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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING,.........MAY 10, 1884.

THE extracts from Mr. Hurd's great speech, published on our first page, presents some stubborn facts for consideration.

JUDGE WILSON, the Senator-elect from Maryland in place of Mr. Groome, has been petitioned by the bar of his circuit to remain on the bench till the end of this year.

IN the United States Senate on Wednesday Mr. Edmunds introduced a bill to place General U. S. Grant, late general of the army of the United States, on the retired list of the army.

THE defeat of the Morrison bill is a set back to revenue reform, but the cause is just and will surely prevail—and that right early! If the Democratic party shall neglect or refuse to do ... work the credit and the duty will rest upon ...ers.

... Talbot county on Tuesday Joseph Kirby ... a colored farm hand named George Jack... A dispute arose and several shots ex... without effect, after which Jackson's ...as crushed with a large stick. Kirby is ... the Easton jail.

...MINSTER, Md., had practical experience ...k of the value in case of fire of an ade... water supply ready to hand. From a ...ng barn the high wind carried sparks over ...rge section of the town, which would have ... fire to many shingle roofs but that water and ...treet hose were at hand and promptly used.

THE total number of votes in the Republican National Convention will be 820, necessary to choice 411. Eighteen of the votes are cast by Territories, including the District of Columbia, and 300 by the Southern States, or enough within ninety-three to nominate. The Convention will meet at Chicago on Tuesday, June 3.

THE CENTREVILLE OBSERVER comes to us this week enlarged to a nine column paper, and now claims to be the largest country paper in Maryland. The great demand by its patrons for advertising space has necessitated this enlargement. The *Observer*, under the management of the Messrs. Busteed, has always kept abreast of the times, and we are glad to see that the people of Queen Anne's so highly appreciate it. Nothing demonstrates more plainly the intelligence and thrift of a community than the prosperous condition of its local newspapers.

THE MURDER CASES IN DORCHESTER.—In the Circuit Court at Cambridge, on the 1st inst., John Murray was arraigned for killing John N. Steele and pleaded not guilty. Monday, May 12, was fixed as the date for commencing the trial.

Frederick Cephas, colored, was arraigned for killing Celia Murphy *nee* Bush, and pleaded not guilty. His trial began last Monday. The case was concluded on Wednesday by a verdict of guilty. The jury took only one ballot and were unanimous in favor of conviction. A new trial will be asked on the ground of insufficiency of the evidence to convict and flaw in the verdict, which did not specify the crime or its degree, but was simply "guilty as charged in the indictment."

The grand jury of Dorchester county did not find any bill against young Shenton, who killed his father a few weeks ago in attempting to save the life of his mother.

THE Republican Convention of Maryland at Hagerstown on Thursday of last week elected as delegates at large to Chicago Hon. Hart B. Holton, of Baltimore county; Lycurgus N. Philips, of Frederick; Col. James Wallace, of Dorchester, and Thomas S. Hodson, of Somerset. They also nominated as electors at large Thomas A. Gorsuch, of Frederick, and Dr. J. J. Weaver, Jr., of Carroll county. The platform declares for protection; demands that officeholders shall not control in politics; the suspension of silver dollar coinage and the retirement of the trade dollar. While the convention commends the present administration and declares that Mr. Blaine is the choice of the Republicans of Maryland for the next President, the party in this State was pledged only "to the nominee of the Republican convention" at Chicago.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE OYSTER LAW.—Mr. Jos. B. Seth, of Talbot county, who was chairman of the committee on the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries (commonly known as the oyster committee), in response to inquiries has written a letter to the effect that the new law does not prohibit the private use of oysters. He says:

"The law as it passed the House of Delegates contained the additional phrase, 'except for private use from private grounds,' but this much was stricken out in the Senate on motion of Mr. Gill. I saw Mr. Gill and told him that many families on the tide-water used oysters at an average of one meal a day the year through, and that it would not only be very unjust, but impossible to enforce so stringent a provision, and that making the law so onerous and oppressive would only destroy the public respect for it and encourage violations rather than otherwise, and that we ought not to accept such an amendment. His reply was that they wanted to exclude all loop holes for marketing, but it would not, in his judgment, prevent the private use of oysters. With this construction we agreed to the amendment, fear... at the time that a disagreement so late in th... might operate a defeat for all. ...w was not enacted as a sani... the protection of the public ... not intended to prohibit ... all circumstances." ...ction of the law it ...en said, to get a ...ed" season.

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A BAD PRECEDENT TO BE FOLLOWED.

Two years ago the Maryland Legislature amended the law requiring the publication of the general laws so as to limit the cost of such work and imposed upon the Governor and Attorney-General the duty of selecting such acts as in their judgment were of general public interest. The Legislature of '84 made no change in this law. So that we have the wisdom of both sessions plainly sanctioning and directing the performance of this work. Gov. Hamilton outlawed the will of the preceding body and refused to designate any law as of sufficient importance to require its publication in the newspapers. In this we think he set a bad precedent. He presumed to combine within his own function the duties not only of the executive of the State but of its law making body also. That is, if we admit that at the session of '82 any laws were passed of general public interest. And no one questions that.

It is now stated that the bad precedent set by Gov. Hamilton will be followed by Gov. McLane. To the latter we attribute no such spirit as that which apparently actuated his predecessor, but believe he is deterred by his anxiety lest the State's present financial condition will not justify the expense. Whether this be so or not the fact remains that the people have not been justly dealt with and the will of the Legislature is ignored. Provided, again, that any laws were enacted by the Legislature of '84 of general public interest, and otherwise coming under the provisions of the publication act.

We believe that a number of laws were passed at both sessions referred to that required publication. At the last session there were several that we know of, and our present reference to the matter is prompted by the general inquiry to know the provisions of certain of them. The Traction Engine law, of which our people have been kept in total ignorance, we have succeeded in getting hold of and published free of charge. The Oyster law, affecting in the most vital degree a very large portion of the county, we have never yet seen in print, and yet its provisions are in operation imposing pains and penalties upon all who violate them. If the State is unable to publish the laws in accordance with the Legislature's direction then let the "powers that be" send them out and allow the generous printers to do the work as a gratuity.

It is to be hoped that the next Legislature will repeal this newspaper publication act altogether. It will clearly be its duty to do this or so amend its provisions as to render it effective.

THREE FIRES in Kent this week are recorded in the NEWS of today, and all of them from causes unexplained.

THE ACT passed at the recent session of the Legislature, authorizing the building of a new jail, will be found in another column.

SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY.—The dwelling on Cannon street, belonging to J. T. Cash, was sold by M. deK. Smith, Esq., as attorney for the Chester Loan Association, on Monday last, to J. A. Shaw for $615.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The board of directors of the Enterprise Transportation Company held a meeting in Chestertown on Tuesday and elected Capt. W. D. Burchinal president and Capt. J. E. Nickerson treasurer.

DANIEL BRATTON, Esq., of the Elkton bar, will deliver the annual oration before the Mt. Vernon Literary Society at the commencement of Washington College, on Tuesday, the 8th of July next.

CHICKEN CHOLERA.—Mr. Wm. Boyer's cure for chicken cholera is a half peck of meal to one pint of Rochelle salts, or less quantity in same proportion. Allow the young chicks to eat freely and a sure cure will follow. This is a valuable recipe. Try it.

SHERIFF PARSONS took over three prisoners on Monday, Andrew Howard to the penitentiary, Wm. Taylor to the insane asylum, and Martha Brice, colored, sentenced by 'Squire Wheatley to three months in the House of Correction. They went by the way of Tolchester. Howard seemed to take the matter seriously. The others looked quite happy.

SHEEP KILLED AND INJURED.—Mr. William H. Stewart, residing near this town, has been particularly unfortunate in the loss of sheep by dogs. On Wednesday night a raid was made on his flock, when twelve head were killed outright and a number of others torn and lacerated in a fearful manner. Mr. Stewart estimates his loss at not less than $75. Within the last six years about six hundred dollars' worth of his sheep have been killed by dogs.

FIRE NEAR FAIRLEE.—A portable saw mill belonging to Walter S. and Wm. Sparks, located in the woods of Mr. T. W. Eliason—the timber in which had been purchased by Wm. Perkins—was burned on Friday afternoon, the 2d instant. The Messrs. Sparks have been engaged in sawing timber there for a year past, and left the mill about 3 P. M. on Thursday, with no fire about it that could possibly have caused the burning; upon returning on Friday afternoon they found the shed and all the wood work of the mill was nearly consumed. How it caught Mr. Sparks is unable to understand. The loss is about $600.

SEVERAL of the public streets of Chestertown are kept in a filthy condition by being made the receptacle of kitchen garbage, back yard rubbish, old tins, shoes and bats. Is there no way to stop it? The public streets should be kept clear of all filth, and individuals or families guilty of such violations of decency—prompted oftener by laziness and shiftlessness than by thoughtlessness—should be restrained by the imposition of penalties. Families are of course expected to keep their premises clean, but not at the expense of the traveling public.

THE Guinness Opera Co. gave a performance at the Town Hall on Wednesday evening last. "Peck's Bad Boy" was well rendered—the old man himself being decidedly the best character in the play. "Hennery" was very well acted but he didn't appear to be half as full of mischief as his dad. The play, though quite amusing, is not calculated to leave a good impression upon the youthful mind. There is a sufficiency of the bad naturally in boyhood without its encouragement by stage reproduction of youthful precocity—and this to in the belittling of relationships that all should hold dear.

THE BAND'S CONCERT.—On next Tuesday evening, at the court-house, the Kent Cornet Band have their Vocal and Instrumental Concert. The talent that will appear is beyond question, having been selected by Prof. Holland of Baltimore. Mrs. Minnie Roehm, the soprano, sang at the concert given by the band last May, convincing the audience, by her numerous encores, that she was a very superior singer; besides her, there will appear Mrs. Geraldine Hammer, contralto, and Mr. Harry M. Smith, baritone. All of these parties sing together in the same choir at one of the largest churches in Baltimore, hence their singing may be expected to be much better than if they had been selected promiscuously. Prof. Jungnickel, the violoncellist, whose performances delighted those present, will also appear and repeat "Scenes in Switzerland," by special request, and this performance alone is well worth twice the admission charged, as it is very rare that a performer of his quality can be secured to come to the country; and it is only by special effort that Prof. Holland secured him for this occasion. The band should be encouraged in this entertainment and greeted with a large audience, as they have gone to considerable expense to make it first class. Don't let the weather interfere as the concert will take place rain or shine, and remember their expense will be just as heavy if it should rain as not, as the talent they have engaged will have to return to Baltimore the next morning, to fill other engagements. Admission 50 cents. Doors open at 7½ o'clock. Tickets for sale at Drug stores.

TOO MUCH "FIRE WATER."—Bob Salter, a young colored man, went to the fire Sunday morning and while striving to put out the fire that was burning the steamer and threatening the town, thought it no harm to make an application of the "fire water" that was circulating around in a bucket to his interior department. It made him feel good and he tried to keep up the feeling during the balance of the day. He found congenial associates engaged in the same endeavor. Shortly after night the supply running short it fell to Bob's turn to go after the "stuff." Bob says he was handed a key and told to go to a house on Bridge street—said to be occupied by Daniel Henry Brooks—and help himself to the whiskey he would find there, and no one would question him. He went as directed and thinks he would have succeeded, but just as he was about to apply the key to the outer door a "yaller gal" named Lizzie Roberts appeared upon the scene and forbade his entrance; hot words ensued, and a row! Officer Simpson was sent for and arrested Bob—the girl charging him with striking her and trying to cut her with a knife. Justice Burgess heard the case. State's Attorney Smith appeared for the State and H. W. Vickers, Esq., tried to save Bob, but the magistrate adjudged him guilty of assault and fined him $1 and costs, the total cost, outside of his counsel's fee, footing up $6.38 as a result of his little spree.

THE BURNING OF THE "FORD."

A Midnight Fire—Quick and Effectual Work of the Devouring Element—The Fine Steamer in Beautiful New Dress a Perfect Wreck—Heroic and Successful Efforts to Save Adjacent Property—Crude Fire Apparatus and Unorganized Workers Demonstrate the Value of What Might be and What Ought to Be—Sunday Visitors—The Loss, Insurance, &c.

Last Saturday the steamer B. S. Ford arrived at her wharf foot of Main street, Chestertown, about 4 P. M. She had been off the line for several weeks for repairs and had been newly upholstered and repainted throughout at a cost of two thousand dollars, and upon this her first trip thereafter looked as bright and "fresh as a new pin." The Ford has always been a great favorite with our people—indeed no boat has ever navigated the Chester which has been such a universal favorite with the traveling public. It is true the company has been fortunate in the selection of her officers, and the popularity of these, from Capt. McConnor down, did much to establish the boat in such high esteem, but outside of this personnel the steamer herself was of intrinsic merit, which every one familiar with her seemed to appreciate. And she never looked more handsome—never ploughed the bay and river more gracefully or satisfactorily, and never was more fully prized by her owners or appreciated by the public than when she made the ill-fated trip of last Saturday.

The Alarm.

The colored cook was the first to discover the fire. It was about half-past twelve on Sunday morning. As usual on Saturday nights numbers of persons were about the streets, and some business houses had just closed; about one-half of the boat's officers were still up also. Capt. McConnor and other officers were in the forward saloon talking just before retiring, when the cook's cry of "Fire!" was heard. The latter states that when he first saw the fire it was coming up from the direction of the fire-room—the hold in which the firemen work and attend the furnaces. When the officers rushed upon deck in answer to the alarm, the flames were pouring out of the hold amidships. The hose was soon gotten to work and a stream of considerable size poured on the fire, but to no purpose. The flames enveloped the engine and, fanned by the draft of the apertures of the walking-beam, the fiery tongues encircled the freshly-painted panel-work—darting here and there throughout the whole central part of the boat, it soon lapped the highest part of the framework about the walking-beam.

In the town the alarm was immediately given and crowds of people were soon on the spot. Two hand engines and a quantity of hose, composing the town's fire apparatus, were brought promptly into requisition and, with abundance of water from the river, did effective service, but the fierce flames belching from the very heart of the steamer defied every effort to save her.

Another Danger.

A light breeze up the river set the flames directly toward several large granaries and the shingle-roof dwellings along Water street. The company's office, a frame structure located immediately upon the wharf, soon took fire and the wharf itself was a sheet of flame. The granaries also had caught in several places, and Ruth's woodyard seemed equally doomed. But the hastily improvised fire companies worked with a will—steady streams of water were thrown upon the threatened buildings and all of them were saved. Even the office, though within a few feet of the blazing steamer, was snatched from the very embrace of the devouring element, and the wharf to which the steamer was cabled escaped destruction by the almost superhuman efforts of the gallant workers at the engines. The endangered dwellings along the street mentioned were protected by persons stationed upon the roofs with buckets of water.

When the danger to neighboring buildings had in great measure passed, both of the engine companies were directed to concentrate their efforts upon the boat, the deck forward the main gangway not yet having been reached by the flames. Just then the new suction engine refused to work and she was hauled off, and notwithstanding the efforts made to discover the cause of failure and remedy the difficulty it proved futile and she was of no further service. In the meantime, however, the older machine which has been in the town service from time immemorial, continued to do her whole duty; willing hands with buckets supplied her with water and a constant stream was poured upon the forward deck and, piercing the lower portholes, met and battled with the fiery foe until victory here was won also, so that this portion of the deck escaped.

In the early stage of the fire, when it was found that the steamer was doomed, an attempt was made to scuttle her by cutting a hole through the iron hull below the water line forward, but this failed. It was fortunate that she remained secured to the wharf, otherwise she would have drifted and very likely come in collision with Chester river bridge a few hundred yards above, and that structure would likely have fallen a prey and thousands of dollars added to the loss. Less than a hundred yards from the burning steamer lay a schooner quietly at anchor in the stream, whose crew were all asleep and utterly oblivious of the fiery dangers and reigning tumult so near.

Before the fire was subdued the steamer Enterprise "fired up" and taking a position near the Ford assisted in extinguishing the flames. With the exception of the bow, as above stated, the whole of the steamer's woodwork was consumed, leaving the iron hull exposed to full view. The main parts of her machinery retain their erect position and the towering smoke-stack apparently was not displaced an inch.

The Town's Gre[at] Need.

The importance of a proper water supply for Chestertown in case of fire was clearly demonstrated on this occasion. With an unorganized fire department and anything but the best apparatus wonderful results were accomplished, and only because an abundance of water was at hand. A fire in any other section of the town, with the wind setting the flames in the direction of adjacent buildings, would inevitably result in a terrible conflagration for the want of water to extinguish it. The loss to our insurance company in a few hours would be more than the total cost of a system of water works for the whole town.

Our citizens deserve great credit for the manner in which they labored to extinguish the fire, and by reference to the card in another column it will be seen that President Warfield appreciates the effort to save the company's property. Messrs. R. N. Boston, C. Estes, E. C. Reiche and W. O. Dugan deserve special mention, and many others also, but these were most conspicuous in daring deeds and earnest work. Capt. McConnor and the other officers and crew of the steamer did their whole duty, and many of the colored people of the town also worked faithfully and are deserving of equal commendation.

Viewing the Wreck.

From early morning until night on Sunday a throng of sight-seers were about the wharf. The wreck lay at the steamer's old mooring, but how changed the scene! Heretofore the beautiful steamer in full equipment—the pride of the river—quietly rested there during the Sabbath hours; now an ugly, scarred hull, littered with burnt cinders—her wheel frames and other machinery standing in skeleton-like loneliness, while the naked stack looked down as if in contempt upon the surrounding desolation, and the prow unscathed shooting out into the stream from its "body of death" proclaimed the once beautiful proportions and perfect mode of the whole. The news of the disaster had spread into the country and numbers came in to view the ruins, while some came in boats from the Queen Anne's side of the river. One gentleman from near Church Hill was a passenger on her the day before. He stated that the light of the fire was plainly seen by persons in his neighborhood.

The Company Notified.

President Warfield received a telegram at his residence in Baltimore about 4 A. M., and he immediately got together the crew of the "Corsica" and came over, reaching here about noon. After a satisfactory investigation and view of the wreck, he returned to the city taking with him Capt. McConnor and other officers and crew of the burnt steamer. The steamer "Law" also arrived during the afternoon and took the Ford's place on the route next morning. A guard was placed over the wreck to await the action of the insurance companies. The total insurance on the steamer is stated at $40,000, divided between a dozen or more different companies, which, with the iron hull included, will be far short of the loss.

The Ford was built by the Harlan & Hollingsworth Co., in Wilmington, Del., and is said to have cost $75,000. She was finished in 1877, and made her first trip to Chestertown on the 3d of July of that year. Since that date she has been on this route.

The origin of the fire yet remains a mystery. The board of steamboat inspectors will fully investigate the matter.

A representative of the insurance companies visited the wreck last Tuesday and in company with an expert made an examination of the hull and machinery. It was found that the hull was very much warped and otherwise injured, and we learn that the opinion was expressed that the wreck could not be utilized for any purpose but as old iron. The result that will be that the insurance companies will pay the insurance and not attempt to rebuild.

The Steamboat Co. will dispose of the old material to the "junk shop," and build a new boat out and out if one suited to the purpose cannot be found and purchased.

We have received a message from President Warfield stating that as soon as it is possible to make the arrangements another steamer will be put on the route in place of the Ford. In the meantime the Law will run on her schedule.

ANOTHER FIRE.

Outbuildings, Hay and Grain Destroyed.

A fire occurred on Thursday afternoon last on the "Riverside Farm" of the late Col. Wilkins, now owned and occupied by his son, Benj. N. F. Wilkins, about three miles below Chestertown, by which three outbuildings and most of their contents were destroyed. The fire was first discovered about 12½ o'clock in the hay loft, near the stable, by the cook; she immediately gave the alarm by ringing the farm bell, and Mr. Wilkins and his hands, who had just gone out into the field from dinner, ran to the house and went to work to save as much as possible. The neighbors also soon saw the fire and hastened to the rescue—a number from the opposite side of the river reaching the scene almost as soon as any.

The three burnt buildings were all closely connected; two others were saved by hard work—one of these Mr. Wilkins thinks was saved principally by the instrumentality of Mr. Luther A. Kendall, who happened to be at work on an adjoining farm, and having a small suction hose used it very effectively. Had this latter building burnt the splendid mansion would have inevitably been destroyed also. The property consumed consisted of a barn 40x60 feet, a stable 30 feet square, both two stories, a long cow shed and hay loft connecting the two; 25 tons of good clover hay; 500 bushels of corn; 40 bushels potatoes; 4 tons of fertilizer; 2 sleighs and 1 cloverseed sower, all together entailing a loss of about $3,000. The insurance is about $1200 in the Kent Mutual. Mr. Wilkins is unable to account for the fire. It may have been caused by spontaneous combustion, or one of the hands may have been indulging in an after dinner pipe-smoking and left a spark in the hay loft. It could not have been from sparks from the dwelling as the wind was in an opposite direction.

LEAP-YEAR BALL.

The young ladies of Chestertown gave to their gentlemen friends a leap-year ball at the armory on Tuesday night last. The entire affair was conducted by the ladies, each one of whom acted as gallant for her escort, and each secured partners for the different sets. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens. Lace curtains adorned each window and large lanterns with brilliant reflectors served to light the old armory as it never had been lighted before. A stand at the upper end of the hall had been erected for the musicians—Price's Orchestra of Middletown—and from a tastefully arranged table in the gallery was served a lunch of sandwiches, salads and coffee.

The reception committee were Misses E. P., M. C., S. B., B. H.; floor managers, Misses Effie Pearson, May Carville, Sadie Burgess, Bertie Hines, Hallie Beck, Daisy Welch, Eunice Gemmill, Lucie Robinson, Alice and Lena Wilmer, Eva Connelly, Hope Wickes, Carrie and Gussie Carville, Mary Beck, Bertie Hines, Sallie, Mamie and Ella Wilkins.

Among the gentlemen present were Will Ireland, Will Price, Will and John Janvier, P. A. M. Brooks, Rich'd Diehl, Eben Massey, Louis, Ben and Lee Alrich, Edward Beck, Jas. Gilpin, Everett Wallis, Jesse Usilton, R. J. Foard, M. deK. Smith, Charlie Perkins, Richard Hynson, Wilbur Hubbard, Bert Ray, Sted. Wickes, Cham. Perkins, George Webb, Wm. Hines, I. Hines, J. Geary, Harry Brown, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Dr. Cooper, Hope and Morris Barroll, Charles Burgess and A. E. Twiford.

IMPORTANT TO INSURERS.

The policy holders in the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county have been notified by the President of the Company to meet at the Court House on Wednesday, May 21st, on important business relating to changes in the constitution and by-laws of the Company. All policy holders should go at once to Mr. N. G. Westcott's office, and sign the Constitution and by-laws, as this is required before the policy holder can become a full member of the Company and have a voice and a vote at its meetings.

The Insurance Company should by all means contribute in some proper manner to the support and maintainance of water works and fire apparatus in Chestertown, and as there are grave doubts whether the Board of Directors have the full authority now to appropriate money for such purposes, it is the duty of policy holders in the Insurance Company to attend the meeting on the 21st inst., and amend the by-laws, so as to enable the Board of Directors fully to protect the interest of the Company in this matter.

FAIRLEE GRANGE.—A special meeting of Fairlee Grange, P. of H., for musical and literary entertainment, was held on Thursday afternoon. The exercises consisted of select and original readings, &c., interspersed with music by the Kent cornet Band. An excellent supper was served to about one hundred and fifty persons, followed by dancing. An extended account of the program will be given in our next issue.

STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM.—Strawberry Festivals are now in order. One is advertised for Kennedyville on the 12th, 13th and 14th of June. Another by the ladies of the M. P. Church, in Chestertown, at the Town Hall on the 21st, 22d and 23d of May.

A FARM containing about 90 acres, desirably located on Lankford's Bay, in Broad Neck, will be sold next Tuesday by C. T. Westcott, trustee.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, May, 6.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

I. Richard Leaverton filed the last will and testament of G. H. Leaverton, and letters testamentary upon the personal estate of said dec'd, were granted unto I. Richard Leaverton, who filed his bond in the penal sum of $30,000.

Letters of adm. upon the personal estate of Sophronia Robbins were granted unto Thomas W. Skirven, who filed his bond in the penal sum of $600, with approved security.

"CIVIL RIGHTS" AT QUEENSTOWN.—The Queenstown *News* states that upon the arrival of the steamer from Baltimore the other day at Queenstown wharf, a pompous colored gent made choice for himself and took his seat in the hack for Centreville which is usually reserved for ladies. Upon being requested to change to another carriage he threw himself upon the merits of the civil rights bill and refused to comply. The driver, not caring to create a disturbance, quietly unharnessed his horses and went up into the town, leaving the negro all alone in his glory. The latter had sufficient brains to take in the situation, and reluctantly stepped down and out, and when he had left the wharf the driver returned with his horses and hitched up.

Respect for the Dead.

At a meeting of Fairlee Grange, No. 8, P. of H., the following resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in the order of Divine Providence brother Gary H. Leaverton has been called, at a ripe old age, from labor in the Grange below to enter the great Grange above;

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of a venerable brother, a useful citizen and an upright man,

Resolved, That as a Grange we hereby tender to our sister, his bereaved widow, his sons and daughters, and other relatives, our sincere sympathy in this hour of their deep distress, and earnestly commend them to a reliance on the God in whom our deceased brother had so long put his trust.

Resolved, That these resolutions, under the Seal of the Grange, be transmitted to Sister Leaverton, and a copy be furnished to each of the county papers, and be entered in full in our books of record.

Signed { HOWARD MEEKS, JAS. H. BAKER, J. C. WHEATLEY, Committee.
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MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, May 7, 1884, by Rev. A. W. Mather, JNO. W. COPPER and Miss LAURA J. ROEDER, both of this co.

DIED.

On the 3d inst., of typhoid pneumonia, Mrs. ELIZA SMITH, aged about 48 years, wife of Geo. W. Smith, of Queen Anne's county. Her remains were interred in Chester Cemetery on Monday.

In Kirkwood, Del., April 26, at the residence of his son, WILLIAM JOHNSON, formerly of Millington, of Bright's disease, aged 82 years.

At Millington, May 2, of water on the brain, ELWOOD B., only child of L. T. and Emma M. Williams, aged 2 years and 1 month.

At Church Hill, on the 2d instant, Mrs. CATHARINE COVINGTON, relict of John Covington, in the 81st year of her age.

In Cecil county, April 25, EMILY V., infant daughter of Wm. A. and Virginia Fowler, aged 1 month and 20 days.

Dearest Emily, thou hast left us,
We thy loss most deeply feel,
But 'tis God who has bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal. GRANDMA.

PROF. S. T. FORD,

THE CELEBRATED ELOCUTIONIST,

will give SELECT READINGS at Locust Grove, May 6; Galena, Odd Fellows' Hall, May 7; Kennedyville Hall, May 8, 1884. Doors open at 7½ o'clock, exercises commence at 8.

For versability and naturalness Prof. Ford has but few if any equals. He is endorsed by the pulpit and p... of the United States and Canada, and his e...tainments spoken of in the highest terms. H... ...ys delights his audience.
May 3-2t.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES will be held in I. U. Church every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clk, until further notice. On Sunday, June 1st, the service will be at 10 o'clock A. M. 2t.

POSTPONED.—THE LECTURE which was to have been given in the Chesterville M. E. Church last Wednesday evening by Rev. T. L. Tomkinson, was postponed on account of the weather. The Lecture will be given on Wednesday next if the weather proves at all favorable.

LOST—On Monday, May 5, an AFGHAN, with initials "T. B. H." worked in one corner. A liberal reward if returned to JAMES A. RUSSELL, or T. B. HYNSON, Chestertown.
m10-3t.

FOR SALE—A COVERED DEARBORN in good repair. Apply to J. T. TWILLEY & CO'S Coal Yard.
m10-3t*

FESTIVAL! FESTIVAL!!

Strawberries and Ice-Cream!

At the TOWN HALL in CHESTERTOWN, ——MAY 21st, 22d, 23d——
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Evenings, by the ladies of the Meth. Prot. Church.
A cordial invitation is extended to the public.
m10-2t.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The Meth. Prot. Church and Sabbath School of KENNEDYVILLE will hold a Strawberry Festival on the Green in front of the Church, on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, June 12, 13 and 14. The public are respectfully invited. Strawberries, Ice Cream, and other refreshments will be provided. By order. m10-6t.

A CARD.

Office of Chester River Steamboat Co., PIER 7 LIGHT STREET WHARF, Baltimore, Feb. 5, 1884.

To the Citizens of Chestertown:

We take this method of expressing to the Citizens of Chestertown our kindest feelings of appreciation for their untiring efforts to stay the fire which destroyed our Steamer, B. S. FORD, on Saturday night, May 3. Though their efforts were unsuccessful, we no less feel their kindness in doing what they could. We refrain from naming any particular persons who labored so faithfully, because we might omit some whose names are unknown to us, and yet who merit as much of our gratitude as any. Our desire is to make known, as best we can, how gratefully we feel to all for their labors, and for the many expressions of kind sympathy that have poured in on us since the disaster. Very respectfully, in behalf of the company,
1t. GEO. WARFIELD, President.

FOR SALE:

A PLEASANT & COMMODIOUS DWELLING in GALENA,

on the Eastern side of the street leading to Georgetown, formerly the property of the late Miss Willamina Meginniss.
For terms apply to
CORNELIUS J. SCOTT, Agent for the owners.
GALENA, May 10, 1884.

WORTON MANOR STOCK FARM.

Southdown Buck LAMBS and EWES. Some *Grade* Southdown Ewe Lambs. Also 3 Head Grade Hereford HEIFERS. Cash paid for WOOL on delivery—*if dry.*
m10-3t. JOHN GALE, Hanesville.

AUCTION SALES OF STORE GOODS

AT KENNEDYVILLE, MD.

THE undersigned, assignee of J. W. Shallcross, by virtue of power and authority contained in a deed of trust for the benefit of the creditors of said J. W. Smallcross, will offer at PUBLIC AUCTION, on every

Saturday and Wednesday Afternoon

between 2 and 6 o'clock and on the same evenings between 7 and 10 o'clock,

the STORE GOODS of said J. W. Shallcross, consisting of DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, BOOTS and SHOES, &c., until the stock is closed out. Terms cash. At other times the store will be open as usual.
m10-2t* JOHN. R. BENNETT, Assignee.

Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert

—BY THE—

KENT CORNET BAND,

AT THE COURT HOUSE,

Tuesday Evening, May 13.

THE following talent from Baltimore has been secured at considerable expense:
Mrs. MINNIE ROEHM, Soprano.
Mrs. GERALDINE HAMMER, Contralto.
Mr. HARRY M. SMITH, Baritone.
Prof. H. M. JUNGNICKEL, Violoncello.
Prof. ALBERT HOLLAND, Clarionet.
Mr. ROSS JUNGNICKEL, Accompanist.
The program will consist of solos, duetts, trios and instrumentals. Prof. Jungnickel will repeat his scenes in Switzerland, on the Violoncello, by special request.
Admission 50 cts. Doors open at 7.30 o'clk; program begins at 8 sharp.
By order of the Band,
JOHN N. DODD, Leader.
JOS. N. WHEATLEY, Sec'y. m3-2t.

Still Beckoning You

TO SEE OUR NEW LOT OF FRESH GOODS!

Feeling thankful for the liberal patronage bestowed on us in the past, we are now manufacturing ICE-CREAM wholesale and retail cheaper than ever.

FOREIGN FRUITS and a full supply of Confectionery, Fresh Bread, Rolls, Buns and Pies daily. Give us a call.
CUMMINGS & CO., Next door to N. G. Westcott,
m10. Chestertown.

Fashionable Tailor.

DO YOU WANT A NEAT SUIT OF CLOTHES THIS SPRING?

Then go to STOLL'S

Opposite Kent Nat'l Bank, Chestertown,

SPRING STYLES of Cassimers on hand and suits made to order in latest styles.
May 10, 1884. L. STOLL.

SHEEP FOR SALE.

The subscriber has between 30 and 40 head SHROPSHIRE SHEEP, at private sale. Also, a yoke of young OXEN, four years old, good workers.
FRANCIS BAKER,
apr26-3t. Pomona or Still Pond, Md.

FAIRVIEW STOCK FARM.

JERSEY CATTLE, registered & thoroughbred; SHROPSHIREDOWN SHEEP and CHESTER WHITE PIGS. JAMES H. BAKER,
apr 19-7t*. Pomona, Kent county, Md.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

To the Stockholders of the Chester Loan Association of Kent Co., Md.

AN ELECTION OF OFFICERS of the above named association will be held at the office of the Register of Wills in the Court House in Chestertown, on MONDAY EVENING, May 26, inst., at 8 o'clock. The officers will serve for one year. By order of the Board of Directors.
J. C. SLAUGHTER, PRES'T.
H. RICKEY, Sec'y. m10-3t.

NEW SERIES OF STOCK.

THE CHESTER LOAN ASSOCIATION,

OF KENT COUNTY,

will on MONDAY NIGHT NEXT, 12th inst., issue a New Series of Stock. Those desiring to become members of the association will have an opportunity of taking shares in the new series, with the same right and privileges, and subject to the same conditions as subscribers to the old series. Certificates of the new series will date from May 12, 1884.
By order of the Board of Directors.
J. C. SLAUGHTER, PRESIDENT.
H. RICKEY, Sec'y. 1t.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

—OF—

A FINE FARM

BY VIRTUE of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity, the undersigned as Trustee will offer at PUBLIC SALE, on

TUESDAY, the 3rd of June, 1884,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.,

At the Voshell House, in Chestertown,

THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE REAL ESTATE:

THE FARM

CALLED

"GREEN POINT,"

in the Third Election District of Kent county, State of Maryland, lately owned by Lewin Usilton, now deceased.

THIS FARM contains

402 ACRES, 3 ROODS,

And 27 Perches of Land,

more or less, all arable but 100 Acres in

WOOD AND TIMBER,

and a few acres on the water lines.

The location is desirable, being convenient to Churches, Schools, &c., and the Dwelling is beautifully situated on a high bank, commanding a magnificent view of the Chesapeake Bay, the Harford shore and surrounding country.

Worton Creek, one of its boundaries, is navigable for steamer and grain vessels. On this Creek the farm has several good landings, and has the additional advantage of being near the steamboat wharf and Public Landing at Buck Neck. The arable land is conveniently divided and well fenced.

THE IMPROVEMENTS

Are a NEW FRAME DWELLING, commodious and well arranged,

with a Kitchen attached. The outbuildings are ample for the farm and in good order; there is also a

Pear Orchard & Other Fruits.

Any person desiring to purchase a beautiful residence in a healthy, entertaining and social neighborhood should not fail to visit this farm, where they will meet Mr. Chas. H. Hurlock, who will take pleasure in showing it.

TERMS OF SALE,

as prescribed by the Decree are as follows:—One-fourth of the purchase money cash at the sale, or on its final ratification at trustee's option; residue in equal instalments of six, twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale, from which time the whole purchase money will bear interest. The deferred payments to be secured by bond of purchaser with surety or sureties approved by the trustee.

RICHARD HYNSON, Trustee.

☞ As the Decree directed, the trustee gives notice to the creditors of the said Lewin Usilton, deceased, to file their claims, with the vouchers thereof, with the clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county within four months from day of sale of his real estate.

RICHARD HYNSON,
May 10—ts. TRUSTEE.

Ratification Notice.

The Chester Loan Association of Kent County, *versus* Joseph T. Cash and Ellsworth Cash, his wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, May Term, 1884.

ORDERED that the sale of the Real Estate of Joseph T. Cash and Ellsworth Cash, his wife, made and reported by MARION DE K. SMITH, attorney, under a power in the mortgage from the said Joseph T. Cash and wife to the Chester Loan Association of Kent county, dated September 7th, 1881, and recorded in Liber S. B., No. 2, folios 312, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 11th day of July 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 12th day of June next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $815.00.

SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True copy,—Test:
m10-4t. SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.

Ratification Notice.

M. A. Toulson, vs. Mary V. Elliott, and Thos. B. Elliott.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, May Term 1884.

ORDERED, this 5th day of May, 1884, that the sale made and reported by M. A. Toulson, Mortgagee, from Mary V. Elliott and T. B. Elliott, to M. A. Toulson, dated the 1st day of March, 1883, to sell the Real Estate mentioned therein, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the Tenth day of July 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 10th day of June next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $400.00.

SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True copy, Test:
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
May 10—4t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

SOPHRONIA ROBBINS,

late of Kent county, Maryland, dec'd.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, on or before the 13th day of Nov., 1884, or they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate. Given under my hand this 6th day of May, 1884.

THOMAS W. SKIRVEN, Administrator.
May ...4t.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

G. H. LEAVERTON,

late of Kent county, Maryland, dec'd.

All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with proper vouchers to the undersigned, on or before the 8th day of December, 1884, or they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate. Given under my hand this 6th day of May, 1884.

I. RICHARD LEAVERTON, Executor.
May ...—4t.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF

A Nicely Located Farm

IN BROAD NECK.

THE undersigned as assignee of the mortgage from Alfred Perkins, of John, and Cornelia L. Perkins, his wife, to William H. Davis which with the assignment thereon stands recorded among the land records of Kent county in Liber S. B., No. 2, folios 342, &c., under the power in said mortgage contained, will offer at public sale at 11 o'clock A. M., on

TUESDAY, the 3d day of June, 1884,

at the Voshell House in Chestertown, the property described in said mortgage, the mortgagors having made default in the payment of interest on the mortgage debt. This property is a

Small Farm

in the Southern part of Broad Neck, Kent county, Maryland, adjoining the lands of Thos. J. Vickers and others.

It contains between

61 and 62 ACRES,

all arable save about three acres in firm marsh, which affords an excellent spring pasture. The situation is desirable, being convenient to Churches, Schools, &c. In its immediate vicinity are some of the finest Oyster Beds, Fishing Grounds and Ducking Points on the N. E. and N. W. branches of Langford's Bay; the latter forms one of the boundaries of this farm.

The natural quality of the soil is excellent, being well adapted to cereals and fruits, and enjoys the advantage of easy, cheap and frequent access to market.

The Improvements

Are a FRAME DWELLING of one story and a half, having three rooms below and two above, and Outbuildings suitable for the farm.

Two Peach Orchards,

one of 600 bearing trees—the other 1600 trees planted last spring. 600 bearing PEAR TREES and 100 about one year old, and an Apple Orchard of about 30 trees now in their prime.

TERMS OF SALE:

One-third of the purchase money to be paid cash on the day of sale, the residue in two equal instalments of six and twelve months from the day of sale. The whole purchase money to bear interest from the day of sale.

RICHARD HYNSON,
Assignee of W. H. Davis, Mortgagee
May 10, 1884—ts.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

—OF—

A Fine Farm

IN KENT COUNTY, MD.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Circuit Court for Kent county, in equity, the undersigned, as Trustee, will offer at Public Sale on

THURSDAY, the 12th day of June, 1884

AT 12 O'CLOCK M.

at the Hotel of F. H. Greenwood, at Masseys,

the following

Very Valuable FARM,

the late residence of Capt. Edward B. Woodall, deceased, situated in the First Election District of Kent county, Md., on the road leading from Galena to Chesterville and Chestertown, and within two hundred yards of Lambson's Station on the Kent County Railroad, four miles from Georgetown on Sassafras river and four miles from Crumpton on Chester river, both being in daily communication by steamboat with Baltimore, and in summer with Philadelphia, and convenient to Churches, Schools, &c.

This Farm contains

382½ ACRES

of Land; about Thirty-five acres in

WOOD

PART OF IT

Fine Timber,

and is divided into Five Fields, two Lots and 2 Orchards, all under good fencing. This is one of the FINEST FARMS in the county; 3,400 bushels of Wheat raised on it in 1883.

THE IMPROVEMENTS

ARE A

Handsome, Commodious

THREE-STORY FRAME DWELLING,

and a large two-story Back Building, with a good Cellar under the whole building. The out-buildings are very large and well-arranged, ample for the farm, and nearly new. The Stable will accommodate Seventeen Horses. The Lofts hold Fifty Tons of Hay. There is a Handsome Yard and Lawn with shrubbery and ornamental trees. There is a YOUNG, THRIFTY

PEACH ORCHARD

of Fifteen Hundred Trees of Choice Varieties, has been in bearing two years—crops for the two years netting $2,300.

APPLE ORCHARD of Fine Fruit;

Also, a Good Variety of PEARS and CHOICE GRAPES.

TERMS OF SALE:

The terms of Sale as prescribed by the Decree are as follows: One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, or in thirty days thereafter, at the option of the Trustee; one-fourth in two years, one-fourth in three years and one-fourth in four years from the day of sale. The deferred payments to bear interest from day of sale, and to be secured by the bonds or notes of the purchaser, with security to be approved by the Trustee. These terms may be varied by the Trustee. Possession given January 1, 1885.

RICHARD C. JOHNSON, Trustee.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auc'r.

☞ For information touching title consult RICHARD HYNSON, Esq., Chestertown, Md.
May 10—tds.

FOR SALE—CABBAGE PLANTS, TOMATO PLANTS and SWEET POTATO PLANTS. Early Cabbages large enough to set out.
m3-3t. M. M. RASIN.

PLANTS! PLANTS!

I would respectfully inform the public that I have a better and larger assortment of PLANTS than ever before. Sweet Potato, per hundred, 20c.; Late Cabbage, per hundred, 10c. Tomato per hundred 15c. THOMAS VANDYKE, Between Kennedyville and Locust Grove.
May 3—4t.

NOTICE.—The Stockholders of the Kennedyville Hall Company will meet at the said Hall on THURSDAY the 15th day of May, 1884, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of electing directors of said Company.
By order, D. U. DEWEES,
May 3-3t*. Sec'y.

Executor's Sale

OF A

VALUABLE FARM

IN STILL POND.

Under the power vested in the undersigned contained in the last will and testament of the late Annie E. Bowers, and by virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, he will sell at Public Sale, at the Voshell House in Chestertown, Maryland,

On TUESDAY, June 10th, 1884,

at 11 o'clock A. M., the Real Estate of his testatrix—the same being

ALL HER FARM

in the Second Election District of Kent county, save a lot in the northwesterly corner of said farm, adjoining the village of Still Pond, and the farm of J. B. Parrott and others. The Farm as offered for sale contains

ABOUT 121 ACRES,

all arable, and is now in the possession of Mr. Rob't Bowers as tenant, who will take pleasure in showing it to any one who may desire to purchase. The soil is naturally good and has been highly improved. It is well fenced.

The Improvements

ARE A COMMODIOUS

BRICK DWELLING

and Out-buildings suitable for the farm, all in good order.

TERMS OF SALE:

One-third of the purchase money on the day of sale, or within thirty days thereafter, at the option of the Executor; one-third in six months and the other one-third in twelve months from the day of sale. The credit payments to bear interest and to be secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned.

RICHARD T. TURNER, Executor.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auc'r. May 10-ts.

VALUABLE FARM

IN BROAD NECK

At PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned, by virtue of a power in a deed from Luther A. Kendall to him dated December 11, 1883, and duly recorded among the land records for Kent county, Md., will offer at Public Sale at the Voshell House in Chestertown, Md.,

On TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1884,

at 11 o'clock A. M.,

That DESIRABLE FARM of the said Luther A. Kendall, called "OLD PLANTATION," situated on the waters of Lankford Bay, in Broad Neck, adjoining the land of A. T. Thomas and Columbus A. Leary. The tract contains

About 90 ACRES,

nearly all of which is arable.

There is an Orchard of 500 Peach Trees,

of select varieties and in thrifty condition;
800 PEAR TREES of be... market varieties.
Also, 1200 GRAPE VINES, 25 Apple Trees and a few Plums, Damsons, Quinces and Cherries.

THE BUILDINGS

Consist of a Two-Story Frame DWELLING HOUSE

in fair repair: stable, granary, corn house carriage house, &c., in fair order.

This Farm, located on navigable water, in the immediate vicinity of a plentiful supply of fish, oysters and wild game, affords an opportunity to purchase rarely offered, and investors or persons desiring a home amid the comforts of life, are invited to examine it. The neighborhood is healthy, and convenient to Church, School and Postoffice. A small creek making into the land would make a splendid Fish Pond for the cultivation of fish.

THE TERMS OF SALE ARE:—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale or in thirty days thereafter at the option of the Trustee, and the residue in two equal instalments in one and two years from the day of sale, bearing interest, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the Trustee. Deed at cost of purchaser.

CHARLES T. WESTCOTT, TRUSTEE.
JOHN W. CARROLL, Auc'r. a19-ts.

PETITIONERS'

ROAD NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that they intend to apply to the Hon. County Commissioners, thirty days from the date of this notice, to appoint examiners to view and determine whether the public convenience requires that a

NEW PUBLIC ROAD

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