other days by Henry Clay, John J. Crittenden and John C. Breckinridge. He entered the senatorial canvass with but twelve votes pledged for him, whilst Senator Williams lives to the repeating rifles of the piratical dredgers. Give the commanders and men a motive to work and they will soon clean the bay of the law-breakers. License no boat convicted of violating the law by dredging in forbidden waters.

THE rates of that popular Hotel, "The Maltby," in Baltimore, have been reduced to suit the times, without reduction of fare or accommodations.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

In the Senate on Tuesday Mr. Burchinal introduced a bill to empower the trustees of Grace Presbyterian Church, of Kennedyville, Kent county, to sell and convey certain real estate in Kent county known as the Old Brick Church ground.

Joint resolutions were adopted calling on the Maryland delegations in Congress to do all they can to have trade dollars redeemed at par.

In the Senate bills have been introduced to provide for the payment by the State to the mayor and aldermen of Frederick of $125,000 of the money levied upon that city by the Confederate forces and to equalize taxation.

The judiciary committee has reported unfavorably on the Senate bill providing for the probate of wills during the lifetime of testator.

In the Maryland Senate on Wednesday the bill reducing marriage licenses to 50 cents was passed by a vote of 16 to 9.

Consideration of the eastern Shore senatorial law was posponed until March 10.

The bill to tax mortgages was reported unfavorably, but was afterwards made the order of the day for Feb. 21.

MR. ALLEN'S TAX BILL.

WE have received a copy of Senator Allen's bill to "equalize taxation." This bill has some good features, the best of which is that it would make every man pay taxes upon what he is worth actually in real and personal property. In this valuation is included mortgages, money, &c. Under it all must go up to be taxed each year to the proper officers—state his possessions and indebtedness with minuteness, and make oath to the same. The measure, however, is impracticable and objectionable because of the machinery requisite to carry out its provisions, and the exposure of men's private business affairs attendant upon the ascertainment of the necessary data to a correct assessment in each case.

The Taxation of Mortgages.

Rev. E. J. Stearns is arguing the mortgage tax question in the Easton *Ledger*. He says about all that can be said against taxation, but does not convince us of the justice of the exemption. He admits the injustice of taxing all other private securities. So that a man may be worth a million and not pay a dollar's tax. Notes and other securities are now taxed, and it would greatly increase the burden of taxation upon the landed interests to exempt this class of property, but it will have to be done before there can be found any consistency in the argument against taxing mortgages. It would be far more just to all concerned to place private securities upon an equality *by taxing the mortgages*. Mr. Stearns thinks that money "like other merchandise" ought to be allowed "to bring its own price in open market," and fears that the interference of the State will raise the price of it to the borrower. This is the old protection argument of the monopolist; he claims legislation that will "protect American industry," but the effect of such legislation is purely to fill his own purse. It is only the cry of the wolf to protect the lamb—for his own maw! We hope the State Legislature will weigh well this matter. Make the statute law *right*, and the laws of demand and supply will regulate the balance.

TOO MUCH MONEY.

A plan is on foot to enlarge the National Capitol building. It was first proposed to build a grand stairway to the west front to cost $750,000, but now comes a proposition—seriously entertained—to enlarge the capitol generally, giving about ninety additional rooms, and new halls for both the Senate and House of Representatives. How much such an improvement (?) would cost no man can tell, and where the necessity for it exists nobody has yet explained.

The truth of the matter is the National coffers are too full—full of money exacted from the people for the purpose in most instances, of benefitting the monopolists. The people are in the treadmill, have been there for years under radical legislation, sustained by the false sophistry of "protection to American industry,"—in the treadmill, grinding out the gold by the sweat of their brow, and pouring it into the Nation's plethoric purse, instead of into their own needy laps. And something must be done with the money.

MARYLAND'S CANNING INTERESTS.

A largely attended meeting of the members of the Canned Goods Exchange was held in Baltimore last week for the purpose of discussing what would be the best and most available method of preventing the use of fraudulent brands or names on hermetically sealed goods. The question has been before the packers for years, but no one has succeeded in suggesting an effective remedy for the evil. Maryland is everywhere recognized as the centre of the canning trade, and her goods have sold better than all others, but her fine pack of goods are largely labeled with the names of jobbing houses in other cities, who get the credit of packing fine goods and make a trade based on the work of the Maryland packers.

Besides, all manner of trash is ordered in this State by outside buyers from parties who would be ashamed to put their names on the cans. So a flashy label with an alias is used, and "Baltimore" or some place in Maryland is made responsible for them. This interferes with the price of honest goods, is an injury to the [illegible], and an injustice to the customer, who honestly pays high prices for bad stuff. The packers wish a law passed by the Legislature preventing any one putting a label on canned goods unless it bears the name of the packer or some responsible buyer who has a reputation to protect. Some of the members thought that only a national law could remedy the grievance, and that Maryland could not stop the citizens of Illinois and other States from putting the word "Baltimore" on any canned trash if they chose. Others thought that Maryland should take the lead in the matter and let it be known that trash shall not be packed here, and trust to the public learning that Maryland labels on such goods are forgeries, or that they have been ordered by dealers in other cities.

BURIED AT HER OLD HOME.—The funeral of Mrs. Catharine P. Pattison, mother of Gov. Pattison, of Penn., took place Friday the 8th inst., at the Cambridge (Md.) Cemetery. The remains were deposited by the side of her late husband, Rev. Robert H. Pattison. Gov. and Mrs. Pattison, and a number of their friends accompanied the remains in a special car. Rev. Thomas L. Poulson, assisted by Rev. V. S. Collins, of Zion M. E. Church, Cambridge, conducted the funeral services. The pall-bearers were Hon. Daniel M. Henry, Thomas W. Anderson, Levin H. Stewart, James Woolford, Henry Breerwood and Wm. Smoot. The first four were selected from among friends of the family in Cambridge. There was a great profusion of rare and beautiful flowers. Mrs. Pattison was born in Cambridge, and was the daughter of Dr. Thos. Woolford, late of Cambridge, deceased. Rev. Robert H. Pattison, father of Gov. Pattison, was also born near Cambridge, being the son of Samuel Pattison, of Stoney Range, Dorchester county. Gov. Pattison and friends returned to Pennsylvania the next day.

A SUGGESTION.—The Easton *Star*, noticing the depredations of the oyster dredgers, makes some suggestions that are worthy the thoughtful consideration of the Legislature. It says:

"Why don't the legislature give the crews of the police boats a percentage of prize money on all captured vessels, as they do in the navy?—Such a law would be a stimulus to the crews of the police boats to go out and be shot at in all seasons and in all weathers. Under the present law they can make nothing by exposing their lives to the repeating rifles of the piratical dredgers. Give the commanders and men a motive to work and they will soon clean the bay of the law-breakers. License no boat convicted of violating the law by dredging in forbidden waters.

The Local Option Question.

We have received several communications this week upon the Local Option question, but do not believe that any good can result by their publication. Were we to open our columns to a general discussion of this question it would be impossible to accommodate the many writers who would seek to be heard upon either side, and after the wordy war was over public opinion would remain about as it is now, to say nothing of the personal bitterness and animosities that would be engendered. The question of local option has heretofore been thoroughly discussed through our columns; it is not now an issue before the people, that is, they are not now called upon to vote upon the subject. In the form of petition the Legislature now in session can be more effectively reached, and that body alone has the power to act with reference to any proposed change in the law as it now stands.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.—Still Pond M. E. Sunday School held its annual Missionary Anniversary in the church last Sunday evening.—Notwithstanding the terrible condition of the roads, we learn that the audience room was filled. The exercises consisted of addresses, declamations, recitations, solos, choruses, etc., by the school, and an address by the pastor. The receipts showed that the school is alive on the important subject of missions, being larger than those of any preceding year. The Young Men's Bible class, taught by J. S. Harris, Esq., having raised the largest amount, secured the banner for the coming conference year. J. F. Wilson, Esq., is the efficient superintendent.

DRIFT ICE and logs from the Susquehanna has somewhat interfered with our steamers this week. The "Ford" failed to make her trip last Tuesday in consequence; she started out at the usual hour from Baltimore but was unable to cross the bay—the masses of ice and floating logs rendering it too hazardous an undertaking. After breaking some of her paddles in the attempt she returned to the city. She made her regular trip on Thursday. The steamer Enterprise left Baltimore Wednesday morning and made the trip successfully, reaching Chestertown about 6 P. M.

A SPELL OF WEATHER more disagreeable and continuous than we have been having for some time past is not often known in this latitude. For two full weeks—with the exception of one day, last Sunday—the sun has been hiding his face and showers of rain have daily descended. The temperature has ranged between 40° and 60° until yesterday morning when it had dropped to 25°. The roads continue in a terrible condition, and traveling very difficult. As a consequence business is dull.

THE MT. VERNON LITERARY SOCIETY will hold a public debate at the Court House Friday evening, 22d inst. The question is—"Resolved, That the Congress of the United States should adopt a tariff schedule, imposing duties upon imports for purposes of revenue only." The question will be argued by Roland Watts and C. G. Woodall, affirmative, and R. W. Mobray and W. M. Slay, negative. W. D. Straughn, of the College, will deliver an address on George Washington.

A PASTOR SURPRISED.—We understand that quite a number of the members and friends of Still Pond M. E. Church made their pastor, Rev. L. E. Barrett, and family, a surprise visit on last Monday evening and filled the larder with that which is necessary for the "inner man," and gave Mrs. Barrett a handsome silk dress pattern. The evening was pleasantly spent in social conversation, music, singing, etc.

HORSE NOTES.—Mr. James Johnson, of Millington, has sold his two-year-old colt to Mr. J. E. Hendrickson, of Philadelphia, for $200. This colt is nearly related to Stonewall, bred for by Mr. Johnson, and sold several years ago to Mr. Rosenfeld, of Baltimore, for $800. Stonewall has since made a record of 2:24½ at Washington and 2:20 trial.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Isaac Parsons, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Worton, recently fell on the ice, striking the back of his head, and was severely hurt for a while. It was quite a shock to his system, Mr. P. being large and four-score. He is now improved and able to go about the house.

THE stackyard of Mr. F. H. Boulden, in Still Pond was destroyed by fire on Sunday night last. The straw was in ricks and near the main road. The nearest dwelling is Mr. Wm. Bowers', over two hundred yards off. How the fire caught is a mystery; it was discovered about 7½ P. M.

MR. W. A. HYLAND has purchased of C. T. Westcott, Esq., the wheelwright and blacksmith shop adjoining his foundry, formerly occupied by C. Kronemeier. Price paid $1,250. He will utilize the property in the enlargement of his agricultural and implement business.

MR. J. CANTORWITZ has just occupied his new establishment opposite Stam's drug store. He has now one of the finest rooms in town, and makes a fine display of goods.

COMMITTED.—John Ringgold, colored, of Worton, charged with stealing money from Alex. Dorsey, colored, was committed to jail last Wednesday by Esquire Cohee.

THE Denton *Union* states that "a Kent county man not satisfied with the carp business has gone to raising frogs for market." Who is it?

THE steamer Trumpeter will resume her trips today on the Sassafras river line, running according to schedule in another column.

REV. E. BEVERLY NEWNAM, State lecturer of Grand Lodge I. O. G. T., lectured at the Fair Grounds on last Monday night and organized a Lodge. It is to be known as Worton Lodge No. 217, I. O. G. T.

A NOVEL LEAP-YEAR ENTERTAINMENT.—A novel leap-year ball took place at the elegant residence of Mr. Thomas McKean, in Philadelphia, on last Monday. All the usual customs were reversed. The plan was almost universally followed of changing the aspect of the dress and appearance of the face and upper part of the body. The ladies all wore skirts, of course, and the gentlemen trousers, but there the difference in dress ceased. All the ladies, according to the suggestion contained in the invitations, wore postilion coats or coats cut like those used by gentlemen for evening wear. Some were of satin, more of velvet, but most of cloth, and with them were worn gentlemen's white gloves of the smallest sizes. All the ladies had high standing collars, and made as much display of shirt-front as possible, although some of the shirts were ruffled and frilled a la Brewster, and some of the ties were of fancy colors instead of white. The gentlemen exerted themselves to appear in becoming guises that would also be in keeping with the spirit of the festivities. A great many wore sashes, such as are now popular with the young buds just entering society. They also carried fans and bouquets. The ladies vied with one another in this pleasant attention, and sent bouquets with great liberality to their favorite gentlemen.

Several young men wore corsets and elaborate bodices, with corsage bouquets, necklaces, and even earrings. One or two appeared in regular feminine attire, even to low necks and short sleeves, with long gloves reaching far up on their arms. The ladies in many instances called for the gentlemen at their houses. The ladies had everything their own way, and asked the gentlemen out to dance, and also escorted them in to supper. As there were 150 ladies and only 75 gentlemen, none of the latter suffered from want of attention. The company was composed mainly of young married people and young men and ladies just entering society. It represented the cream of Philadelphia fashionable society.

MR. THOMAS VANDYKE, an old and estimable resident of the first district of Cecil county, died at his home near Cecilton, on Friday evening, the 8th instant. Through a somewhat checkered career, Mr. Vandyke had ever retained the highest regard and respect of his large circle of friends and acquaintance. He became a member of the Methodist Church in comparatively early life and had been for the last fifteen years a prominent and exemplary member of the Head of Sassafras Church. The funeral took place on last Monday at Cecilton, Mr. Vandyke was about 60 years of age.

Matrimonial.

ROLAND — VANDYKE.

The residence of Mr. Enoch N. Roland, at "Cedar Vale" farm, near Chestertown, was the place of a handsome entertainment on Wednesday evening last. The occasion was the marriage of Mr. C. E. Roland, of the News office, to Miss Olevia W. Vandyke, daughter of Mr. James M. Vandyke, of Queen Anne's county. The nuptial ceremony was performed by Rev. E. P. Aldred, of the M. E. Church, in the presence of a very large company of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. Mr. Wm. H. Vandyke and Miss S. P. Greenwood acted the part of groomsman and bridesmaid. After the ceremony was over a splendid supper was served, to which all present did full justice. Mrs. R. is not easily excelled in the preparation of a banquet—her hospitality is unlimited and her patience inexhaustible—and she is well supported in all these respects by Mr. R. and Miss Penn. The company present included Mr. Wilmer Bristow, Miss Laura Bristow and Miss S. P. Greenwood, of Baltimore; Mrs. Lydia W. Calley and Miss Lizzie Newnam, of Delaware, and numbers from Galena, Kennedyville, Still Pond and other points; Mr. Victor Hendrickson and wife, Mr. J. M. J. Byron and wife, Mr. William Ford and wife, Mr. Wm. H. Brown, Mr. Solomon Startt and others, represented the "old folks" of the neighborhood; while Herbert Lusby and Walter Morris were specially efficient in serving the guests at the dining tables. From Chestertown quite a bevy of handsome young ladies and gents attended, including members of a society styling themselves "The Leap Year Social," and the festivities were kept up until a late hour. The wedded couple were the recipients of numerous handsome and costly presents, which no doubt they highly appreciate for their intrinsic value, but the more as evidencing the esteem of the givers.

HOME AGAIN.—MR. L. C. Justis has returned from Florida with recuperated health. He was much pleased with his trip and the country.

POMONA, February 6, 1884.

The pastor of Pomona desires to return thanks to the members of his church and congregation for their very pleasant visit to the parsonage on Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, and, also, for the numerous and substantial tokens of their esteem. Considering the condition of the roads we certainly regard this visit as highly complimentary.

E. C. MACNICHOL.

NINETY-EIGHT YEARS OF AGE.—The oldest inhabitant of Chestertown, the venerable and respected Miss Caroline Thompson, celebrated on the 14th instant, her ninety-eighth birthday, and though totally blind for a number of years past she still retains her mental faculties unimpaired and exhibits a vigor of memory and fullness of recollection as remarkable as it is interesting.—She was born February 14, 1786, near Rolph's Wharf, Queen Anne's county, at "Brechen Vale," the country seat of her father, Col. John Thompson—now the property of William Henry Newnam, Esq.—and is descended from the famous Augustine Herman, whose name is so intimately associated with the early history of Cecil county and whose "monumental stone" may yet be seen at Bohemia Manor, the residence of William M. Knight, Esq.

Miss Thompson has lived for upwards of sixty years in the house she now occupies, and during her long life has seen much of earlier social forms and observances which are preserved only in tradition. Her recital of a journey by private carriage eighty years ago from this place to Saratoga, her recollections of the cities of Philadelphia and New York, and of the Saratoga of 1804, never fail to win listeners, and her descriptions of the men and manners of those early days possess an interest which few books, however well written, can command. She has always been deeply interested in the welfare and prosperity of the town, aiding the poor and suffering to the full extent of her means, and she enjoys to-day the respect and good-will of all. We trust her health and vigor of mind may continue to welcome her one hundredth birthday.—*Transcript.*

A MISHAP.—The Worcester *Shield* of last Saturday states that Mr. D. C. Blackiston while returning from church a few Sundays since, on horseback, met with quite a mishap. His horse sank in a quagmire, and in its efforts to free itself broke the saddle girth and threw Mr. B., leaving him on the ground bleeding and insensible. He does not know how long he remained in that condition, but when consciousness returned to him, he still had the reins in his hands, while his horse was imbedded in the mire. The animal finally succeeded in extricating itself, and Mr. Blackiston managed to get upon its back. He received a black eye and a bruised cheek, but fortunately no bones were broken.—Mr. Blackiston is 75 years of age, and remarkably active for one that old.

PLANK PAVEMENTS.—The following, communicated to the Easton *Star*, will cause a smile among citizens of Chestertown. We have always regarded Easton as more nearly the "ways of a city" than any other Eastern Shore town, and yet it seems that her sidewalks are unpaved.—Mercy on us! What becomes of her pedestrians in this season of mud? Why even Chestertown—without a town hall, without gas or water works, and probably otherwise behind our neighbor in enterprise—has all her principal sidewalks paved with brick. To talk of giving any street a *plank* pavement instead of brick would be regarded as an insult by the denizens of that locality:

MR. EDITOR.—I see by the last STAR that the town commissioners have resolved to have the sidewalks of Easton paved, and I am glad of it, for they have certainly long needed paving. But paving with brick is an expensive business, and will be sorely felt by some people of the town owning lots. At the north, where the sidewalks in the villages are nearly all paved, I have observed that plank is mostly used. Plank makes a nicer pavement than brick, and if put down out of heart 1½ inch plank will last from fifteen to twenty-five years. Plank is used on the ground of economy. A good five-foot pavement built out of boards would last a generation, and would cost much less than brick. I commend the matter to the consideration of the commissioners before taking final action. I am sure that while the chief object is accomplished, namely, better streets and dryer walks, the commissioners will not force the property owners to go to more expense than is absolutely necessary.

CITIZEN.

THE OYSTER COMMISSION.

Col. William Henry Legg, one of the State oyster commission, made his minority report to the legislature last week. Not agreeing entirely with all of the conclusions and recommendations of the majority report, Col. Legg declined to sign it, although approving the report in the main. He has no faith in the croakers who are afraid of an oyster famine, and says there are plenty of oysters in the Chesapeake and its tributaries, and millions and millions of bushels of young oysters; but he thinks the bars and beds are overworked, and that the young oysters should have more time to grow. He is opposed to selling or leasing the oyster bars to capitalists for oyster farming, and says the State should hold them for the benefit of the oystermen.

Col. Legg's head is certainly level on this matter. To prove that there are plenty of oysters Col. Legg shows that while the 45 oyster packing houses, in the city, in 1880, consumed 6,450,202 bushels, the 67 packing houses in 1883 consumed 14,000,000 bushels. In 1880 Crisfield consumed 427,370 bushels and in 1883 1,200,000 bushels. In 1880 Cambridge consumed 218,510 bushels and in 1883 600,000 bushels. Oxford consumed a large quantity in 1883 where but few were consumed in 1880, but the figures are not given. Col. Legg was in the legislature in 1868 and reported the bill establishing the oyster police. In 1880 he was again a member and reported the bill which is the present oyster law. He has visited and examined the principal oyster beds of the Chesapeake and has conducted a voluminous correspondence with oystermen. He is now a member of the committee of the House of Delegates on the Chesapeake and its Tributaries, where the valuable information he has collected can be made available by the present legislature. The oystermen have no better friend in the State than Col. Legg.

THE Wilmington *Every Evening* says that a young woman of that city, assuming leap-year privileges, proposed to a young man, who accepted so quickly that it almost took her breath away. The fair one tried to hedge by explaining that she proposed to be refused, but the young man replied that he did not propose to refuse her. They are accepting congratulations.

FRED. DOUGLASS finds that his age does not exempt him from the rude shocks that so often follow close upon love's young dream, Miss Sprague, his housekeeper, having since his marriage, brought suit against him to recover for services for twelve years. The sum that Louisa demands is $2,800, a pretty large figure to pay for marrying the wrong woman.

DIED.

New Snow Hill, Worcester county, on Sunday night last, of heart disease, Mrs. RACHEL M. BLACKISTON, wife of David C. Blackiston, late of this county, aged 73 years. Her remains were brought to this county and interred at Shrewsbury on Thursday.

In Harford county, Feb. 5, after a short illness from an attack of acute pleurisy, JESSIE W., wife of James Hoffecker, formerly of this county.

Oh, softly wave the silver hair
From off that aged brow
That crown of glory worn so long
A fitting crown is now.
Each silver hair, each wrinkle there,
Records some good deed done;
Some flowers she cast along the way,
Some sparks from love's bright sun.
Oh, gently fold the weary hands
That toiled so long and well;
The spirit rose to angel bands,
When off earth's mantle fell.

—BY HER CHILDREN.

THERE will be a PUBLIC DEBATE and ORATION at the Court House on the evening of Feb. 22, given under the auspices of the "Mount Vernon Literary Society" of Washington College. Doors open at 7 o'clock P. M. The public are respectfully invited.

Washington College, Feb. 13, 1884.

FOR SALE—15 TONS OF CLOVER HAY. Will be delivered if required.
S. MATTHEWS,
fe16-2t* near Worton Station.

FOR SALE—HOUSE AND LOT in Still Pond, with necessary Outbuildings attached. Terms easy. Apply to W. F. WROTH,
fe16-3t. Agent for owners.

NOTICE.—All persons are positively forbidden to set traps, fikes or weirs, or haul seines on our shores, or gun or hunt on our farms, as the law will be enforced against all trespassers.
EDWIN P. JANVIER,
JAMES S. GEMMILL.
DRAYTON, Feb. 13, 1884—3t.

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Unique, Brilliant and Instructive!

Will be presented to the public at the M. E. Church, Tarlee, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27, by the Sabbath School and Church, under the superintendence of Bro. JAMES KENDALL.

Proceeds to aid in remodeling the church edifice. Doors open at 7 P. M.

Admittance 25 cts. fe16-2t.

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YOU who have to buy in the Spring BEGIN CLOTHING for your hands, come and see those extraordinary cheap

Gray Blankets for $1.00 a Pair.

We have SEVENTY-THREE PAIRS left from the purchase of Two Hundred and Fifty Pairs. Five per cent. reduction for ten Pair Lots.
J. B. BURCHINAL.
feb16-6t.

NOW IS THE TIME.

WE have recently made the largest purchase of BLEACHED MUSLINS that we ever did before at any one time. The brands are well known to almost every household in the land and at prices lower than have ever been known either by the yard or bolt. Wamsutta, Fruit of the Loom, Davol, Lonsdale, Pocahontas, Pride of the West, Dwight Anchor, Androscoggin and Lonsdale Cambric, and bear in mind that all these goods are one yard wide and not the narrow goods which are a little lower in price but not at all desirable.
J. B. BURCHINAL.
feb. 16-4t.

$5,000 TO LOAN on first mortgage, in sums of about $2,000 and $3,000.
Apply to R. T. TURNER,
fe9-3t. Still Pond P. O.

MONEY TO LOAN.
$10,000 Trust Money to loan on Mortgage.
Apply to T. W. ELIASON, Jr.
Feb. 2, 1884—f.

30 TONS of TIMOTHY HAY
FOR SALE.
Will be delivered if required.
R. COMLY,
fe2-7t. Locust Grove, Kent co., Md.

WANTED—*A WHITE MAN* as foreman or head hand on a farm. House, fuel and garden furnished. Good wages paid.
Apply to JOSEPH RASIN,
feb2-3t* Lankford, Kent co., Md.

GREAT REDUCTION
—IN—
PRICES.

IN order to make room for Spring Goods, we offer from this date for THIRTY DAYS our entire stock of

DRESS GOODS,

from SILK down to the lowest grade, Black Cashmeres, Velvets and Velveteens included, and all heavy goods at PRIME COST. We reserve nothing in the line mentioned, but mean every word we say. Come and see us, and get the biggest bargain ever offered you.
J. B. BURCHINAL.
feb16-4t.

CAUTION.
All persons are warned against crossing or trespassing, for any purpose whatever on my farm on which I reside. The law will be enforced against all offenders.
GEORGIA SPEAR.
"IDLEWILDE," Feb. 9, 1884—3t.

ORCHARD GRASS SEED
For Sale.
JAS. H. BAKER,
feb9-3t*. Pomona.

FOR SALE—For want of use, A Pure Bred JERSEY BULL.
Sire registered. FRANK WILSON,
feb9-3t Still Pond.

BLACK CRAPE VEILING.
We have a very desirable quality of Black Crape Veiling. Prices $1, $2, $3 and $4 a yard
J. B. BURCHINAL.
feb16-3m.

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

WE will sell you a full nickle-plated 7-shot 22 calibre Revolver for $1, or a full nickle-plated 6-shot No. 32 or 38 American Arms Co. double action Revolver at $5.
THOMPSON, up town.

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
de8. at WM. H. LAMBERT'S.

FOR SALE
12 HEAD OF COWS,
All of them will be fresh in the Spring.
Also, 20 Head of STOCK STEERS.
JOHN Z. CLARK,
fe16-3t. Lynch's Station.

AT PUBLIC SALE.
ONE BAY MARE, 5 years old,
Will be sold at Edesville on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 23, at 3 o'clock.
JOHN P. EOES.
fe16-2t. Adm'r J. H. Edes, dec'd.

YOUNG Kentucky MARES.
A FINE LOT OF KENTUCKY MARES, all Young and Sound, will be at my Stables in Chestertown by the 15th instant. For Sale Cheap.
fe16-3t. C. H. DAVIS.

Young Smuggler, record 2.39½;
By SMUGGLER, record 2.15½;
DAM PAREPA ROSA, record 2.32.
Will make a Spring season, commencing March 15 and ending June 15, 1884, at $30 the season, provided he can book thirty to forty mares. Persons wishing his services will please drop me a postal or call and give me the names.
feb16-3t. JOHN W. HINES.

FOR RENT—*THE CHESAPEAKE HOUSE* at Betterton, with or without furniture; a good locality for summer boarding house. Also, a comfortable DWELLING, Garden, &c., at the Landing. Apply to
R. T. TURNER,
feb9-3t. Still Pond P. O.

FOR RENT—for the present year, *A DWELLING HOUSE*, with STABLE and GARDEN, in the village of Fairlee. Apply to JAS. T. LAMB,
fe2-3t* or R. C. SMYTH.

FOR SALE.
Four New, Substantial, Brick Dwelling Houses, in Chestertown.

THESE HOUSES are located at the corner of College Avenue and High Street, and will be sold low and on reasonable terms. This is without a doubt a rare opportunity to invest a small sum of money to advantage as this property will need no repairs for at least ten years. By that time this property will be worth double what I ask for it now.

For terms, apply to
Feb. 9-tf. B. H. GARDNER.

FOR SALE.
Stock and Fixtures of a Millinery and Notion Store,

Situated in the village of Rock Hall. This is also an excellent stand for a Dress Maker.—Satisfactory reasons given for selling out.
Address R. D.,
fe9-3t. Rock Hall P. O., Kent co., Md.

Pure A No. 1 SHELL LIME
FOR SALE.

HAVING erected at my farm, Quaker Neck wharf, on Chester river,
WHARF, KILNS, SHEDS,
and everything necessary to burn a FIRST CLASS article of

SHELL LIME
For Agricultural Purposes,

Would say to the farmers of Kent and Queen Anne's counties that I am now prepared to supply them with any quantity they may want, delivered by boat on Chester river, Bay shore or Creeks, at as reasonable a price as it can possibly be handled for.

This Lime is taken direct from the kiln to a house, there slaked and kept under cover until sold.

Also, Quick Lime
For BUILDING PURPOSES.

For price and terms, call on or address
R. S. EMORY,
Feb. 9, 1884. Chestertown, Md.

To Peach Growers!

WE OFFER
Potash Salts,
Pure Dissolved Bone
" " No. 1 Bone
—AND—
OUR SPECIAL PEACH TREE MANURE
All at LOWEST PRICES.

Highest quality. Low in Moisture. We will not be undersold.
Call on us before purchasing.
C. W. KENNARD & CO.,
Chestertown, Md
feb2—2m.

Something New in Chestertown!
FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY.

D. J. GORDON,

Has opened a photograph gallery on Market Square, and is prepared to furnish pictures at prices that can't be beat.

Cartes deVisite, Cabinet and other style Photographs of the first quality.

Large Picture with frame $1.00.
Four Card Size Pictures for 50 cts.
Four Gem Pictures for 25 cts.
Special attention paid to copying old pictures.
☞ Pictures of children taken in the morning only.
Pictures taken of Horses, Houses, &c.
Cloudy weather no objection.
Satisfaction guaranteed in every particular.
Jan. 26—4* D. J. GORDON.

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

HUBS, RIMS, SPOKES, Shafts, Single & Double Trees, Carriage Tongues, &c.,
for sale by JOEL R. CLEMENTS.

BED ROOM SUITS, Lounges, Bureaus, Bedsteads, &c.
fe2 LOUIS K. STAM.

EXTENSION TABLES—new lot just received, very low.
jl9. LOUIS K. STAM.

GUNS.—Breech and Muzzle Loading Shot Guns, for sale by
jl26. JOEL R. CLEMENTS.

A FEW Chamber China Sets, very low in price at LOUIS K. STAM'S.

CHAIRS—very large lot of many kinds cheap. LOUIS K. STAM.

PUBLIC SALE!

THE undersigned having purchased a smaller farm is obliged to sell the following surplus stock on the farm of the late Judge Bradford, situated in Middle Neck, Cecil county, Md.:

On MONDAY, February 18, 1884,

At 10 o'clock A. M., the following Personal Property without reserve:

13 Horses and Mules,

No. 1—"Mollie," 5 years old, nearly 16 hands high, quite handsome, well broken, an excellent driver and worker. No. 2—"Ruth," 5 yrs old, in foal. No. 3—"John," 3 yrs. old, well broken, stallion. No. 4—"Easter," 7 yrs old, good worker and driver. No. 5—"Rover," 3 years old next spring. No. 6—"Ned," 3 yrs old next spring. No. 7—"Fly," 16 yrs old, good brood mare in foal. Nos. 8 & 9—Pair Mules, 'Dove' and 'Dollie,' 4 yrs old, well matched, an excellent team. Nos. 10 & 12—Pair Mules 'Bets' and 'Bell,' 3 yrs old, well broken, work anywhere. Nos. 12 & 13—'Tom' and 'Ann,' 14 yrs old, good farm team; an excellent wagon team.

CATTLE.

1 DURHAM BULL; 8 COWS, Thoroughbreds and Grades, some will be in profit by day of sale; 2 Yearlings; 12 last spring's Calves

24 CHESTER SHOATS, none better in the county.

ONE SOUTHDOWN BUCK, 23 head excellent WESTERN EWES.

Farming Implements, &c.—3 iron-axle Wagons, 3 Wheel Cultivators, 6 Hand Cultivators, 1 Corn Planter, 3 Twin Harrows, 3 Diamond Iron Plows, 4 small Plows, 1 Peach Body and Springs, 1 excellent Orchard Wagon, Peach Culler, 1 Sulkey, 3 Hay Riggings, 1 Steam Engine and Thresher, 1 Clover Huller, all in complete order, and can be seen at Robt. W. Blackway's in Sassafras Neck; 1 Corn and Cob Cr