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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.........Dec. 27, 1884.

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With this issue we close the old year. We shall not stop here to moralize over its events. To the patrons of the NEWS we return our sincere acknowledgments for their continued confidence and favor, and—"buckling on the whole armor" for the coming year's duties and obligations, and determining to make our paper even more interesting and valuable than in any preceding year—we heartily wish all our readers a PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW-YEAR!

MR. WM. E. THOMAS, a well known school teacher at Winchester, in Queen Anne's county, died suddenly of heart disease last Saturday.

ALL the first-class pickpockets and banco men have left the large cities and will spend the winter in New Orleans. They will be found where the crowd is thickest on the fair grounds.

SENATOR GORMAN visited President-elect Cleveland at Albany last Saturday, and was in conference at the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, the first of the present week, with prominent politicians.

"WHAT MINISTER," thundered Bob Ingersoll at his Chicago audience, "has ever done so much for the world as Darwin?" A hoodlum in the peanut gallery confounded the infidel by ejaculating—"Burchard!"

A FOX HUNT was stopped near Washington last week by the "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" A fine grey fox had been secured, and the gentlemen of the hunt were greatly excited and indignant at the interposition of the law.

HON. WM. M. EVARTS comes out in a letter making a direct appeal for himself for the position of United States Senator for New York. He says "in asking the favor and support of the republican Senators and Assemblymen for this distinguished and responsible representation of this great State in the Senate of the United States, I have no occasion to qualify or restate the principles of the republican party," and he is willing to submit to the judgment of that party as to whether its interests can be better served by himself or another.

THE INAUGURATION BALL.—It is now said to be definitely settled that the inauguration ball in Washington will be held in the large pension building in course of erection. The accommodations will include a ball-room of splendid proportions, with extensive suites of robe and retiring rooms. Tickets to the ball will be $5 for each person, whether lady or gentleman, and there will be no complimentary tickets except for the President and Vice-President and such members of their immediate party as they may desire to accompany them. Each purchaser of a ticket will receive also a beautifully engraved card, with appropriate inscription, designed for preservation. It is said the ball will eclipse any of its predecessors in magnificence of display and decorations as well as in attendance.

The communications so far received assure that the military and civic procession will far excel in numbers any prior escort of a President-elect, and all that can be asked for is to have a fair day.

Mr. Blaine Would Still Lead.

A Washington letter to the Baltimore *Sun* states that Mr. Blaine has been keeping open house since his return to Washington, and his drawing-room and library are thronged day and night with visitors. He makes every one welcome, and so far from indicating a disposion to retire from politics as has been alleged, he talks most freely of the political situation and ideas of republican policy for the present and future. To some prominent republicans who had not voluntarily called upon him he conveyed intimations of his desire to see them. It is believed that while he will nominally devote himself to his literary labors, he still considers himself as the chosen leader of the republican party, and proposes to do whatever he can to shape its policy for the future. Friends of his, who are said to possess his confidence, are making a point of proclaiming that the party will find it necessary to ask him to be its standard bearer in 1888.

THE LATE BLIZZARD IN THE NORTH.

Damage to Fruit Trees and Stock and Loss of Life.

Information from Lyons, New York, states that Saturday last was the coldest day in that section known for years. A dispatch to the *Herald* from that point says: "The lowest range of the thermometer was at 4 o'clock this morning, when the mercury stood 22 degrees below zero. Fruit raisers report that this intense cold has certainly destroyed all prospects of the peach crop in this section next year. Many peach buds already examined show indications of blight. In the northern part of Wayne county, on the shore of Lake Ontario, last night several cattle and flocks of sheep are reported to have perished from cold. Navigation upon Lake Ontario in that vicinity is now completely closed."

John Ross, a respectable farmer, 26 years old, was frozen to death near Rochester on the highway. He had been imbibing too freely, started to walk home, fell down and stunned himself, and before he could recover froze to death. He had a wife and four children.

Another dispatch from Kingston, N. Y., of same day, says: "James Merkie, who lives in a small house by himself in the Catskill Mountains, was found dead in bed, frozen stiff. An unknown man was found lying on the Ulster plank road early this morning, overcome with the cold. One foot will have to be amputated. Large quantities of game and poultry have been frozen to death. One farmer found thirty hens and turkeys lying dead."

Extent of the Industrial Depression.

Bradstreet, in his December issue, presents the results of an exhaustive investigation into the extent of the existing industrial depression. The inquiry includes about ninety per cent. of the manufacturing employes of the United States. It is found that 350,000 men are out of work, which is over 14 per cent. of the number of men employed in 1880, and 13 per cent. of the number probably at work in 1882 when the production of manufactured articles was at its maximum. There has been a general reduction in wages in industrial lines ranging from 20 to 25, and in some instances 30 per cent., skilled workers in specialities alone being wholly or in part exempt. The reduction of forces employed, compared with 1880, ranges from 33 per cent. among iron workers at some points to 20 per cent. as a general average. The figures disclose the gratifying fact that the laboring people of Baltimore and Maryland are more fully employed than in any other large city or State included in the inquiry. While 55,550 workmen are out of work in New York, or 24 per cent. of her total number, 40,000, or 21 per cent., in Philadelphia; 10,400, or 13 per cent. in Chicago; 9,950, or 62 per cent., in Detroit; but 2,000, or 3.6 per cent., of Baltimore's 56,338 manufacturing employes are in enforced idleness. The total number of idle employes in Maryland in all lines is placed at but 3,000, as nearly all manufactories are running at least part time.

The feeling with regard to the future of business is generally to the effect that after the first of January next there will be an improvement, though very few of Bradstreet's correspondents give any definite reason for their expectation.

THE FIELD OF POLITICS.

What the Democratic Leaders are Doing—Who for the Offices.

The political pot in Maryland will soon begin to boil. Indeed the water is already bubbling at the fountain head—Baltimore city. The Federal patronage will naturally be a bone of contention because there are some pretty good plums in Uncle Sam's pudding, and the Democratic epicure may hand up his plate. But there is no reason why everybody should go crazy over the matter, or that a man should make himself a fool or a toady to get the merest picayune position—a position that will, like as not, be to him more of a curse than a blessing. It is right to accept office—or legitimately *seek* official station. That is, if you believe yourself qualified therefor and *deserve it*, and a respectable number of your friends—competent to judge—are of the same opinion, and you really need the place, and want it very much, and—and—well, that's enough, go in and win, if you can. But make up your mind beforehand that ninety-nine out of every hundred applicants will be disappointed! A terrible thought, but true, tho' a pity 'tis true Determine that should you be one of that great majority you will not rant and tear your hair, and curse Cleveland, or Gorman, or Gibson, or some other shining light that you may deem responsible for your disappointment, but make the best of it by beginning at once, if you have not done so before, to turn your hand to non-political employment, which, perchance, may prove more profitable than office-seeking, or indeed than office-holding.

The Annapolis correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* of last Tuesday says: Lawyers and others who come to Annapolis from all parts of the State say that not only is a lively interest being taken in the preliminaries of the election next autumn, but in the question of the next Governor. At the election in November, 1885, the comptroller and clerk of the court of appeals will be the only offices to be voted for on the general ticket. Every county and Baltimore city will elect members of the House of Delegates and sheriffs. Every county will elect county commissioners. Clerks of the courts will be elected in all the counties except Somerset, Queen Anne's and Prince George's. The clerks of the Court of Common Pleas, Circuit and Criminal Courts of Baltimore city and all of the counties except Queen Anne's, Prince George's and Baltimore county. A judge will be elected in the first judicial circuit. State Senators will be chosen in Worcester, Dorchester, Caroline, Talbot, Cecil, Harford, St. Mary's, Charles, Prince George's, Montgomery, Allegany, Garrett, and in the second legislative district of Baltimore city, vice Senator John Gill, Jr. The holding-over Senators are democrats 9, republicans 4. The retiring Senators are democrats 5, republicans 8. The Legislature which meets in January, 1886, will elect the State treasurer, two police commissioners for Baltimore city and a United States Senator from the Western Shore. Interest in the prizes to be won in the State campaign, as well as in the prospective new deal of federal offices, is visibly agitating the political wires in every part of Maryland.

A letter in a recent issue of the same journal states that local democrats of that city are as much interested in cabinet-making as are the national leaders. They are not at all anxious to see a civil-service reformer selected as Secretary of the Treasury or Postmaster-General because of the large patronage those positions control; hence every name mentioned for those portfolios is carefully criticised. A good many politicians hereabout would prefer to see Mr. Bayard at the head of the State than of the Treasury Department. This leads to the inquiry by some, "Is there a distinguished Marylander or two who may think of living abroad?"

The friends of Mr. John Gittings, of Baltimore county, are in the field to present his claims. Mr. Ridgely Goodwin, of this city, is also named and there will doubtless be other gentlemen presented. Gov. McLane has not indicated his preference in the matter, but is listening to the applications. The Governor, it is said, nominated Gen. Frank Bond to the House of Correction board for superintendent last Saturday, and his selection pleased the so-called regular element. The friends of Mayor Latrobe say that he would rather like to be his own successor at the city hall next year.

It is probable that in the case of Frostburg and Frederick, where the commissions of the postmasters expired on last Tuesday, the present postmasters will be reappointed. Mr. McComas has recommended their reappointment. It seems to be the general impression among republican members of Congress that all postmasters whose term of office expires between now and the 4th of March will be reappointed, but that it is not so certain that they will hold their offices for the full time of their term. In cases, however, where the terms expire after the 4th of March next, it is thought they will hold their offices until their commission expires.

Democratic Politics From a Republican Standpoint.

The following extracts from a political article in a city republican paper are given to show democratic politics from a republican standpoint:

Candidates for office under the federal government are multiplying Dr. George W. Bishop, the State Senator from Worcester, is the latest aspirant for collector of the port under the next president. This gives the Eastern Shore a fair proportion of the candidates for the offices, ex-Comptroller Keating and ex-Governor Thomas, from the same section, being also urged for this position. Dr. Bishop had the management of Judge Wilson's campaign when the latter was elected United States Senator, and the friends of the Senator-elect thinks that this puts the doctor in the front rank of aspirants. As a matter of course, the Democrats of the Eastern Shore consider that part of the State entitled to the office on account of its steady devotion to the Democratic faith. The city is also furnishing candidates. Mr. Samuel P. Thompson is urged by many business men as the right man for the place. They claim that the city should be given the position and that a business man should be selected, and they make the plea that Mr. Thompson has always taken a live interest in all the enterprises likely to promote the interests of the city. He has frequently acted as spokesman for the business men of Baltimore before congressional committees, notably for the postoffice appropriation, the deepening of the channel and the construction of the ship canal. It is announced as a further claim for his appointment that he is a civil service reformer, and has intimated that in the event of his selection there would be no clean sweep in the custom-house. It is believed that President-elect Cleveland is looking for such a man, and Mr. Thompson's friends are confident that if the proper efforts are made there would be no doubt of his appointment. Dr. J. Pembroke Thom and Mr. James Hodges are named for postmaster. Ex-Attorney General Gwinn will, it is understood, have Mr. Gorman's support for solicitor of the treasury. Col. Geo. P. Thomas is mentioned for the naval office. Governor McLane's friends have given it out that he would rather be Mr. Gorman's successor in the United States Senate than the country's representative in a foreign court.

Mr. George Colton, it may now be assumed, will not fight Gorman, the understanding being that the president of the police board is not to be antagonized for re-election to his present post. Mr. Michael Bannon, too, has been, in a measure, conciliated. It is known by those who know anything at all of Anne Arundel politics that there is nothing dearer to Mr. Bannon's heart than to enjoy the political ownership of Anne Arundel county. Rumor has it that Mr. Bannon does not want any office in or out of the county at present. What he does want, however, is to be the great factotum of his county, to whom all the sub-leaders must look for orders, and without whose consent no move on the Anne Arundel chess-board can be made.

NEAT TYPOGRAPHY.—The "Holiday Bulletin" issued by Mr. Arthur W. Emory from the office of the Centreville *Record*, is as usual neatly printed and filled with select matter. Mr. Emory is a printer of excellent taste.

The "Festival Times," issued from the Easton *Ledger* office by S. H. Willey and D. M. Spence, is one of the handsomest Christmas publications we have seen. It contained 24 columns, on tinted paper, and illustrated. It would do credit to any city office.

THE first of January Comptroller Turner will remove to Baltimore for the winter. Mr. R. B. Dixon will take Mr. Turner's house and furniture in Easton until spring.

A LOCOMOTIVE arrived at Lockport, N. Y., last Monday, bearing on the cowcatcher the headless body of a man who had fallen in front of the train.

A CHILD of Mrs. Jacob Wontz was fatally burned one night last week while playing with matches.

Miss Hill Wins Her Suit.

The celebrated Sharon divorce suit at San Francisco, Cal., has been decided in favor of the plaintiff, Miss Sarah Althea Hill, claiming to be the wife of ex-Senator Sharon, was for a divorce and division of the common property. Judge Sullivan's decision is very comprehensive, containing 26,000 words. After reviewing the testimony he concludes by declaring that under the laws of California the plaintiff is the legal wife of Sharon, and as such, on the ground of willful desertion, is entitled to a divorce and division of the common property. The latter is estimated to be worth $10,000,000. The verdict is a great surprise to the public, it having been generally supposed from the contradictory character of the testimony that the plaintiff would be nonsuited. It is believed that Mr. Sharon will appeal.

The plaintiff's counsel will make application for counsel fees and $5,000 per month alimony for fourteen months, since the beginning of the case.

Judge Wilson's Successor.

The long agony in the first judicial circuit over the appointment of a successor upon the bench of Senator-elect Wilson, was ended last Tuesday by Governor McLane appointing Chas. F. Holland, of Salisbury.

In speaking of the appointment Gov. McLane said he had considered the case very fully in all its bearings, and had heard with patience and attention the friends of all the gentlemen presented from Wicomico and Worcester counties, and had come to the conclusion that Wicomico ought to have the appointment.

Mr. Holland is a native of Delaware, in his 44th year, and since 1868 has been actively engaged at Salisbury in the practice of his profession. The appointment is for the interval between the 31st of December, 1884, when Judge Wilson's resignation takes effect, and the November election of 1885, when a judge will be chosen by popular vote for a term of fifteen years.

Don't Like Him.

The editor of the Bel Air *Times* is mad about something. After following Blaine into the "last ditch" he now turns and ill-naturedly snaps and snarls at the victors. He is specially displeased with the vice-President-elect. He declares that "Mr. Thomas A. Hendricks is fast degenerating into a public nuisance," that "he goes posturing about the States," and is a "pestiferous copperhead!" Well, well, some may regard this as pretty severe on Mr. Hendricks, but really it is in the highest degree complimentary, considering the source from whence it comes. The grand old Indiana statesman indeed is "loved best for the enemies he has made," especially in the recent campaign.

Don't be so violent, Bro. Nock. You but "kick against the pricks" in thus giving vent to an ugly temper.

MR. CHANDLER HITS BACK.—Hon. W. E. Chandler, Secretary of the Navy, in a letter published, denies the charge made by Chairman Jones, of the republican national committee, that Mr. Blaine received only a lukewarm support from President Arthur and most of his cabinet. Mr. Chandler asserts that "during the recent campaign neither the President nor any member of his cabinet lacked desire for republican success or failed to do all that was asked or could have been reasonably expected of him to accomplish." Mr. Chandler significantly hints that Mr. Jones had better "call off his dogs" unless he wants to invite the publication of the inside history of the campaign.

THE OYSTER MARKET.—Dealers and packers of oysters in Baltimore state that very few oysters have been caught since Wednesday of last week, the bitter cold spell making it almost impossible to work. The prices range from 60 to 70 cents per bushel for "straight ups," and for select stock 75 cents to $1 was paid during the first of the present week. The magnitude of the demand for oysters for the Christmas trade can be formed from the fact that one day last week one firm shucked 12,000 bushels and another 5,000 bushels, aggregating 11,300 gallons. Orders for thousands of gallons had to be left unfilled because of deficiency of low-price stock.

A DREADED DISEASE.—The Frederick, Md., *Citizen* says: Dr. A. Ward, the State Veterinary Surgeon, visited our county on Saturday last, in order to inspect a herd of cattle belonging to Mr. Samuel Hoke, of Mt. Pleasant District, said to be affected with pleuro-pneumonia. An examination of the entire herd was made, which resulted in the killing of two of the cattle. A recent Act of the Legislature gives the authority to Dr. Ward to kill any cattle afflicted with the disease, in order to arrest its spread. The State pays for the cattle that are killed.

GEN. WM. T. SHERMAN in a recent published interview states that "the newspapers do more harm than good in this country." And further that "all the trouble I have ever had has come through the newspapers." Poor man, why will the newspapers bother him? Probably he has been let "too severely alone" lately.

ORANGES are cheaper than apples. The supply in all the large cities is in excess of the demand. The Florida growers are greatly discouraged over the prospects of this important industry to that State. Like the peninsula peach crop a full crop in any one year is sure to be an unprofitable crop.

HENRY WATTERSON, of Kentucky, is called a "disappointed political crank" by the president of the Louisville board of trade because of the criticism of Speaker Randall in the *Courier-Journal*, of which Watterson is editor. Mr. Randall is to be accorded a grand ovation when he visits Louisville next week. The tariff question splits them.

TO ADD to the misery of fever and ague and malarial sufferers the report is current in city drug circles that quinine had gone up and that a further advance would be in order.

Poisoned Candies.

Considerable feeling is being exercised in New York over poisoned candies. Dr. Cyrus Edson of the Sanitary Bureau, a few days ago, sent to the Board of Health a report of recent inspections of candy factories in that city. The buildings and goods of sixty-four wholesale manufacturers of confectionery have been examined, and at thirteen factories the inspectors found candy which had been colored with chromate of lead, otherwise known as chrome-yellow. At four of the thirteen factories those kinds of confectionery called "sugar toys" were found to be colored with red-lead, chrome-green, Prussian-blue, burnt umber and vermillion. In one place Dr. Edson ascertained that the manufacturers were using a poisonous aniline called fuchsine. Some poisonous pigments were found in other factories where the candy appeared to be pure and the proprietors denied that they used the dangerous pigments. Samples of the adulterated confectionery in a few factories was seized and sent to the offal dock. Concerning the materials used to color the adulterated candy, Dr. Edson wrote:

"All the pigments are very poisonous excepting burnt umber and Prussian-blue, which are more or less injurious. Lead, mercury and arsenic are the more dangerous when used for this purpose because of their cumulative action. Cases of poisoning by lead are on record caused by merely moistening with the tongue wafers colored yellow; how much more harmful, therefore must candy be, colored in this manner, when received into the system through the stomach."

HOW LAND IMPROVES IN VALUE.—Three years ago Mr. W. J. Gibson, real estate agent here, sold a farm of 149 acres near Church Hill to Mr. B. Clark Pullen for $2,000. This year Mr. Pullen reaped between 39 and 40 bushels of wheat per acre from the land, and has also a large corn crop. He has refused an offer of $7,000 for his farm.—*Cent. Observer.*

ACCIDENTS.—The slippery condition of the pavements in Chestertown during the recent wintry spell led to a number of mishaps. Capt. J. C. Slaughter, our Register of Wills, who has the misfortune to have but one leg—using crutches to supply the place of the other, and ordinarily about as quick in his movements as any one—in going down the steps of his porch Thursday evening of last week, slipped and fell, his whole weight coming down upon the stump of his maimed member, and greatly bruising the same. Dr. Hines rendered proper medical treatment and the captain is again able to visit his office, but has suffered very much from the accident, and thinks it will be some time before he will entirely recover.

James M. Startt, the well known driver, was walking up High street last Tuesday evening in company with his brother. When in front of Mr. George H. Bennett's residence he slipped and fell on his left side, breaking his arm just above the wrist. Dr. Cooper set the fractured limb, and the patient is doing well, but it will be some time before he can handle the "ribbons" as expertly as is his wont.

Mrs. Thompson, wife of Capt. Jas. H. Thompson, met with a like mishap in the same locality on Wednesday morning. The slippery pavement caused her to fall, and she suffered some injury about the hip besides spraining her left wrist. Dr. Perkins treated her, and no serious consequences are apprehended.

The slips and falls have been almost without number, but no injuries have resulted other than those above noted that we have heard of. The incline in the particular piece of pavement where these mishaps occurred, when glazed with ice or snow, is well calculated to precipitate a fall, and too much caution cannot be exercised at this and other like places by pedestrians.

Last Sunday was a notably slippery day, and otherwise very disagreeable, and the church congregations were exceedingly small.

PERSONAL.—Tommie Bowers, the lad so seriously shot in both hands while out gunning some four weeks ago, has been in a critical condition ever since. His physicians, Drs. Perkins, Hines and Catlin, have given him assiduous attention, and for some time their greatest fear has been of blood poison. We are glad to state that the patient is now in a more favorable condition than for some days.

Capt. McConnor, of the steamer Ford, has been confined to his home in Baltimore since Monday week with a deep cold which threatened him with pneumonia. He is now much better and was able to visit the wharf Thursday morning. Capt. Will. Taylor, the very efficient mate of the Ford, has had charge of the steamer during Capt. McConnor's sickness.

Rev. W. M. Strayer was greatly disappointed in not being able to attend the "golden wedding" of his parents in Virginia last Tuesday. The family gathering was no doubt a most happy occasion, but incomplete without the presence of the elder son. Rev. Dr. D. W. Bates filled Mr. Strayer's pulpit on Sunday night. At the M. E. Church Rev. C. H. Baker preached in the morning.

Mr. Josiah Lusby has moved into his recently purchased residence in town. He has been quite unwell for two weeks past, but is now about again. Mr. Wm. T. Nicholson, a son-in-law, takes the home farm, and Mr. C. H. Hurlock the Highley farm, heretofore conducted by Mr. N.

Mrs. S. A. Dodd, who has so long and successfully conducted the boarding house up town, will retire therefrom on the first of January, and live with her son, Thos. S. Dodd, in Still Pond. Her popular house will be conducted by Mrs. John Bryan.

Wm. T. Holding will be succeeded at Brice's Mill by Mr. S. W. Caleb. Mr. H. goes to Spicer's Mill, near Galena. Mr. Hyson Dill, who had rented a farm in Harford, has changed his mind and will not leave Kent. He has rented the Hatcherson farm above Morgan's creek.

The Smyrna *Times* states that "John A. Wright, who has been the foreman in the brickyard of his father, Wm. P. Wright, at Clayton, has purchased a brickyard at Chestertown, Md., and will remove his family thither March 1st."

The Centreville *Record* states that John B. Brown, Esq., Col. Wm. McKenney, and several other gentlemen residing in that town contemplate visiting New Orleans this winter and take in the World's Fair now in progress there."

REMOVALS.—Our Worton correspondent notes the following removals to take place in his neighborhood.

"The following changes will take place in and around here between now and January 1. J. W. Wright moves from Parsons' grist mill to Whaland's; Harry Moore succeeds him; Geo. Long follows Moore and John Carter follows Long. Louis Newsome removes to James Roseberry's farm now occupied by John Duyer, who goes in Quaker Neck. Nathan Marcuse goes to Smithville. Noble Gears moves in George Porter's new house and Chas. Lusby will resume shoemaking in a new shop of Porter's."

The Lady Evangelist.

Our "Peter Poker" correspondent went to hear Mrs. Smith, the lady evangelist from Philadelphia, during her work at Salem Church, and was led to moralize upon the phenomenal success of the lady. He says:

"As the words dropped from her lips I mused thus: This church has a minister in charge and two local preachers; either of them able to deliver as eloquent discourses as she, yet why was she more successful than they? Is it the novelty, or some mysterious power peculiar to herself; some secret magnetism, or special divine gift? In general, as yet, women have been unsuccessful pulpit orators, less than a dozen having attained any success in this country, and for no obvious reasons."

THE MINISTERIAL SCANDAL in which Rev. Sam'l T. Graham, in Newark, N. J., was the conspicuous figure, again comes to the front by the reported dying condition of Mr. Graham's wife. She has been in a hospital in Newark for some time. The Rev. gentleman is reported at loggerheads with his "independent" church congregation, and his ministry ceased last month. The Newark *Register* details a pitiful story of the condition of Mrs. G., and closes the article with the information that Mr. Graham is rumored to be "the possessor of eight thousand dollars."

CHANGE IN THE SCHOOL LAW.—The by-laws and regulations issued by the State Board of Education for the guidance of teachers and school officers of public schools of Maryland, show a number of important changes. In article 5, section 1, a sentence is inserted prohibiting the use of tobacco in any form by teachers as well as pupils on the school premises during school hours. Teachers of the old school, who have been in the habit of steadying their nerves by the use of their favorite weed, will doubtless be benefitted by this rule, although at the first it will be irritating and troublesome to break an old habit. The seventh, eighth and ninth grades are formulated, which places the schedule three grades higher than under the old classification. In the ninth, Mathematics are advanced to plain Trigonometery, and Surveying, Science to Chemistry, Botany and Physiology. Shaw's English Language is used, and in Latin four books of Virgil's Æneid and Salusts' Cataline are designated, Cæsar's De Bello Gallico three books being the Latin course in the eighth.

CARDS are out for the marriage of Mr. Samuel M. Dewing, and Miss Ida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. R. Elliott, at the M. E. Church of Centreville Wednesday next. Also, for the marriage of J. Walter Bradley, of Queen Anne's and Miss Rosie Plummer, in the M. E. Church, Greensboro', and of Miss Tennie, eldest daughter of Mrs. Anna M. Smith, of Denton, to Thomas R. Green, of Marydel, December 30.

WOODLAND CRISFIELD, son of Hon. J. W. Crisfield, of Princess Anne, was accidentally shot in Omaha, Nebraska, last week. His wounds are not serious.

THE ORATORIO of Queen Esther, under the direction of Prof. Wyatt, will be produced in Crisfield, Md., next Monday evening.

THE reported death of the Hungarian patriot, Kossuth, proves to have been unfounded.

A CHRISTMAS SWINDLER.—A lady of Chestertown in the hunt for Christmas supplies visited C. F. Stam's and there selected five Scrap Albums, for which she paid $2. The books were wrapped in one package and left at the store to be called for by the young lady's brother. Shortly after the transaction a young man—an entire stranger—entered the store and asked for a package for this lady's brother. He was told that there was no package for the brother but one for the lady herself. "That's the one I want," said the fellow, and it was handed to him without suspicion. When the rightful messenger applied for the package the truth came out—a sharper had been there before him! This is the first operation of the kind we have heard of in Chestertown, and we may remark in the language of the well remembered Tom Jones: "We are getting more and more like New York every day!" The swindler doubtless had been on the lookout for Christmas valuables and judging the bundle referred to by its size he was sure a rich prize would reward him for his risk and ingenuity in securing it. Imagine then his chagrin when he examined his spoils to find only five blank books!

A CUTTING AND SHOOTING AFFAIR IN QUAKER NECK.—At Mr. Geo. M. Hadaway's store at the mouth of Quaker Neck wharf lane, Willis McLane and George Bailey, two colored men, got into a quarrel on the night before Christmas. Bailey went outside and called McLane, and as soon as the letter got out Bailey gave him a wipe down the face with a knife or other sharp instrument, cutting a deep gash from under the eye to the chin, taking off a part of the nose. Bailey then ran to his home, about three-quarters of a mile off. McLane, after getting his face tied up, went to his home about the same distance in an opposite direction, and, procuring a gun, went to Bailey's house and called for a man named Yorker. Bailey answered the call by putting his head out of the door, and McLane let him have the load from his gun. Most of the shot, however, missed the mark and were buried in the side of the door—Bailey not being much hurt. This ended the trouble so far as we know. No arrests have been made as yet. McLane is a Kentuckian, and has been living with Mr. B. Trew, who gives him a good character. Bailey has been in the Neck for some years, and has before been in jail. A cutting affair which occurred about the same place was tried at the last term of the court. What has gotten the matter with the "Neck" colored population?

SLEIGHING SPORT.—The streets of Chestertown have been vocal this week with the merry jingle of the sleigh bells. The snow has been just sufficient to cover the ground well, and with the coating of ice has given what might be termed very good sleighing. The mains of the water-works interfered somewhat with the comfort of the sleighers, as they were continually jolting over the ridges. The sport was best on Christmas Eve, when numerous turnouts were on the street and some fast nags displayed their mettle.

This sport is both exciting and enjoyable but we cannot refrain from a word of warning just now as there seems to be at times perfect recklessness upon the part of some drivers. It is a great wonder that somebody's neck hasn't been broken before this. For a dozen or twenty sleighs to be passing and repassing—meeting and turning—and all driving at high speed, is certainly risky business, and not justified by any requirement of pleasure or proper exhibition of speed. The "rules" of the trotting associations do not prevail on this "course" and the "free for all" and "go as you please" fashion in sleigh time in our public streets we fear will yet result in loss of limb if not of human life.

We would not interpose the slightest barrier to the legitimate enjoyment of this delightful sport; we love the merry music of the bells and to see the noble animals and fine turnouts speeding over our broad thoroughfares, but unless more care is exercised in the matter collision and serious accident will certainly follow, and somebody will be blamed for the liberal license now enjoyed.

COMPELLED TO BORROW.—The progress of the Chester Loan Association has been in every way successful and has been the medium for help to a great many desiring money on loan. But now comes a novelty. The first series of stock will soon mature, and the holders of unredeemed stock in that series do not want to borrow, and therefore compulsory measures must be resorted to. Last Monday evening the lottery plan was put into operation and one unfortunate was compelled to take his money before he wanted it! How we poor fellows, who havn't any of that stock, may rejoice that the arbitrary directors can't force any money on us!

NAVIGATION.—The steamer Ford has kept up her trips and made all the landings on her route, except Queenstown, notwithstanding the heavy ice she has had to contend with. She has had to break ice nearly two inches thick in going into Grey's Inn creek. The Chester River Company are determined to continue running as long as the ice can be broken, and when the Ford discontinues for the winter the Corsica will take her place.

CHRISTMAS DAY passed off as quietly as could be expected. Religious services were held in all the churches—in the Methodist Episcopal and in Catholic churches early in the morning; in the Protestant Episcopal at 11 A. M., and in the Methodist Protestant in the evening.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.—The Sabbath Schools of the M. E. and M. P. churches will hold their annual Christmas jubilees next week—the former on Tuesday evening and the latter on Wednesday evening—both in the Town Hall.

THE CHANCERY CASE, mentioned in our last issue, after getting through with the evidence for the exceptants to the sale of the Howard property, was adjourned until after the holidays.

COL. DAY'S lecture at the Court House Tuesday evening took more the shape of select readings from the American poets than of a lecture. Selections were given from Poe, Whittier, Prentice, Holland, Trowbridge and other American poets, and a few from the English poets. Many of the selections were rendered with considerable elocutionary effect. Poe's bells, recognized by all elocutionists as one of the most difficult productions in the English language to read effectively, was rendered in a manner that pleased the audience.—*Transcript.*

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Dec. 23.—Present, judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

I. Richard Leaverton, executor of G. H. Leaverton, returned his first and final administration account.

Susan S. Gallup, admx. of Edward B. Gallup, returned her first and final administration account, and first and final dividend.

Thomas B. Hadaway, executor of John Hadaway, returned his second administration account and first distribution.

James S. Harris, guardian to Thomas B. Crew, Fountain Crew, Florin M. Crew, Caldwell Crew and Robert S. Crew, returned guardian accounts for the year 1884.

Vendues.

Monday, Dec. 29, A. G. Dill, Turner's Creek.

Monday, Dec. 29, Mrs. Lenetta A. Ford, Sassafras Neck.

Monday, Dec. 29, J. Frank Wilson, executor of Joseph H. Clinton.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, Mrs. C. J. Leary, near Still Pond.

Saturday, Jan. 10—Marion deK. Smith, Esq., as attorney, horses and other property.

The sale of the personal property of S. W. Knotts was postponed and will take place next Monday.

Real Estate.

Tuesday, Dec. 30—Marion deK. Smith, Esq., the Phosphate Factory of Connelly & DeFord.

Saturday, Jan. 3—J. A. Pearce, Esq., a house and lot, located in Chestertown.

Saturday, Jan. 10—Wm. M. Slay, Esq., real estate of the late Robert Wilson, colored.

Tuesday, Jan. 13—H. H. Barroll, Esq. att'y, sheriff's sale of a farm.

MRS. THOMAS, the wife of Rev. T. Snowden Thomas, died at her residence, near Northeast, last Sunday night.

THE SNEAK-THIEVES ABOUT—*A Word of Caution.*—A number of our exchanges of last week noticed the operations of sneak-thieves. Dwellings and stores were entered and goods and articles stolen. The arrest and punishment of these villains elsewhere will not guarantee our community against like depredations. The sneak-thief is in Kent county as elsewhere, and ready for work if opportunity is afforded. Meat houses and chicken roosts are as attractive to him as a grocery or laundry room, and if householders do not take proper precautions they may suffer loss. Never leave your meat-house or corn-crib unlocked, and have the hen-roost within range of a revolver from your windows. A foolish man alone will keep his money or bonds about his dwelling, subject to the ravages of the thief or the flames. If you have not a good safe yourself, place such valuables in the keeping of trustworthy institutions or individuals that have.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—Louisa Lloyd, a colored woman aged about 50 years, was found early yesterday morning lying at the side of an old building at the railroad depot near Chestertown. Life was extinct. The woman was of dissipated habits, and it is supposed had imbibed too freely and at the place stated stopped for a rest, and was overcome with the cold. Coroner Bordley summoned a jury of inquest, with Mr. John Stratner foreman, and a verdict of death from exposure was rendered. Louisa Lloyd was one of the best working women in town and as a laundress few excelled her. Her great enemy was whiskey, and when under its influence made herself very conspicuous and disagreeable.

A PASTOR SUPPLIED.—Kent Parish Catholic Church, which has been without a pastor since the early part of November, is now supplied with one in the person of Rev. Father Scott. He arrived last Saturday and filled his appointment in Chestertown on Sunday, and tomorrow will hold early morning mass in town and services at Church Hill at 10 o'clock. The new pastor is a native of Elkton, Md., and was ordained last August. He comes here from Wilmington, and is reported to be quite a talented young man.

GOOD RIDDANCE.—Old "Ches. Wilmer," we understand, has taken up his abode at the almshouse, thereby relieving Chestertown of one of the ugliest nuisances that has ever existed here in human shape.

A FAIR AND FESTIVAL will be open in Galena on New Year's night for the benefit of St. Dennis' congregation.

THE public schools closed for the holidays last Tuesday and will re-open on Monday, Jan 5.

THE ladies of Millington will give an evening party in that town next Tuesday evening.

SLEIGHERS notice the advertisement of H. C. Anderson & Co.'s Cutters.

DIED.

In Baltimore, on the 22d inst., of congestive chill, Mrs. SARAH BINYON, wife of Mr. Benjamin F. Binyon. The deceased has a number of relatives in this county.

MARRIED.

At St. James' Parsonage, Dec. 17, 1884, by Rev. A. W. Mather, GEORGE W. NOBLETT and Miss ANNA R. STORK, both of this co.

Near Lambson's, at the residence of the bride's father, Dec. 18, 1884, by the Rev. T. G. Nevitt, EDWARD W. FORD and Miss KATE SMITH, both of this county.

At the M. E. Parsonage in Still Pond on the evening of Dec. 24, 1884, by Rev. Louis E. Barrett, JOHN BRICE and Miss ANNIE L. MOORE, both of this county.

POSTPONED SALE.

Sale of the Personal Property of G. W. Knotts' near Masseys, was postponed until MONDAY, next, Dec. 29th, inst. d27-1t.

FOR SALE.
PURE BRED PLYMOUTH ROCK CHICKENS of the best strains.
C. C. BROWN, Pomona, Md.
d22-3t.*

FOR SALE.—
The very Fine Trotting STALLION "JOE HOOKER," or will trade the same for a good Family Horse. For terms apply to
S. VANNORT, Chestertown.
d27-3t.

FAIR and FESTIVAL!

Will open NEW YEAR'S NIGHT and continue

For TEN NIGHTS

IN THE GALENA TOWN HALL.

Benefit of St. Dennis' congregation.
Handsome and valuable articles will be given away.
d27-2t. G. S. BRADFORD, Rector.

NOTICE.—The Annual Meeting of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent Co will be held at the Court House in Chestertown on MONDAY, January 5, 1885, at 11 o'clock A. M.
N. G. WESTCOTT, Sec'y.
Dec. 20, 1884—3t.

ESTRAY GEESE.—Came to my premises on or about the 9th Dec., 15 GEESE, all white but one—that gray. The owners are notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take them away.
JAMES BRAMBLE, Quaker Neck.
d20-3t*

FOR SALE—
A Thoroughbred Chesapeake Bay DOG,
a good retriever, is 2½ years old, the owner having no use for him. Apply to
GEO. H. BEASTEN, Locust Grove.
d13-3t*

FOR RENT—
STORE HOUSE in Crumpton,
a good business stand, centrally located.
Address DR. F. N. SHEPPARD, Crumpton, Md.
d20-1m.

FOR RENT—
for the year '85
CHESAPEAKE HOUSE,
a good summer boarding house, eligibly situated for business, and TWO SMALL DWELLING HOUSES, all at Betterton.
d6-tf. R. T. TURNER.

WANTED—a Tenant for SMALL HOUSE near Galena, suitable for moderate sized family. Apply at once to
JOSEPH P. IRELAND, Galena, Md.
Nov. 15—tf.

CUMMINGS' GRAND DEPOT
—FOR—
CHRISTMAS and HOLIDAY GOODS!

New Patent Toys, all styles!
China and Glass Vases!
Toilet Sets, Dolls, Games;
Musical Instruments, Work Boxes, Albums, Block Games, Banks, Box toys, Writing Desks, Rocking Horses, Baby Carriages, Rocking Chairs, Express Wagons, Trunks, Coasting Sleds, Books, &c.

Fruits and Nuts.

Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Grapes, Raisins, Currants, Citron, Walnuts, Butternuts, Cocoanuts, Shellbarks, Filberts, Pecan and all kinds of Almonds, &c.
FINE CANDIES a specialty.
Christmas CAKES—Pound, Fruit, Lady, &c., ornamented in the finest styles.
Baker and Confectioner; opposite the Bank. CUMMINGS.
Dec. 13, 1884.

Horse Diseases.

I AM now ready to treat Sick or Lame Horses of all diseases upon reasonable terms. I cut out lumps, warts, tumors, fistula, &c.; castrate stock of all kinds.
I also have a preparation for COLIC, and a Healing Salve for old Sores, and fresh cut wounds of every kind.
Message by mail to see sick stock promptly attended to.
Satisfaction guaranteed in every case or no charge will be made.
E. J. PLUMMER,
d20. Smithville, Worton Sta., Kent co., Md.

H. C. ANDERSON & CO.

Successors to Geo. E. Lambert,

Carriage Manufactory,

CHESTERTOWN, MD.,

Has Just Finished a Nice Lot of

CUTTERS

AT BOTTOM PRICES.
NO TWO ALIKE!
A critical examination is solicited.
d27-2t.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned will sell at Public Sale on her farm near Still Pond, on
TUESDAY, December 30, 1884
The following Property:

ONE HORSE, Charley,
a good driver and excellent farm horse; work in all harness;
1 FAMILY CARRIAGE, jump-seat, nearly new; 1 set good HARNESS; one Wheelbarrow in good order; Chickens, Pigs, a few Locust Posts, and a small lot of Household and Kitchen Furniture, including 2 Coal Stoves in good order; 1 Oil Stove, new.
Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.
TERMS.—Sums of $5 and under cash; over, a credit of Twelve Months on note with security approved, and interest. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.
MRS. CORNELIA J. LEARY.
d27-1t.

Public Sale.

THE undersigned, as attorney for the owners will offer at Public Sale, at the Market House in Chestertown, on
SATURDAY, January 10,
at 2 o'clock P. M., the following property:

2 HORSES, good Drivers

1 YORK CARRIAGE, 1 CART,
1 set of Double Harness, 1 set Single do. and 1 set Cart Harness; 1 Saddle & Bridle 1 Strap of Sleigh Bells; 1 Miller's Fire-proof Safe, 1 Office Desk, 1 Stove, Chairs, Carpet and Matting, and small lot of Stove Coal.
TERMS.—All sums of $10 and under, cash; all sums over that amount a credit of Six months, including interest from date, on note and approved security.
MARION DEK. SMITH, ATTORNEY.
d27-ts.

Sale of House and Lot

IN CHESTERTOWN.

THE undersigned, as attorney for the owner, Mrs. Mary A. Earnest, will offer at public sale at the Court House door in Chestertown, on
SATURDAY, January 3, 1885,
At 2 o'clock, P. M.,

A LOT of LAND

on Calvert street in said town, adjoining the Bethel Church, fronting on Calvert street sixty-two feet six inches (62 ft. 6 inches), and running back eighty-one ft. ten inches (81 ft. 10 in.)
There is a SMALL STORY AND A HALF
Frame House
on the lot. With the anticipated improvement of Calvert street, property upon it cannot fail to increase rapidly in value.
TERMS OF SALE:—One-half cash on day of sale, and the balance in two instalments in six and twelve months from the day of sale, with interest.
J. A. PEARCE, ATT'Y for Mary A. Earnest.
d27-ts.

PUBLIC SALE.

Will be sold at Public Sale
On MONDAY, Dec. 29th,
at the residence of the subscriber, Turner's Creek, a lot of
Household Goods and Kitchen Furniture
1 GOOD BOAT and NET;
1 Breech-Loading GUN No. 10;
100 Heads CABBAGE.
Terms made known on day of sale. Sale to begin at 10 o'clock A. M.
d-20ts. A. G. DILL.

Sheriff's Sale
—OF—
A FINE FARM!

BY VIRTUE of a writ of fieri facias, issued from the Circuit Court of Kent County, Maryland, at the suit of Herbert & Hairston, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Edward Wilkins, to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim, interest and estate at law, and in equity, of the said Edward Wilkins, in and to all

THAT FINE FARM,

or Tract of Land, lying and being in "Skinner's Neck," in the Fifth Election District of Kent county, aforesaid, called "Walnut Neck," "Smyth's Desert" and "Selby," lying on the east side of Gray's Inn Creek, containing about

190 ACRES of LAND

more or less, together with the Buildings and Improvements thereupon, and being the some farm which Lartus Wilkins, late of Baltimore city, devised unto the said Edward Wilkins for life, by his last will and testament, duly recorded in the office of the Register of Wills in Baltimore city.
The farm is highly improved, convenient to Gray's Inn Wharf.
And I hereby give notice that on
TUESDAY, January 13th, 1885,
at 12 o'clock, in the day, at the Court House door, in Chestertown, I will offer the said property, so seized and taken in execution by Public Auction, to the highest bidder for cash.
JOHN W. PARSONS, Sh'ff,
HOPE H. BARROLL, attorney for plaintiffs.
d20-tds.

FOR SALE:
White Oak LUMBER
of all descriptions, constantly on hand and sawed to order.
Also, Bricks, Lime, Hair and Builders' Supplies. International Lumber Co.,
d20-2m* GOLT STATION, MD.

50,000 LBS. of POULTRY WANTED,
for which the highest cash price will be paid. F. S. BOTTOMLEY,
de6-1m. Millington, Md.

Public Sale.

THE undersigned, as execu'r of Jos. H. Clinton, late of Kent county, will sell at Public Sale, at the late residence of said deceased, on
MONDAY, the 29th Dec., inst.,
The following Property:

2 Head of HORSES,
1 COW, 1 CALF,
Half interest in ONE BULL;
1 REAPER, 1 DRILL, 1 WAGON,
2 DEARBORNS, 1 Carriage, 1 Grain Fan, Wagon and Dearborn Harness, Plow Gears, Farm Bell, Chest Carpenter's Tools, Harrows, Cultivators, Plows, Hoes, Shovels, and a lot of other articles including 7 bags Kennard & Co's Phosphate.
Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.
TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount, a credit of Nine Months, on note with approved security, interest added.—Positively no property to be removed until the terms are complied with.
J. FRANK WILSON, Exec'r.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auc'r.
Dec. 13—ts.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE subscriber, having rented her farms and quit farming, will sell at her residence, "Ford's Landing," at the junction of the Bohemia and Elk rivers, in Sassafras Neck,
On MONDAY, December 29th, 1884,
Her entire Stock and Farming Implements:

13 HORSES and COLTS,

No. 1—PEABODY, bay stallion, 3 years old, kind and docile, Ratler stock.
No. 2—CELESTE, bay mare, 4 years old, kind in all harness, a beauty and No. 1 driver.
No. 3—MODOCK, bay horse, 4 years old, kind in all harness, a fleet driver.
No. 4—GLIDE, bay mare, 5 years old, kind in all harness, and a good driver.
No. 5—LADY, black mare, 6 years old, kind in all harness, and good driver.
No. 6—NIG, black horse, 8 years old, kind in all harness and a good driver.
No. 7—BURLEIGH, bay mare, 8 years old, good worker and driver.
No. 8—DORCAS, black mare, 8 years old, good everywhere.
No. 9—SALLIE, large black mare, 8 years old No. 1 farm mare.
No. 10—KATE, roan mare, 8 years old, good worker.
No. 11—LUCY, sorrel mare, 9 years old, reliable worker and driver.
No. 12—HANNAH, brown mare, 9 years old, reliable farm mare.
No. 13—Sorrel horse colt, 9 months old, out of Glide, by Harriott's horse.
These horses are Good Blooded Stock, and worthy the attention of those wishing good drivers.

20 Head Cows, Heifers and Steers.
Mostly Alderney stock;
1 Thoroughbred Alderney Bull,
Registered Stock;
17 Chester White Shoats;
15 EWES with Lamb;

Farming Utensils, &c.
2 Drop-seat Carriages, in good order; 6 Farm Wagons, one nearly new; 3 Mill Dearborns, 2 Horse Carts, 2 Two-horse Sleighs, 1 New Reaper, 1 Competitor Reaper, 1 Mower, 1 Spring-tooth Rake, 2 Grain Fans, 2 Hand Corn Shellers, 1 Cutting Box, 2 Grain Drills with Phosphate Attachments, 8 Shovel Plows, 12 Cultivators, 1 Roller, 3 Twin Harrows, 3 AA Harrows, 20 Plows (one and two-horse Syracuse and Wiley patterns). 4 Sets Wagon Harness, 1 Half-bushel, 1 Refrigerator, 1 Cross-cut Saw, 1 Scythe and Cradle, 2 Bramble Scythes, 2 Sets Double Carriage Harness, 1 Set Single Harness, a number of sets of Plow Harness, Double and Single-trees, Bridles, Collars, Forks, Hoes, Shovels, old Iron, 1 Hand Cider Press (new).
These Implements are nearly all in good order. Everything offered will be sold.
Also, a Small Lot of
HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN FURNITURE.
Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M., sharp.
TERMS:—On all bills of $20 and under the cash will be required; for all bills over $20 a credit of eight months will be given, the purchaser giving a negotiable note, secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned, interest added.
LENETTA A. FORD,
A. P. SHOCKLEY, Auc'r. de6-tds.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF

A Small Tract of Land.

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Kent County, the undersigned as trustee will offer at PUBLIC SALE at Stanley, Kent co., Md., on
SATURDAY, the 10th January, 1885,
At 2 o'clock P. M., all that

TRACT of LAND

situated on the West side of the public road leading from Lynch's Station to Stanley in Kent county, adjoining lands of Geo. W. Rodenhiser and Dan'l Crew's heirs, and contains

FIVE ACRES of LAND

of which Robert Wilson, colored, late of Kent county, died seized and possessed, and which now belongs to his heirs.
The Improvements consist of a small Log House and a few Peach Trees.
THE TERMS OF SALE ARE:—One half cash on the day of sale or on the final ratification thereof at the option of the trustee, and the balance in 6 months from the day of sale, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with security to be approved by the trustee.
WM. M. SLAY, TRUSTEE.
Dec. 20—ts.

FOR SALE,

10 HEAD OF STOCK EWES,
Served by a fine Southdown Buck.
2 VERY NICE BUTTER COWS, Alderney stock, Calves by their sides
1 Short-Horn DURHAM COW, fine size and soon be fresh.
1 Thoroughbred Short-Horn BULL, 2½ years old, very large and very quit, of a Holstein Bull 18 mos. old, good size.
1 Large Red OX (off Steer) good worker; 8 years old and in fine condition.
d13-3t. C. H. HURLOCK.

Silverware!

AN EXTRA FINE SUPPLY OF THE BEST QUALITY AT
d13. STAM'S. DRUG STORE.