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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....Oct. 11, 1884.

FOR PRESIDENT:
GROVER CLEVELAND, of New York.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:
THOMAS A. HENDRICKS, of Indiana.

FOR CONGRESS:
CHARLES H. GIBSON, of Talbot county.

THE Pennsylvania Railroad Company has served an order on the Baltimore and Ohio shutting off the trains of the latter from Philadelphia and New York on and after Sunday next.

HON. CHARLES H. GIBSON, candidate for Congress; H. H. Keedy and Skipwith Wilmer, Esqs., presidential electors; and Jas. A. Pearce, Esq., addressed an all-day mass-meeting at Cambridge last Tuesday. Speaking of Mr. Pearce the *Chronicle* of that town says "his masterly effort was fully appreciated."

DR. BISHOP, Maryland commissioner to the New Orleans exposition, states that a compact exhibit of nearly every product of this State has been secured, and the collection of the articles has been commenced this week. They will be shipped to New Orleans the latter part of October by railroad, and will be on the spot in time for early arrangement.

THE new oyster police steamer, Gov. Robert M. McLane, arrived at Baltimore from Philadelphia on Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock. She left Philadelphia at 5.25 P. M., Tuesday and steamed down the Delaware river and came through the canal. She is schooner rigged and provided with powerful machinery. The companion boat, Gov. Thomas, will be finished and ready for service by the middle of next month.

ELECTIONS take place in Ohio and West Virginia next Tuesday. If Ohio goes republican by two or three thousand and West Virginia democratic by a like majority, we will know no more about the final result than we do now. These October elections ought to be broken up. The statement is made by many newspaper correspondents in Ohio that more money is to be used by the republicans to carry the State election than was ever before used for a whole national campaign.

THE will of the late John W. Garrett, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, has been deposited in the orphans' court of Baltimore county. He gives to his sons, Robert Garrett and Thomas Harrison Garrett, and to his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Garrett, all his property, real, personal and mixed, except an annuity of $56,000, which is to be applied to the aid of the poor of Baltimore city and the State. The estate is estimated at from fifteen to twenty millions.

MR. TILDEN has sent a reply to the address of the democratic national convention presented to him some weeks ago by a committee of the convention. In returning his thanks for the honor done him, Mr. Tilden takes occasion to emphasize the importance of reform in the national administration. He argues that this reform cannot be accomplished without a change in the administration, and that the democratic party is better fitted for this work than the republican party, both by the force of political education and the character of the elements composing it.

IT is said that more than eighty per cent. of the work on the Baltimore and Ohio Philadelphia branch is done. It will be open for travel in the spring if no great delay is caused in regard to entrances into Baltimore and Philadelphia. About 2,700 men are at work on it now. When completed it will be 95 miles long, three miles shorter than the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad. The best material has been used throughout, and as there will be double-tracks of steel, stone ballasted, there is no reason to doubt that exceptionally fast time will be made on the new road.

THE LONG-CONTINUED DROUGHT.—There has not been more than a slight shower of rain at a time—and they have been few and far between—in this section of country since the last week in July. As a consequence pasture fields have become barren and farmers have been compelled to feed their stock on what has usually been reserved for winter supplies. Many had not finished fallow-breaking when overtaken by the drought, and were obliged to suspend operations. Wheat seeding was deferred in expectation of rain, but tiring of waiting many have put in their crops. We have heard no complaint, however, of the failure of water in the county, while in Chestertown our celebrated springs afford a pure and never-failing supply.

Beecher on Blaine.

Blaine and his conscience-keepers have denied that Speaker Blaine once made a dastardly proposition to James F. Joy, a railroad man and a republican of great prominence and no inconsiderable influence *who has been sent out of the country* to stay while this canvass is pending and who is now in London. But the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher has something to say about this accusation. At a dinner in Mr. Joy's house, says Mr. Beecher, on Sept. 28, 1877, several gentlemen were present. Politics were introduced and Mr. Blaine was discussed. Mr. Joy spoke with contemptuous severity of Mr. Blaine, and gave this statement:

"When a difficulty occurred in regard to certain lands in the Southwest in which I was interested a committee was about to be appointed by Congress to examine the matter, Blaine being Speaker of the House. Through a friend I asked Mr. Blaine to have one sound lawyer appointed on that committee, I did not care of which party. I simply wanted a sound lawyer. In a day or two Mr. Blaine sent me word through a friend that he had certain depreciated bonds and that if I would enable him to place them at par *I could have my committee as I wanted it.*"

Mr. Beecher says he cannot forget with what cutting scorn Mr. Joy leaned back in his chair and said: "*That is the man Blaine is,*" and added, "I refused the offer and as the courts soon settled the matter, no committee was appointed."

This is Mr. Beecher's summary of Mr. Blaine's character:

"Unsound in statesmanlike judgment, unscrupulous in political methods, dim-eyed in distinction between truth and untruth, absorbingly ambitious, but short-sighted as to the methods of gratifying his ambition, but with a genial, social disposition and a brilliant rhetorical capacity, Mr. Blaine makes an alluring candidate, but would make a dangerous President."

Four Millions Stolen.

The report of the Springer Congressional Committee on the Star Route frauds reviews the vast amount of testimony taken up to the adjournment of Congress. Over $4,000,000 was stolen from the Government during Hayes' administration. Fraudulent service was proven on ninety-three routes. On the eighteen routes controlled by the Dorsey combination the Government paid $45,000 a year for carrying the mails to offices that yielded less than $12,000 revenue. George Bliss was paid $57,732 for his services. In conclusion the committee says: "It is sufficient, however, for the purpose of this investigation, to state that so much evidence against Star Route contractors and public officials was strong and conclusive as to their guilt, and that the Government was defrauded of large sums of money, and that large sums were also expended to secure indictments and convictions, yet no persons were convicted or punished, and no civil suits have as yet been instituted to recover the vast sums illegally and fraudulently obtained from the public treasury."

THE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE MULLIGAN LETTERS.—At a democratic meeting at Fair View, N. J., Saturday evening, Mr. Gustav Kobbe, of New York, one of the speakers, read the following extract from a letter to him by Mr. Warren Fisher, Jr., at Windsor, Vt., on July 12, 1884: "In April or May of 1880 Blaine sent word to have me meet him at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He then authorized me to get the letters from Mulligan, pay $10,000 if I could not get them for less, and then wanted Mr. Mulligan and myself to go to Europe and remain until after the election, all at his expense. Mr. Mulligan declined the offer. He said that Blaine had stolen his letters in Washington. He never should have what he held at any price."

Collision at Clayton.

A serious accident occurred at Clayton, Del., on Friday morning of last week by the collision of the express train over the Delaware & Chesapeake railroad and an express over the Delaware road. The tracks of these two roads meet at Clayton and connect with the main track to Wilmington. The Delaware & Chesapeake train is due on the main track a few minutes before the Delaware express. The Delaware & Chesapeake train was late, and when it reached Clayton and before it gained the main track the Delaware express came thundering up. Both trains were trying to make the main track at rapid speed. The Delaware & Chesapeake train was made up of the engine, mail car and four passenger cars, and all were well filled with persons on their way to the Dover Fair, and was a little in the lead. The engine of the Delaware train struck the passenger cars of the D. & C. train with terrible force, throwing them from the track and turning them over on their sides. The passenger car next to the mail car became uncoupled and the engine and mail car were left on the track. The front wheels of the engine of the Delaware train left the track but none of the cars were injured. When the cars went over one of them fell against a large signal pole which broke the fall, and probably prevented a terrible loss of life. There were a number of Kent county people on the Delaware train who were returning from the Dover Fair, some of whom were considerably shaken up and received slight bruises.

The following is a list of the wounded: Mrs. Henrietta Hall, near Warwick, Md., fracture of the left shoulder joint; Clara Simmons, Middletown, Del., flesh wound on left side of face; Maria Edmore, Slaughter's, scalp wound on left side of head, also slight injury to right shoulder; Annie Griffin, Hillsborough, Md., dislocation of left shoulder joint; Mrs. Wm. K. Hackett, Cordova, flesh wound of the left limb and face; Harry Fitzjarrell, Cordova, incision wound of the scalp, not serious; Leon Fitzjarrell, Cordova, probable fracture of skull; Miss Green, Marydel, face cut by glass. The only injury likely to prove serious is that of Leon Fitzjarrell.

The Second District.

The meeting at Kennedyville last Saturday evening under charge of the Cleveland, Hendricks and Gibson club of the second district, was largely attended. The meeting was held in the new hall, which has a very pleasant audience room. The assemblage was composed pretty equally of the old democracy and of the young democracy — veterans whose experience dates back to the days of General Jackson, and young men whose maiden vote will be deposited for Grover Cleveland. Thos. B. Gardner, of Chestertown, was the first speaker introduced. Mr. Gardner discussed the records of the nominees for president of the two leading parties. C. G. Woodall discussed a protective tariff in its relationship to agricultural communities. Jas. A. Pearce outlined the history and policy of the republican party from its origin down. Mr. Pearce discussed at fuller length the more recent record of the party, and gave very special attention to the record of the present nominee of the party. James W. Hurtt, of Locust Grove, was called for after Mr. Pearce. Mr. Hurtt after repeated calls rose in his seat. He began by saying that he did not intend to make a speech, but he kept the house in a good humor for about twenty minutes in a speech abounding in humor and anecdote.—*Transcript.*

GOV. CLEVELAND AT BUFFALO.

His Magnificent Reception.

Governor Grover Cleveland paid his first visit to the city of Buffalo Thursday night of last week. The special train, on which was several prominent gentlemen besides the Governor, left Albany 1.20 Thursday afternoon, and arrived at Buffalo at 8.15 P. M. A great multitude thronged the streets leading to the depot until they were impassable. Tumultuous cheering greeted the Governor's car as it came to a stop in the depot yard, and the din was kept up without intermission. A handsomely decorated coach, to which were attached eight white horses, driven by a liveried coachman, was in waiting for the Governor. His progress was one continuous ovation. The streets throughout the line of march, notwithstanding the rain, were literally packed with people. Stores and houses were illuminated as never before in the history of Buffalo. Henry Martin, president of the Traders' Bank, introduced the Governor to the multitude.

Gov. Cleveland's Speech.

"Fellow-citizens, I can hardly tell the people of Buffalo how I rejoice tonight, and how grateful I am for this demonstration of the confidence and esteem of my friends and fellow-citizens.

"I have resided among you and in this city, where all my success in private life has been achieved, for nearly thirty years. Tonight I come to you after the longest absence that has occurred in all that time; and yet within the few weeks that have passed since I saw you last an event has happened of supreme importance to me, and which places me within the nation's gaze. The honor it has brought to me I ask my fellow-townsmen to share, while I acknowledge with grateful heart all that they in the past have done for me. But two short years ago you stood steadily by my side in every effort of mine, as the chief executive of our city, to advance its interests and welfare. Whatever I was able to accomplish of value to this community was largely due to your strong and intelligent support. Nor can I ever forget the generous indorsement you gave my candidacy for the high office which I now hold in the State, and I assure you that in its administration I have received no greater encouragement than the approval of my friends at home.

"What I have seen and heard tonight has touched me deeply. It tells me that my neighbors are still my friends, and assures me that I have not been altogether unsuccessful in my efforts to deserve their confidence and attachment. In years to come I shall deem myself not far wrong if I still retain their good opinion, and if surrounding cares and perplexities bring but anxiety and vexation, I shall find solace and comfort in the memory of the days spent here and in recalling the kindness of my Buffalo friends. But other friends are here tonight, and to all who tender me their kindly welcome I extend a heartfelt greeting as citizens with me of the greatest Commonwealth in the sisterhood of States, and one immensely interested in the general weal. Because I love my State and her people I cannot refrain from reminding you that she should be in the van of every movement which promises a safer and better administration of the general government, so closely related to her prosperity and greatness; and let me leave you with the thought that your safety lies in impressing upon the endeavor of those entrusted with the guardianship of your rights and interests a pure, patriotic and exacting popular sentiment. The character of the government can hardly rise higher than the source from which it springs, and the integrity and faithfulness of public servants are not apt to be greater than the people demand." [Great cheering.]

The procession was eight miles in length, and the column was two hours and ten minutes in passing the Genesee House, and it is estimated that there were 15,000 persons in line.

WHO ELLSWORTH IS.—The Philadelphia *Times* has the following in regard to Capt. W. L. Ellsworth, the nominee of the American political alliance for President:

"For several years the captain has been a frequenter of auction rooms, where he has picked up occasional bargains and sold them again at an advance, but no one there ever heard where he lived or knew anything about his having a fixed habitation. Captain Ellsworth presents the curious anomaly of a presidential candidate who is not in the directory. He once had lodgings over a store on Arch street, near Sixth, but his letters never came there, and few even knew his name. But in order to gratify public curiosity Captain Ellsworth has prepared a biography of himself, to be used for campaign purposes, which he has given to one of his trusty lieutenants, and is now being put in print. In this he describes his origin and rise to distinction. He is a native of Connecticut, born November 15, 1837. He early became interested in steamboat enterprises on the Mississippi. He was, under Pierce, consul at Cyprus, Turkey. He went into the war as captain of a New York regiment. He was nominated for Congress in the third New York district in 1863, but withdrew before the election. Captain Ellsworth is a civil engineer and inventor. In politics he has been in sympathy with the stalwart wing of the republican party."

TALBOT STOCK SOLD TO GO TO A TEXAS RANCH.—Col. Edward Lloyd, Dr. Chas. H. Tilghman and Mr. W. H. DeCourcy have sold their Hereford last spring's and yearling calves. They brought from $75 to $100 a piece, and are to be delivered this fall. The purchaser was a Mr. Vaughn, of New Jersey, who has a stock ranche in Southwestern Texas, near San Antonio, where he will put them cattle. The Herefords are considered the best stock in the country. A few days ago an Indiana stock raiser bought a Hereford bull in England, for which he paid $10,000—said to be the highest price ever paid for a bull.—*Easton Ledger.*

The Steamer Emma A. Ford.

This new and splendid steamer of the Chester river line made her first trip to Chestertown last Tuesday and was welcomed at the wharf by a large crowd of citizens. Many others, including ladies, also visited and inspected the new steamer during the afternoon, and the general verdict was one of commendation. She is provided with all the conveniences necessary on a first-class steamer, and is withal one of the best constructed and appointed vessels that ever turned a wheel in our river. Perfect simplicity has been observed in her finishing, furnishing and upholstering, and the general effect is very pleasing. On the main deck is located a spacious baggage-room forward of the machinery, while the offices of the captain and clerk, washroom, barbershop, and other conveniences are ranged on the sides of the vessel forward of the aft gangways. Social hall, a large room finished in cherry, and handsomely upholstered in plush and furnished with walnut, is still further aft, and the ladies' saloon is beyond, elegantly carpeted in Brussels and neatly furnished. The dining-room, kitchen and pantry are below decks aft. Forward there is a smoking-room below decks, which will serve admirably for gentlemen in cold weather who are fond of a cigar. The main saloon is very large, furnished in walnut and carpeted with Brussels of a pretty pattern. The sides of the saloon are painted in modest tints of white, pink and very light brown, which contrast well with the colors thrown down by the stained glass of skylights.

Capt. McConnor, the popular and accommodating captain of the late steamer B. S. Ford, has command of the new vessel and took a special delight in conducting visitors through her spacious apartments. He is justly proud of his splendid boat and says that she works charmingly. President Warfield and Doctor Ford also came over on Tuesday and politely assisted in showing the visitors around and in answering questions. The new steamer is now permanently on the route, taking the place of the Law. Mr. Busch, the engineer of the B. S. Ford, is engineer on the new boat; Mr. W. P. Howard is mate, Mr. Ormond Godwin purser and Mr. P. McFeely purchasing agent.

A Distressing and Fatal Accident.

Howard, the nine-year-old son of Mr. Robert K. Pippin, of Chestertown, shortly after noon last Monday was run over by a traction engine on Kent street and fatally injured. A crowd of small boys were riding upon the machine, and Howard, it seems, was on the tongue of the thresher. At Wheatley's corner, the engine, which was in charge of Mr. David Ford, turned into West Kent street, when Howard fell and the wheels of the thresher passed over his body. He got upon his feet and walked a few steps, then fell and became immediately unconscious. He was placed upon a chair and carried home but was taken with a hemorrhage and died a few minutes after reaching the house. Mrs. Pippin was so terribly shocked by the news of the accident that she fainted and fell and her left side became paralyzed. She still lies in a very critical condition. Mr. Pippin was at work in the country at the time of the accident. Howard was an amiable and interesting child, and his sudden death is a fearful blow to the family, who have the deepest sympathy of our entire community in their sad bereavement. This lamentable accident should prove a sufficient warning to keep boys away from moving machinery, and especially traction engines, lest others should meet a similar fate.

USE OF THE TELEPHONE.—The telephone from Church Hill to Centreville served a good purpose last Tuesday. The oratorio to be held that night was minus a king, and Mr. C. Q. Snyder, of Centreville, was the only man "comeatable." But to get him here in time was the difficulty. The telegraph refused to work and but three hours remained before the performance. A gentleman interested procured a carriage and hastening to Church Hill was in five minutes afterwards in conversation with Mr. S. in Centreville, nine miles distant, and the two were soon on the road and met half way between the two points. So that the time saved enabled them to reach Chestertown before eight o'clock.

SKELETON FOUND.—Capt. J. B. Willson, of the sloop Mary Compton, writes us that on Thursday, Oct. 2, he found and buried part of a skeleton of a man that had washed ashore on Piney Point, in Chester river. Only part of the bones and clothing could be found. He seemed to have been on the beach for some time, as the flesh was entirely gone.

WORSE STILL.—The raids of the dogs upon the poultry yards of farmers near town, referred to last week, were more serious than stated. Besides the losses sustained by Messrs. Carville, Brown and Roland, the dogs have killed over sixty turkeys for Mr. Wm. S. Walker and twenty or thirty for Mr. V. Hendrickson.

THE Democratic Campaign Club will meet at the court-house next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and will be addressed by H. H. Barroll and T. B. Gardner, Esqs., and perhaps other s. The public, without regard to party, are invited to attend.

THE WEATHER.—There was a decided change in the weather last Wednesday night, which up to that time had been uncomfortably warm. A heavy frost fell Thursday night and Fall weather has at last set in.

JUDGES OF ELECTION.—The county commissioners last Tuesday appointed the following judges of election:

First district—Eugene Gooding, George A. Ireland, Thos. J. F. Smith.

Second district—Daniel U. Dewees, H. Creighton Wallis, C. B. Kruse.

Third district—Samuel H. Crawford, Jas. S. Harris, Harrison I. Parsons.

Fourth district—Precinct No. 1—John R. Gray, Lewin S. Fowler, James W. Lambert.—Precinct No. 2—Thomas D. France, Gustavus Startt, Cornelius G. Hadaway.

Fifth district—James L. Beck, William F. Baker, Wm. W. Coleman.

Public Sales.

John B. Harris, Morgan's Creek Neck, personal property, Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Hope H. Barroll, attorney, a steam engine and thresher, Tuesday, Oct. 14.

T. C. Maslin, building lots, Saturday, Oct. 18.

Wash. G. Skirven, personal property of Chas. W. Copper, Wednesday, Oct. 15.

H. T. Jump, Still Pond, personal property, on Wednesday, Oct. 29.

THE fertilizer firm of Thompson & McFeely, Centreville, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by Mr. Thompson, and Mr. McFeely proposes to enter into the study of law.

THE Circuit Court for Kent county will commence next Monday week.

THE BLESSINGS OF A DROUGHT.—Much of the seeming confusion of nature is evidently compensatory, though we do not always comprehend the fact. That the fierce storm which kills a few people and destroys a small portion of property, purifies the breath of nature for the benefit of the multitude, is known and acknowledged by all classes; but the benefit of a drought will sound like a misnomer to most of your readers, and yet scientists tell us that there are treasures of rich fertilizing properties hidden in the depths of the earth for below the reach of our agricultural plants, and that during a long drought the succeeding moisture brings up in a soluable condition these fertilizing properties sufficiently near the surface to be within the reach of the plants; thus enriching the soil by acting as a light dressing of manure. If this be so, we gain in after years more than we lose in the present.—Rev. L. W. Bates *in Centreville Record.*

Nevertheless farmers would just now take the chances of a good soaking rain.

EASTON, the home of Hon. Chas. H. Gibson, is to have an all-day Democratic meeting on Saturday, October 18. According to the *Ledger*, an effort will be made to have present at the meeting Gov. McLane and all the ex-governors now living. These are Philip F. Thomas, Enoch Louis Lowe, William Pinkney Whyte, James Black Groome, John Lee Carroll and William T. Hamilton.

The Queen Esther Opera.

A full house greeted the first presentation of the Queen Esther Oratorio on Tuesday evening. Every possible space in the court-house not taken up by the stage, was made to do service in seating the audience.

The following were the principal characters:

Queen	Minnie F. Usilton.
Queen's Attendants	Annie Estes, Gertie Stewart, Fannie Russell,
Queen's Maids	Lillie Fowler.
Queen's Pages	Mamie Taylor, Palmer Carroll.
Zeresh	Mollie Parks.
Zeresh's Child	Amy Russell.
Zeresh's Attendants	Effie Taylor, Lottie Russell,
Prophetess	Belle Pippin.
Mordecai's Sister	Mary R. Bowers.
Maid of Honor	Addie Brice.
Angel	Mary Chapman.
King	J. W. Bordley.
King's Pages	Tom Quimby, Preston Usilton.
Haman	John N. Dodd.
Mordecai	W. Melvin.
High Priest	John W. Finch.
Hegai	W. A. Biscoe.
Scribe	W. W. Chapman.
Herald and Harbonah	Thomas Bowers.
Guards	J. D. Bacchus, J. N. Wheatley, Larry Russell, Fred Usilton.
Organists	Sadie Wright, Lulie Lambert,
Cornetist	Harry L. Dodd.

The sad accident resulting in the death of a little son of Mr. R. K. Pippin, prevented several of the characters from taking the parts assigned them because of family connection, and the misfortune coming at a late hour of the day appointed for the first performance, it somewhat disconcerted the management for a time, but prompt action was taken and substitutes provided.—Mr. Charles Q. Snyder, of Centreville, was communicated with and he kindly consented to take the part of King—for which he is so well qualified—and reached here in time for the performance; he also remained and took the same character the following evening, on both occasions rendering his part in the most admirable manner. Miss Mary R. Bowers, after little preparation, took in addition to her own character, that of Prophetess, which had been assigned to Miss Belle Pippin; and Mr. J. W. Finch took the additional character of Hegai, in place of W. A. Biscoe. Mr. Finch and Miss Bowers both effectively rendered the parts so hastily imposed upon them; the former has a remarkably fine bass voice and in other respects was very appropriately the *High* Priest.

The court room was much too small to accommodate those desiring to witness the oratorio, though every foot of space apparently was utilized for seats. Every seat was sold before the opening of the doors each evening, and numbers desiring seats were necessarily turned away.

In consequence of the disappointment of so many in not being able to procure seats, the oratorio was repeated last evening to a full house.

On Thursday evening Mr. J. W. Bordley took his character of king, and Mr. Biscoe that of Hegai. Mr. Bordley delighted everybody with his easy, graceful manner and splendid personation of the king. He has a fine voice, under good control. Mr. Biscoe also took his part well.

Little Amy Russell personated Zeresh's child to perfection, and the singing and maneuvering of the juvenile chorus of sixty little ones in the triumphal march delighted everybody. The tableaux also were very fine.

The instrumental music was of a high order, the performers each demonstrating their proficiency in that line. Miss Wright is one of Centreville's most cultured young ladies and has the assurance of the high appreciation of all concerned in the oratorio for her valuable services.

The oratorio in every respect has been a great success in Chesertown, and Prof. Wyatt is entitled to the credit for its perfect production.

We shall not undertake to particularize the different parts or do justice to the several performers. The following summary of the play is given by the *Transcript*:

The first scene of the first act discloses the Persian court, with Haman in the foreground, and a group of beautiful maidens singing "Long Live Haman." The second scene of the first act, represents Haman petitioning the King and closes with a tableau. The second act opens with Mordicai lamenting the condition of his people, and in this act Esther first appears. In act the third, complying with the objurgation of Mordecai, Esther appears before the King. In the fourth act, the first scene again brings Haman and Zeresh to the front, with a chorus of maidens in the background. This scene closes with a fine tableau. In the second scene of the fourth act, the King consults Haman as to what shall be done for the man whom the King delighteth to honor. The fifth act is divided into a number of scenes. In the first scene, Haman heads the trumphal march, proclaiming Mordecai as the man whom the King delighteth to honor. In this scene, too, all the performers to the number of a hundred enter. There is a large chorus of boys and girls in fancy costumes introduced, and the marching is very pretty. In the second scene Haman and Zeresh bemoan the humiliation to which Haman was subjected in proclaiming Mordecai. The third scene is the banquet scene in which Esther denounces Haman, and the King condemns Haman to hang on his own scaffold. Haman is hung on his own scaffold, in full view of the audience.

The audience was caused to smile several times during the performance, at places where no smile properly came in. In the banquet scene, the King and Haman in drinking their wine smacked their lips, and drank with a gusto that seemed to indicate that it was very good wine indeed, and that it was rarely they got hold of such a fine brand. The special compliment which the King and Haman paid the wine may be accounted for from the fact that each comes from a local-option community. The hanging of Hamen in view of the audience was also a little shocking, but as Haman is given an opportunity to come down and sing in the last chorus, perhaps the fair thing was done by Haman after all.

The performance altogether, however, was very well rendered and very entertaining, and did credit to our local talent and to the capacity of Prof. Wyatt as a trainer. Of course it is not to be expected that an opera with briefly-trained amateur singers can be presented with the perfection in which it is rendered by trained professional singers. The stage and other accommodations for presenting the performance are also woefully inadequate. The romantic story of Queen Esther was very touchingly brought out, however, and the singing of many of the parts gained the full appreciation of the audience. Miss Minnie Usilton, who took the character of Queen, sang her parts with much feeling and effectiveness. Miss Mollie Parks made a very handsome Zeresh and acted and sang with a full understanding of the character she represented. Miss Mary Bowers, Miss Mary Chapman and Miss Addie Brice also took prominent parts with much credit. Mr. Snyder the King, Mr. John N. Dodd as Haman, Mr. John W. Finch as the High Priest and Mr. W. Melvin as Mordecai each won the favor of the house.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Oct. 7.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

Mary A. Statin, trustee for Sarah Caulk, returned her trustee account.

Geo. T. Williams, adm'r of Anna J. Anderson, filed the inventory and appraisement of the personal estate.

James F. M. Woodall, executor of Sarah Woodall, returned his first and final adm. acc't.

John W. Carroll filed the last will and testament of Selina C. Carroll, which was admitted to probate and letters testamentary on the personal estate were granted unto John W. Carroll, who filed his bond in the penal sum of $2,500, and T. Waters Russell and Lewin S. Fowler were appointed to appraise the estate.

J. Frank Wilson, adm'r of Geo. W. Howard, filed his account of sales of the personal estate.

On application, Milton Melvin was appointed guardian to Francis W. and Edwin B. Melvin and Samuel E. Moffett.

AT the Chicago Driving Park last week Commodore Kittson's pacer Johnson lowered his record of 2.10, pacing the mile in 2.06½ the last quarter being paced in 31½, or at the rate of 2.05. The pacing mare Minnie R., hitched to a wagon with a running mate, made a mile in 2.3½. The best time at this way of going is Westmont's 2.01½.

MARRIED.

In Rock Hall on the 8th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. G. S. Conaway, MARION COLEMAN and Miss FLORENCE MIDDLETON, both of Rock Hall.

At the residence of Mr. J. C. Taylor, Sep. 30, by the Rev. Henry Wall, D. D., WINFIELD B. DULANEY, formerly of this county, and Miss HATTIE QUISENBERRY, formerly of Ashland, Virginia.

DIED.

Near Edesville, October 1, of typhoid fever, REESE, youngest son of George W. and Araminta Rollison, aged 8 yrs., 4 mos. and 1 week.

"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Obituary.

The brief and incorrect notice of the demise of MR. WILLIAM FRANCIS LAMB heretofore published would seem to require a more extended notice. Mr. Lamb was the eldest son of the late James Lamb and the grandson of the late William Lamb and Thomas Baker, both deceased, of this county. He had not been in robust health for several months prior the last fatal attack, which was very severe, and from which his suffering was intense. Remarkable for the mildness of his disposition and the equanimity of his temper, he was everywhere a favorite among his associates, who will miss his genial, jovial, cheery voice and his musical talent from the circles of social life. His patience during his illness, and his consideration for the comfort of his attendants, were characteristic of the man. "I fear that I give you too much trouble," was a frequent remark. His great anxiety seemed to be to avoid giving distress to his devoted mother, who, with others, did all in their power to mitigate his sufferings. It is not in man to say what follows after the long pause in life which men call death, but of him can be said, as was said of another, "Behold! he prayeth."

HOWARD MEEKS.

Near Chestertown, Sept. 20, 1884, of brain fever, JULIA AVIS, daughter of James M. and Mary E. Lecates, aged 17 years and 1 day.

Darling Julia, she has left us,
And our loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God who hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

No more we'll watch thy heaving breast;
No more we'll hear thy patient moan,
For the great king of life and death
Hath come to claim his own.

Around her we will ever hover,
In sadness, or in glee,
Until life's dreams shall be ended
We'll cherish sweet memories of thee.

—MOTHER.

RELIGIOUS.—Rev. J. Martin having sufficiently recovered from the injuries received by the accident which befel him at Clayton on Tuesday of last week, Divine service will be held at I. U. on Sunday, 12th inst., at 3 o'clock, P. M. and Sunday School at 3.

RELIGIOUS.—James M. E. Church, Chestertown. Preaching Sunday, Oct. 12, 10.30 A. M., by the pastor. Subject—"The home and portion of Liars." 7.30 P. M., by the pastor; subject, "Wild sheep & cattle in the churches." Public welcome. J. Hudson Riddick, pastor.

NOTICE.—A TEMPERANCE MEETING will be held in the M. E. Church of Still Pond on October 16th, at 7½ o'clock P. M., under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Will the pastors in the churches of the county please give notice in their places of worship. SEC'Y W. C. T. U.

FESTIVAL and SUPPER.

ROCK HALL M. E. CHURCH will give a FESTIVAL and SUPPER on the Church Green, Friday and Saturday Evenings next, October 17th and 18th. The public are cordially invited.

CAUTION to TRESPASSERS.—All persons are hereby forewarned against trespassing with dog, gun, or otherwise upon the premises I now occupy on the Bay side, in Kent county. I shall prosecute all gunners or other trespassers to the full extent of the law, after this date. S. M. KENDALL.
oc11-3m.*

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY for the right person.

Store to rent and whole or part of stock for sale. Full particulars.
Inquire N. M. MARCUSE,
Fairlee P. O.,
or Brannocksburg, (formerly Sandy Bottom.)
oc11-3t.*

CARRIAGES FOR SALE.

ONE PHAETON, one BREWSTER SIDE BAR, and one SIDE-SPRING SIDE BAR, will be sold very cheap for cash, and must be disposed of by the 15th of November.
M. K. BALCOME,
Armstrong's Hotel, Chestertown,
oc11-3t* Agt. for Babcock Buggy Co.

FESTIVAL.

The Mutual Club of Piney Neck will give a FESTIVAL, DANCE and SUPPER at their New Hall, in Piney Neck, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS, October 22d and 23d. If raining, the first good nights. Admission to dance 50 cents for gentleman and two ladies; Supper 50 cents. Abundance of Ice-Cream, &c.; Music from Baltimore. No disorderly persons allowed on the grounds. Don't forget us as we wish to make this one of our best entertainments. oc4-3t.

NOTICE. I hereby warn the public against trespassing with dog, gun, or otherwise, on my farm near Betterton, tenanted by Mr. John Young. MATILDA CANBY.
oc4-2m.

CAUTION.—All persons are cautioned against trespassing upon the premises of either of the undersigned in Quaker Neck, with dog or gun, after this date. The law will be enforced.
GEO. H. WATTS,
WM. J. SHRIVER,
WM. H. WHITELEY,
Sept. 27, 1884—3t.* JOHN. F. SHRIVER.

WANTED.

A WHITE WOMAN to do general housework and cooking in a family of six (no washing or ironing), steady employment at *good wages.* MRS. M. M. GREENWOOD,
oc4-3t. Fairlee, Md.

AT PRIVATE SALE.

A SMALL FARM, near Betterton, well located, good buildings, apple orchard, good peach orchard—about 1,400 trees—soil good and improved. C. H. BAKER, Att'y,
oc4-3t. Chestertown, Md.

CORSETS.

WE keep for sale the three celebrated makes of CORSETS — Madame Strong's, Dr. Ball's and Dr. Warner's health corsets.
oc11-4t. J. B. BURCHINAL.

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WE now have for sale that wonderful MEDICATED RED FANNEL, said to keep away chills. Also, MALLALIEU'S heavy White Flannels.
oc11-4t. J. B. BURCHINAL.

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WE Guarantee to sell a better BOOT for $2.40 than was ever sold in this market before. We also have a hand-made heavy Boot lined in the foot, the same Boot we sold last season with great success. We are warranted by the parties that sold them to us to give a new pair for any bad pair that may be brought back, which we will do.
oc11-4t. J. B. BURCHINAL.

THE WHITE GRAPE NIAGARA.

Having tested this grape on a large scale, by setting out 400 vines in the spring of 1882, I now find to be just as the company represented them, for I have this year taken off the vines the finest crop of fruit ever raised in this State. The vine is a fine grower and the clusters are very large, weighing from a half pound to a pound each, and the eating quality cannot be excelled, as it has sold in the Boston market for more money than the best California grapes. As the company has made me their General Agent, with the power to appoint agents, and supply dealers, and making the same terms and prices that they do (as that is uniform to all, whether they arrange for it through them or me), I am now ready to make contracts for the planting of 50k vines in a large way, for the small sum of seven and a half cents per vine; or I am ready to book orders at $2.00 per vine, without restrictions, vines to be delivered in March, 1885, in the order that they are sent in to the company (every vine to be a strong two-year old, and have their seal attached to it). So the sooner I can have your order the better. Any information as to the grape or the planting I will be pleased to give.
J. W. ANTHONY,
SMYRNA, DEL.
Gen'l Agent for the Niagara Grape Co.

P. S.—I have a few first-class grape vines that I will sell as follows: Concords, $2.00 per 100; Marthas, $3.50 per 100; Moore's Early, $15.00 per 100. Also, Champions, Telegraphs, Lady Washingtons, Pocklingtons, a few vines each, at a low price. J. W. ANTHONY.

A GOOD BUSINESS STAND

At Private Sale!

—IN THE—

Thriving Village of Fairlee.

THE owner intending to discontinue Butchering, desires to sell his property consisting of a

HOUSE AND LOT OF LAND

in the village of Fairlee, Kent county, Maryland. The Dwelling is a Two-Story Frame Dwelling, with Storehouse attached, 38 feet long. The Out-Buildings are Stable, Carriage, Slaughter and Ice Houses in good repair. There is a pump of excellent water in the yard and all kinds of fruits ample for family use.

This property is one of the best stands in the county for a Butcher, and will be sold low and on EASY TERMS. Apply to the owner on the premises. JAMES C. DOWLING,
or ROPE H. BARROLL,
oc11-3t. his attorney.

SHOE SHOP for RENT for 1885.

No better stand in the county.
Address, SHOP,
oc11-3t. Still Pond, Md.

FOR RENT for 1885.

The property now occupied by Captain John Copper, on Swan Creek.
Apply to WM. STEVENS,
oc4-3t.* Swan Creek.

AT PRIVATE SALE.

ONE ACRE of LAND with a Two-Story DWELLING and KITCHEN attached, in Chesterville. A very desirable location. Easy terms.
C. H. BAKER, Att'y,
oc4-3t. Chestertown, Md.

DWELLING to RENT.

The DWELLING HOUSE now occupied by Thos. G. DeFord, on the East corner of Spring Avenue and Market Space, to rent for 1885.
Apply to THOMAS W. ELIASON.
s27-3t.

FOR RENT—Next Year, 1885.

STORE and DWELLING now occupied by F. Casey, adjoining L. K. Stam's Furniture Store and nearly opposite Kent National Bank. This is a very desirable location and good business stand. Apply early lest you miss a good chance. Rent very low. COLIN F. STAM,
s27-3t. Druggist.

STRAYED or STOLEN

From the premises of the subscriber, the Carville farm in Fairlee Neck, on Sunday night, Sept. 14, an IRON GRAY MARE, about 15½ hands high, 7 years old last Spring. A liberal reward will be paid for any information leading to her recovery.
s27-3t. THOS. L. BOWERS.

Young Smuggler.

Record 2:29¼, Standard,

Will make a full season of two months from this date at $40 for the season. Persons wishing to breed to him this fall will please call on J. A. RUSSELL, Chestertown, who has him in charge, also, his pedigree. In settlement the cash or a note payable at Kent National Bank will be required at ninety days from first service of the horse. He will be limited to 30 mares.
oc11-1m. Very resp'y, J. W. HINES.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

There came estray on the premises of the undersigned, on or about August 9th, a BERKSHIRE SOW, supposed to weigh about 250 lbs. with a hole in one ear. The owner will come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away. C. W. RAMBO,
oc4-3t.* Morgan's Creek Neck.

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