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Kent News.

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VIOLENCE BEGETS VIOLENCE.

A Dynamiter Who Has a Taste of His Own Teaching.

In another column we publish an account of the shooting of the notorious Irish agitator in New York by a woman. How violence leads to violence and crime begets crime is forcibly illustrated in this attack upon O'Donovan Rossa. This man has been the loudest of all the loud advocates of murder and destruction, the abettor of assassination and the instigator of dynamite plots; he has lived upon agitation and outrage and the disturbance of the public peace and has made himself a nuisance to the people of two hemispheres. That such a man should in his time fall by the hand of an assassin is so natural and fit that the attempt upon his life will scarcely cause surprise. The Philadelphia *Times* declares that the woman who shot Rossa is apparently an enthusiast as wrong-headed as himself, if not actually demented—a victim of that very agitation upon which Rossa had thrived so long. She has done as little for the cause of civilization as Rossa and his dynamiters have done by their infernal plots. She is an English woman and the suggestion is that she has been so wrought up by this man's loud talk that she had resolved to rid the world of him as a patriotic service. It is easy to foresee the capital which Rossa's friends will make of this. The woman will be represented as an emissary of British despotism sent over to murder the Irish patriot and if Rossa recovers he will be a more influential blatherskite than ever. Crime always harms the cause in which it is employed.

In itself, of course, this affair has no more than a mere personal significance, but it illustrates in a most painful way the illimitable evil to which all this wicked agitation and lawless violence inevitably leads. Men like O'Donovan Rossa, by their loud and reckless talk, so familiarize the public with the idea of murder that a silly woman takes upon herself the task of an assassin with the idea that she is doing a public service. This is the second attempt at murder among the same set of people within a few weeks, and it ought to be sufficient to teach Mr. Rossa and his companions that crime and outlawry can never be made anything else than an evil and a wrong to mankind.

A Terrible Imprisonment.

For a number of years Wm. H. Roberts and his family have made their home on a lonely island in the Susquehanna, about a mile north of Port Deposit. During the ice freshet of 1875 their island home was almost entirely submerged and the family rescued from their perilous situation by a band of brave men from Havre de Grace, who went over the ice at the risk of their own lives and brought the family safely ashore in their gunning skiff. Since that time Mr. Roberts has been removing his family to Port Deposit every fall, and not returning to the island until the ice had left the river. Last fall Mrs. Roberts was too ill to be removed, and the family were compelled to remain on the island, where they have for some time been cut off from all communication with the shore by the condition of the river. Saturday morning last Mr. Roberts made his appearance on the island, and attracting the attention of persons on the shore gave them to understand by signs and shouting, as best he could, that his wife was dead. It was also reported that one of the children, of whom there were five, was dead. It was deemed impossible to reach them with any assistance, or for them to escape from the island, with the river and ice in its present condition, and their situation was deplorable.

On Tuesday morning last a delegation, composed of Dr. C. A. Shure, Edward Boynton and many others, crossed the ice to the island. Each man carried a long pole, by which he could keep himself above the surface if the ice should give way. A crowd assembled on the shore to give encouragement to the party in its perilous journey. Mishaps were numerous, several of the party breaking in. The island was, however, reached in safety. Mrs. Roberts and her infant child were found to be dangerously ill, suffering for lack of proper attention, but not dead. Dr. Shure prescribed for the sufferers and brought Mr. Roberts ashore to secure the medicines. While the afflicted family have suffered untold misery from privation, it is thought that both mother and child will eventually recover.

THE RIGHTS OF COLORED PASSENGERS.—Judge Morris, in the United States District Court, Monday, rendered his decision in the case of Martha Stewart and three other women, colored, against the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Richmond Steamboat Company. The libellants purchased first class passage tickets on the steamboat Sue, after having been told that they would not be admitted to the sleeping apartment occupied by white females. This suit was brought to recover $500 damages each for exclusion from that apartment. Judge Morris said it was the right of the common carrier of passengers to make regulations for a separation of different classes of passengers, but they have no right to make any difference in the comfort and convenience of those who pay equal fare. The forward cabin assigned to colored females was not in as comfortable condition as that assigned to white females, and he therefore awarded a decree of $100 to each of the libellants. Notice of appeal was given.

DYNAMITE IN NEW YORK.—The attempt Saturday night to blow up a dry goods store in New York with dynamite enforces the necessity for prompt legislation against a new form of crime which has hitherto not been brought home to us in this country. The explosion in New York is attributed to discharged employes who have been seeking to enforce the demands of the Clerks' Union, and who have been unsuccessful in their efforts to compel the reinstatement of one of their number. The use of dynamite against hostile governments is bad enough, but its use as an agent of private malace and revenge is even worse, and deserves even more severe punishment.

AN ADMINISTRATOR NOT LIABLE FOR FUNERAL EXPENSES.—An important case was decided by Judge Stewart, in the City Court of Baltimore, last week. A Mr. Bryne, an undertaker, sued the administrator of Mary E. Cray, who was insolvent, for funeral expenses. The estate, it is reported, amounted to $1,788.85, and after the payment of taxes, ground rents, a mortgage and the administrator's commissions there was a shortage in favor of the administrator of $8.50. The commissions allowed the administrator by the Orphans' Court were $125, of which $12.50 go to the State. Mr. Bryne claimed that his bill of $91 for funeral expenses should take precedence of the administrator's commissions. Judge Stewart decided that while the funeral expenses should be paid the administrator could not be held liable for them.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—Mr. Albert Constable, of Cecil, and Mr. Henry W. Archer, of Harford, recently made a very narrow escape from death by a railroad engine. They were being driven from Perryville to Mr. Henry Smithson's residence, in the team of Mr. John Winchester, and when about to make one of the crossings on the river road, the engine on its way from Port Deposit to Perryville for water, came thundering along and was discovered just in time to turn the horses heads out of the way of the engine, but the carriage was struck and considerably damaged. The two gentlemen jumped out in time to save themselves. The escape from instant death was a narrow one.

A STOREKEEPER of Wilkesbarre, Pa., has received communications threatening to blow up his establishment with dynamite because he refuses to close his store at six in the evening, after having agreed to do so with others to give their clerks recreation. The matter has been placed in the hands of the police.

United States Senator.

The Baltimore *Sun* of Tuesday last under its "political notes" says: The contest for the United States Senatorship, which is to be settled by the Legislature next winter, is coming to the front in political circles. The friends of ex-Senator Whyte announce that they have placed him in the field. Senator Gorman placed himself before the party in a speech early after the election of President Cleveland. Governor McLane will have friends in the next Legislature who would give him their support for Senator if the opportunity arises. The selection of legislative candidates promises to be one of the most interesting features of the campaign work which the democrats will have before them this year.

English Disaster in Egypt.

After a siege of nine months and seven days Khartoum, on the 29th of January, was taken by the army of the Mahdi, and Gen. Gordon, its heroic defender, was, it is supposed, either captured or killed. This is a melancholy conclusion of a drama in which the whole civilized world has for a year past been deeply interested.

President Cleveland in New York.

President-elect Cleveland left Albany at six o'clock last Wednesday evening and reached the Victoria Hotel in New York at 11. Colonel Lamont, his secretary, was his only companion. The President stated that he was there to receive such men of national importance as chose to call upon him. A large number of Senators and members of Congress visited him yesterday and the day before. A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Times*, speaking of this visit, says, "President-elect Cleveland becomes more and more of an enigma to his party friends and opponents every day."

Not an "Upstart."

It was stated in Washington a few days ago that some prominent public men were inclined to belittle Senator Gorman, charging him with being an "upstart" and with having assumed an air of arrogance and importance since the Presidential election. The Senator should not be surprised at such reflections; it would be strange were it otherwise. He is a "shining mark" and the shafts of envy will be sure to fall thick and fast about him. The *littlest* of his rivals will make most noise, but will do no harm. Statesmen like Bayard appreciate his worth and do not hesitate to proclaim it. In reference to the reflections above mentioned it is said that the statements were severely criticised on the floor of the Senate chamber by leading democrats, and branded as false and absurd. Senator Bayard was particularly outspoken in his denunciation of these reflections upon Senator Gorman's personal character. The Senator from Delaware remarked that Senator Gorman was considered by all who knew him to be one the most modest and reserved of men in public life. He had never sought to intrude his opinions upon those who did not seek them.

Senator Groome.

The following concerning Senator Groome is from the *Morning Herald* of Baltimore, of last Saturday: "Senator Groome said today that after the 4th of March he would return to Elkton and resume the practice of law. 'I intend to lead a quiet life,' said he 'giving my attention exclusively to my business affairs. I never expect to hold another political office, but, of course, will take an active interest in my party and will always be at the service of my party friends.' Senator Groome referred to a newspaper report that he had cabinet aspirations, his name having been mentioned for the place of Postmaster-General. He said there was no truth in these reports, and that in the future he did not desire to take any interest in politics, beyond supporting his party and party friends. The retiring Maryland Senator has been diligent in attending to the interests of his constituents and of the State, and has made himself quite popular in Washington."

James Alfred Pearce.

This honored name is not rendered more honorable by the encomiums of press or people, but it is a pleasure to know that the great men of his day—his honored cotemporaries—have not forgotten him; that a Marylander and a Kent countian holds a place in the recollections of the noted ones of the land. A correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* interviewed Jefferson Davis on the recent trip to New Orleans in company with the Independence Bell. During the conversation Mr. Davis spoke in very complimentary terms of Reverdy Johnson, James Alfred Pearce and John P. Kennedy of Maryland. He said Reverdy Johnson was "a noble man," and one of the greatest this country has ever produced. James Alfred Pearce he regarded as a statesman of exceptional power, and one of the ablest men of his time.

After the Mortgages.

The Crisfield *Leader* of Somerset county offers a "cash prize of $25 for the best article in favor of the taxation of mortgages. The field is open to the State." The *Leader* declares that the question of mortgage taxation will be one of the leading issues in the coming campaign.

HORACE T. ROBERTS, Esq., a prominent citizen of Crumpton, died on Wednesday of last week, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis sustained the previous Sunday. Mr. Roberts was about 66 years of age, and has for many years been a member of the Methodist church.

MATTHIAS GEORGE, one of the oldest citizens of Queen Anne's county, died on the 29th ultimo, at his residence near Wye Mills, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. In 1839 he was a Whig member of the House of Representatives, and from 1845 to 1851 was a State Senator. His funeral took place on Sunday.

THE senatorial deadlock in Arkansas was ended last Saturday by the election of the Hon. Jas. K. Jones, member of Congress from the second district. He will take the place of the Hon. Jas. D. Walker, whose term of six years expires on the 4th of next March.

O'DONOVAN ROSSA is reported out of bed. Mrs. Yseult Dudley is believed to be of unsettled mind. She is in prison—just where all such blatherskites as Rossa ought to be.

MUSKRATS are a favorite dish with the epicures of Smyrna, and the *Times* regrets the great scarcity of the delicacy. Rats! O ye gods, what a dish!

THE EASTON *Star* says the peach buds show no sign of injury from cold yet. The crop in Talbot bids fair to be large. The buds in Kent have not been injured as yet so far as we have heard.

IMPROVED.—Mr. Jas. F. Melvin, who recently took charge of the Cambridge *Chronicle*, has greatly improved it in every way. It has been enlarged to thirty-two columns, a new power press has been put in, and the editorial department gives evidence of ability and industry. We don't like his new head, however. Change that type, brother; it mars your otherwise handsome appearance.

TOWN AND COUNTY AT LAW.—The Centreville *Observer* states that the legislature of 1882 passed a bill requiring the county commissioners to have the public streets of the town of Centreville and the road leading to the wharf covered with oyster shells. The commissioners having failed to comply with the law, a mandamus was prayed for by the town commissioners and sundry citizens and tax-payers of the town, and last week Judge Stump then holding court here, ordered a mandamus to issue requiring the county commissioners to show cause why the law should not be complied with. Messrs. A. R. Weedon and J. B. & E. H. Brown appeared for the complainants. Messrs. T. J. & B. F. Keating have been retained by the county commissioners, and the case will come up for final hearing at the May term.

MR. WALTERS' galleries in Baltimore will be open to the public on Wednesdays during February, March and April.

WHAT KILLS THE OYSTERS.

Will the Oyster Commissioners Investigate?

A private note from an intelligent gentleman makes reference to the oyster and gas tar question mentioned in the two previous issues of the NEWS, as follows:

ROCK HALL, Feb. 3, 1885.

MESSRS. PLUMMER & USILTON:—I have been over here some days inquiring about the tar business and dead oysters and ducks and find the matter far worse than I expected. There is scarcely a person I have inquired of about the matter but what confirms the story of dead ducks, loons and other water fowl being found by the hundreds; and as for the oysters not one pretends to oyster there* as they are nearly all dead, and those alive seem very sick and good-for-nothing. I am glad you have noticed the matter and hope it will draw the attention of the oyster commissioners to the matter. I fully investigated the subject in Baltimore and found that the Standard Oil Company has a large interest in the fertilizing companies and compel them to buy, or at least use their influence to exchange pure vitriol which they make at Baltimore and reship back from Philadelphia with the tar in it, there being no market for it, as the fertilizing companies there will not use it. All this tar from the two cities for the past three years has been discharged into the river, and it is no wonder the oysters are being killed and in time there is no telling what mischief may be done to other interests.

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*Swan Point Bar.

SHE IS DISAPPOINTED BUT WILL WATCH US.—One of our lady friends in Baltimore is a strict republican and she no doubt "prayed for" the success of Blaine. We are glad to learn that the defeat of her idol did not entirely overwhelm her. In a letter last week, in remitting two dollars for subscription to the NEWS, after declaring that she "did not know how to get along without the paper," she says: "I know you are joyful at your election last fall. Well, if I live, I will read closely and watch to see if all goes on harmoniously. I was most certainly very much disappointed, but am disposed to bear defeat patiently." It is to be hoped the new administration will safely pass the ordeal!

THE MUTUAL LIFE OF NEW YORK.—The annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York appears in our columns today. It is of interest to the general reader, as well as to the army of policy-holders of this great corporation, and shows how well a trust can be managed, and the confidence of the public not only obtained but increased from year to year. This Company now has $163,876,178.51 assets; a surplus of over $12,000,000, and has paid to policy-holders during the past year $13,923,062.19, equal to over $46,000 every business day in the year. Its policies in force aggregate the enormous sum of $361,789,285.

NEAT.—The most artistic lettering in Chestertown may be seen in the fine show-windows of M. T. Goslee, the shoe man, adjoining the bank. Mr. W. T. Sutton, who executed the work, is an ingenious young gentleman and in this case evidences his artistic taste and skill in lettering in a very high degree. Mr. Goslee's windows were among the prettiest in town before receiving this finishing touch. His present stock of footwear for old and young would do credit to a city establishment.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—Wm. J. Vannort and M. A. Simpers, mortgagees, will sell on Tuesday, Feb. 10, the property known as "Hanesville."

M. deK. Smith, Esq., att'y for Chester Loan Association, will sell on the same day a dwelling house at Worton Station.

In another column will be found advertised the valuable hotel property of Mr. H. S. Gatzmer in Crumpton, by Messrs. Wm. J. Vannort, Samuel Vannort and John H. Simpers, exec's.

A desirable small property near the village of Fairlee, owned by the late Capt. F. Wing, on Tuesday, February 24, by Wm. Kline, agent.

THE ICE HARVEST here has been abundant and fine. All who wanted ice have been able to procure it. Perkins, of the "Rising Sun," states that he has housed five or six hundred tons—a larger quantity than ever before—in thickness from four to six inches and free from snow.

NAVIGATION between Chestertown and Baltimore, which has been suspended for a week principally on account of an ice blockade in the mouth of Chester river, was resumed on Thursday by the steamer Corsica.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Feb. 3.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

Simon Freeman, adm'r of Benjamin Johnson, returned the acc't of sales of personal estate of said deceased.

I. Rich'd Leaverton, ex'r of G. H. Leaverton, filed his second and final adm. acc't, and the report of sales of the real estate of said deceased was ratified and confirmed.

Mary E. Whaley, (formerly Mary E. Hackett), and Jas. M. Severson, adm'rs of A. J. Hackett, filed their second administration account.

VENDUE.—Wednesday, February 25, M. C. Rawleigh, near town, by C. H. Baker, attorney.

Wednesday, February 11, Mrs. Laura J. Urie, near Rock Hall.

MARRIAGE OF AN EASTON BELLE.—One of the most beautiful and fashionable weddings that ever took place in Easton was the marriage of Miss Susie M. Bennett, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Jerome B. Bennett, a prominent citizen of Easton, and Mr. William E. Grasley, at Calvary Methodist Protestant Church, Wednesday evening of last week at eight o'clock. The church decorations were very handsome. Over the altar was an arch of evergreens, and suspended from its center an umbrella of roses. On either side were tastefully arranged beautiful flowers and exotics. The beauty of the bride and her attendants, and their elegant costumes, in unison with the beautiful decorations, made a grand scene. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. T. Little, the pastor of the church.

A FEARFUL ENCOUNTER.

Two Brakeman in a Death Struggle on Top of a Railroad Train at Full Speed.

A dispatch dated Chicago, Feb. 3, gives the following account of a thrilling encounter: A Pullman car conductor gives an account of a fight between two brakemen name Tom Brady and Frank Morrison, on board a Denver and Rio Grande freight train between Denver and Salt Lake, while the train was running at full speed. The men had had a quarrel over a girl, and Brady, finding Morrison in the caboose of the train, pulled out a revolver and fired at him. The shot went wide of the mark, when Morrison grappled with the assailant and secured control of the revolver. He fired at Brady in turn, wounding him in the shoulder. Brady made his way through the scuttle at the top of the caboose, and began to run over the tops of the cars, Morrison pursuing and firing at him until the shots had been all expended. Brady stumbled and fell flat upon the roof of a car, and Morrison reached him as he arose, but dropped his revolver and clutched his antagonist by the throat, when a frightful struggle took place on top of the rushing train. From side to side the men swayed in their death struggle, fighting, cursing, biting and gouging each other until Morrison, with a supreme effort, raised his foe and threw him with all his might, falling backwards himself from his exertion. But Brady caught the brake wheel and saved himself from falling between the cars. Regaining his feet, he rushed toward the engine over the top of the cars, jumped down on a flat car and clambered up on top of the next box car, still followed by Morrison. By this time the engineer and conductor noticed the men running toward the tender, and the former shut off some of his steam, thinking something might be wrong. Brady leaped upon the tender, dashed into the cab through the window and out upon the footboard alongside the boiler. Morrison followed, hurling a lump of coal as he sprang through the window. The men again gripped on the narrow footboard and hammered one another, each one striving to hurl the other to the ground. Thus they fought their way out upon the cow-catcher. The engineer reversed his lever and brought the train to a standstill, but not before the madmen had rolled off the cow-catcher into a ditch beside the track, where they both lay senseless. They were picked up and put to bed on board the caboose, and their wounds attended to. They were taken to Salt Lake, and when the Pullman conductor left that city both men were in a fair way to recover, although Morrison will carry a scar on his forehead as a souvenir of his desperate battle.

A NEW trial has been granted Dr. Jas. D. Pitts, who was sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary for killing Dr. Thomas L. Walter on Tangier Island—A prize-fight relieves the tedium of waiting for the ice gorge to break at Port Deposit.

THE BOY ORATOR AT STILL POND.—Ralph Bingham, the noted boy-orator, is advertised to be at Still Pond next Tuesday evening. At the low price of admission a full house is assured. Among the numerous press notices of this remarkable youth, the following from the Poughkeepsie *Courier* will give some idea of his merit:

"The entertainment given at the Opera House on Monday evening by Ralph Bingham, the boy orator, was one of the most interesting and amusing of the season. For nearly two hours the little wonder kept his audience in the best of humor. The success of some of his efforts are truly marvellous. The pathetic and the comic he seems to render with equal facility and with the utmost ease. Patrick Henry's Resistance to British Aggression was a masterpiece of elocution, while little Ralph's interpretation of 'Moriarity' was almost up to Billy Emerson's best effort. His audience were delighted from the opening to the close of the entertainment."

He will also entertain in the Chesterville M. E. Church on Friday, February 13.

A WATCH WITH A HISTORY.—Mr. W. A. Sappington, of Fairlee Mill, has a watch with an interesting history. It is a small, open-face, English-lever, silver watch; belonged to his grandfather and has been in the family fully one hundred years. It was worn by Mr. J. H. Sappington in the battle of North Point in the war of 1812. Since it came in possession of the present owner it has had one long, singular nap of over eighteen years. Mr. Sappington, while living on Judge W. S. Walker's farm—now tenanted by Mr. James Lewis—missed the watch. It had been stolen or in some way mysteriously disappeared. That was in 1866. Its "tick" was no more heard nor its familiar face again seen until last November. In repairing a shed attached to the dwelling on the Walker farm the carpenters discovered the watch secreted in the sheathing, where it had lain for so many years. Mr. Sappington, hearing of the discovery, made known his loss, and before seeing it satisfactorily described the old keepsake. Mr. Lucas was called upon to doctor it up a little and it is now running as well as ever.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.—The protracted meeting at the Meth. Protestant Church in this town closed last Sunday evening after a continuance of several weeks. The pastor, Rev. W. M. Strayer, received valuable assistance from Revs. A. W. Mather, of St. James; T. O. Crouse, of Chesapeake; J. L. Elderdice, of Kennedyville.

At the Meth. Episcopal Church a successful revival is now in progress under the direction of Mrs. L. H. Kenney, a lady evangelist of Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. Caldwell preached an interesting sermon on Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Macnichol, of Pomona, has been preaching on Sunday evenings for some months, and Rev. C. H. Baker has filled the pulpit every Sunday morning, and has been doing the general pastoral work of the church. Mr. Macnichol is a forcible and logical preacher and his services have been very highly appreciated, while the successful management of the general church interests is evidenced in its good spiritual condition and apparent ripeness for revival work. Very large audiences have attended the services every evening the present week, and daily afternoon meetings are being held from three to four o'clock which are also well attended. Mrs. Kenney is a firm believer in the doctrine of sanctification and labors earnestly to bring the church membership up to that state of perfect holiness she herself professes to enjoy. Quite a number of penitents were at the altar Thursday evening and some have professed conversion.

OUR MAIL ROUTES

Contracts Awarded for Four Years.

The Postoffice Department has awarded contracts for carrying the mails in Maryland for four years, beginning next July. The following are of most interest to the readers of the NEWS: From Baltimore to Queenstown, forty miles and back, three times a week, in safe and suitable steamboats, or daily, except Sunday, when such trips are made by steamer—to Chester River Steamboat Company, of Baltimore, at $350 per year. From Baltimore, by Tolchester Beach and Fairlee to Chestertown, forty-one miles and back, six times a week, to Tolchester Beach by steamboat (twenty-five miles), and six times a week the residue in backs, from June 1st to September 15th in each year—to William C. Eliason, of Baltimore, at $300 per year. From Earlville, by Cecilton and Warwick, to Middletown, (Del.) twelve miles and back, six times a week—Rob't Anderson, $180. From Chestertown, by Pomona, Lankford and Edesville, to Rock Hall, 14½ miles and back, six times a week—Benj. F. Legg, $567. From Chestertown to Rolph's, four miles and back, three times a week—W. L. Argue, $113. From Fairlee, by Melitota and Hanesville, to Worton, eight miles and back, six times a week—W. L. Argue, $310. From Warwick to Sassafras, three miles and back, six times a week—B. W. Beedy, $140. From Locust Grove to Black's Station (n. o.), one and ahalf miles and back, six times a week—W. H. Smith, $118. From Galena to Black's Station (n. o.), two miles and back, six times a week—J. B. Colegrove, $116. From Centreville to Queenstown, seven miles and back, twelves times a week—J. W. W. Woodford, $347. From Centreville, by Wye Mills, Skipton and Longwoods, to Easton, twenty-one miles and back, six times a week—B. W. Beedy, $590. From Queenstown, by Ford's Store, to Kent Island, eleven miles and back, six times a week—B. W. Beedy, $342. From Queenstown to Carmichael, five miles and back, six times a week—W. H. Smith, $190. From Church Hill to Price's Station, three miles and ahalf and back, twelve times a week—W. W. Teet, $275. From Ingleside to Merrickton, three miles and back, six times a week—James D. Smith, $140. From Ruthsburg, by Hope to Hayden, six miles and back, six times a week—John L. Jones, $226. From Templeville to Marydel (n. o.), two and a quarter miles and back, six times a week—J. B. Colegrove, $99. From Crumpton, by Chesterville, to Lambson Station (n. o.), five miles and back, six times a week—B. W. Beedy, $196.

The B. W. Beedy who is named as having secured several of the above routes has over forty contracts awarded him in Maryland. He is what may be termed a mail route speculator. Mr. Baily, superintendent at Washington says: "Speculative contractors have no interest whatever in the service or the people served by these routes. They put in bids for hundreds of routes in localities which they have never visited, and their bidding is not based on any regular estimates as to the cost of the service to be done. They merely aim to be the lowest bidders, and then give bond and take the chance of getting the work done without loss to themselves. Most of these routes are connected by hack or stage with the railroads. The vehicles carry passengers and parcels, and the additional compensation for carrying the mails is necessary in many instances to support the persons who engage in that employment. Rather than sacrifice what is in many cases all they have in the world, they will accept whatever these contractors choose to give rather than lose it entirely. Instances have occurred where they have not been paid what they earned. The contractors sub-let the routes they have secured at the best terms to themselves, always looking for a profit, and the service is badly done many times as a consequence of such a state of things. The postal department has much trouble with these sub-lettings, and sometimes the service is abandoned for days or weeks on routes where the carriers cannot keep it up for the pay they receive."

The Hop at Middletown.

A brilliant social hop was given in Middletown, Del., on Friday evening of last week. Among the guests reported present were the following from Kent: From Sassafras, Miss Bessie Boyer, in pink surah and garnet velvet, and Miss Belle Sinickson, in pink nun's veiling with white lace trimming; also Messrs. Harry Sinickson, Jacob Shalleross, Harry Griffith, H. F. Price and Charles Griffith. Masseys favored the occasion with the presence of Miss Fannie Price, dressed in white albatross with swan's-down trimming. Miss Emily Massey, in yellow brocade silk and garnet velvet, Miss Anna Cacy, in white silk and damasse; also Messrs. W. B. Davis and E. T. Massey.

JOSHUA RENNETT, democrat, has been elected to the Delaware Legislature from Kent county to fill a vacancy caused by the ineligibility of Representative Watson.

A MASQUERADE.—Mr. John Brice, of Lankford, gave a masquerade party to the young friends of his daughter, Miss Nannie, on Friday evening of last week. Many of the costumes were pretty and others were amusing. Miss Leila Jessup appeared as the "old-fashioned bride," Miss Blanche Constable as the "girl of the regiment," Miss Mary Beck as the "waiter girl," Miss Eva Connelly as the "dairy-maid," and Miss Daisy Brice as "the nurse," Miss Emma Beck as "the "waiter girl," and Miss Eva Corson as "Pocahontas." The gentlemen appeared in various characters, and that favorite among maskers, the devil, was also represented. One young man, who was dressed as "Topsy," was shown up to the ladies' room by one of the ladies of the house. She had very grave misgivings as to him, however, and informed him at the door that the room for gentlemen was across the hall. In spite of his gown and bustle, he quietly went over among the gentlemen.

There were about seventy-five at the party, a large number not being in costume. Supper was served from ten to twelve. The company was quite a gay one, and broke up at 2 o'clock Saturday morning.

QUIMBY—WALLACE.—In the new Methodist Episcopal Church at Sudlersville, in the presence of a large audience, on Tuesday evening of last week, Mr. David J. Quimby was united in marriage to Miss Libbie Wallace of that town; Rev. J. O. Sypherd performed the ceremony. Mr. Quimby is a well known teacher of vocal music and has had many successful classes in Kent. He was also "once upon a time" a typo in the NEWS office. Dave is a good fellow—unless he's changed mightily since those days of long ago—and deserves a good wife. He's been a long time about it, but now that he has taken upon himself the benedict robe, we extend our heartiest congratulations.

DEATH OF JOHN K. BRUFF.—The St. Michaels *Comet* announces the death in that town of Mr. John K. Bruff, a son of Mr. J. K. Bruff, of this county, who died some years ago near Swan creek. The deceased a few years ago while master workman on the Johns Hopkins hospital buildings, Baltimore, the scaffolding gave way and he fell and received considerable injury. He was treated at the hospital on which he was at work, being the first patient in that building. His death is regretted by a large circle of friends. Mr. Bruff, the popular and efficient examiner of public schools in Baltimore county, is a brother of the deceased.

DISSOLVED.—The firm of Rutter & Ashbury, commission merchants, Baltimore, has been dissolved. Mr. Wm. H. Rutter gives notice in another column that he is conducting the business on his own account at the old stand. Mr. R. is a good salesman and an upright, honorable business man.

MARRIED

In the M. E. Church at Sudlersville, Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1885, by Rev. J. O. Sypherd, DAVID J. Quimby, formerly of this county, and Miss LIBBIE WALLACE, of Queen Anne's county.

At the residence of the bride's father on the morning of January 28, 1885, by Rev. R. K. Stephenson, HENRY S. COOK, of Millington, and Miss SALLIE S. MULLIKIN, of Trappe, Talbot county.

DIED.

In Millington, January 26, 1885, DAVID TOWNSEND, aged 78 years.

Near Millington, Jan. 29, 1885, GEORGIE A. wife of Samuel Peacock, aged 33 years.

3,000 CHESTNUT RAILS for sale. Apply to THOS. W. SKIRVEN, Fairlee.
feb7-3t*

HE IS COMING!

RALPH BINGHAM! THE BOY ORATOR

Artist and Character Delineator!

The most wonderful prodigy of the nineteenth century. Let none miss the opportunity of seeing and hearing this boy in the display of his God-given talents. He will be at the TOWN HALL IN STILL POND, on Tuesday evening next, Feb. 10. Admission 25c; reserved seats 35c. Proceeds for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of Still Pond M. E. Church.

Secure your tickets in time. For sale at all the stores in Still Pond; also at the door on evening of exhibition. 1t.

Ralph Bingham—The Boy Orator!

"A Born Prodigy in Elocution and Oratory."

Will give one of his most wonderful and pleasing entertainments in the CHESTERVILLE M. E. Church on FRIDAY NIGHT, Feb. 13.

No one should fail to hear him. "The most remarkable character on the American stage." Admission—adults 25c; children 15c. Reserved seats 35c. Doors open at 7 o'clk. 1t.

NOTICE.—I shall have on sale Saturday (today) a very fine BEEF, and also on Tuesday next something hard to beat to all lovers of good Beef. I purchased this Beef of Mr. Tylden Brice in Eastern Neck. Persons who know Mr. Brice know he has the feed to make good beef, and I shall be happy to sell this beef to all who may favor me with a call. As trying it is the best way to prove what I say, I hope the public will try it, and I know it will be to their full satisfaction. Yours, most respectfully,
B. THOMPSON, Butcher,
feb7-1t. opp. Voshell House.

FANCY GOODS and PERFUMERY.

Our Stock is so Large we cannot enumerate. We beg you to examine.
COLIN F. STAM,
feb7. Druggist.

Fencing!

ENTER YOUR ORDER in FEBR'Y for March delivery of FENCING, off rail or vessel along the river, and obtain bottom prices.
JOSEPH TURNER.
Feb. 7, 1885.

TOWN TAXES.

TOWN TAXES for 1884 are past due; call and settle to save interest. Those in arrears for 1883 will find their property advertised very shortly. JOS. N. WHEATLEY,
j31-3t. Collector.

ORCHARD GRASS SEED FOR SALE.
Six or Seven Hundred Bushels.
Apply to F. BAKER
SAMUEL W. BROWN,
j31-3t. Pomona, Md.

FOUND—In Chestertown on Tuesday night a Boy's SADDLE and BRIDLE. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and get the same,
j24-3t. T. V. SIMPSON, Bailiff.

FOR SALE.
The sailing SCOW CHARLES A. BOYD, Fifty Tons Burden; New sails.
Address STEPHEN J. HEALY,
j24-5t. Havre de Grace, Md.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Kent National Bank of Chestertown, that their regular annual meeting for the election of Five Directors for the Bank for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House in Chestertown, THURSDAY, Feb. 12, 1885, at 11 o'clock A. M. JOSEPH PETERSON,
j10-tm. Cashier.

NOTICE.—All creditors of the "KENT GUARDS" are requested to forward their accounts to Lieut. R. R. Calder within Thirty (30) days from this date or else be excluded from any claim on said company.
j31-3t. By order T. G. DeFORD, Capt.

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

THE PLACE to buy any thing in the LAMP LINE is at SPARKS',
j31. opp. Court House.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned, intending to remove from the county, will offer at PUBLIC SALE, on

WEDNESDAY, the 25th February, 1885

on her place adjoining H. W. Vickers, Esq., near Chestertown, the following Personal Property:

5 HEAD OF HORSES,

all good workers, and 1 good road horse;
ONE COLT.
THREE MILCH COWS, one fresh,
ONE SOW and NINE PIGS,
THREE SHOATS,
1 Farm Wagon, 1 Horse Cart & harness, 1 Dearborn, 1 Carriage and harness; Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Cutting-box and Corn Crusher, lot of Fodder and Hay, Cabbage, Potatoes, 1 Cook Stove and 1 Fire-place Stove, and a large variety of
HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN FURNITURE

TERMS.—All sums of $10 and under, cash; all sums over that amount a credit of 6 months on note with approved security.
Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.
M. C. RAWLEIGH.

C. H. BAKER, ESQ., my Attorney, will conduct the sale and take the notes. feb7-ts.

Public Sale.

BY order of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, the undersigned as adm'x, will sell at Public Sale, at the late residence of Thos. Urie, deceased, near Rock Hall, on

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11th, 1885,

at 10 o'clock, A. M., the following property:

Household and Kitchen Furniture,

LOT OF MATTING; LOT OF CARPET; 1 GUN; LOT MATTRESSES; 1 WHEELBARROW; HORSE BLANKETS; HORSE CARTS AND HARNESS; CARRIAGE HARNESS, ONE HORSE; LOT OF GARDEN TOOLS and also, a few FARMING IMPLEMENTS; CARPENTER'S TOOLS; ONE PAIR OYSTER SHAFTS; ONE PAIR OYSTER TONGS.

LAURA J. URIE,
j31-tds. Adm'x.

VALENTINES.

A Choice Assortment
at STAM'S
feb7. Drug Store.

Paid Up Capital.....$1,000.000
Cash Assets Jan. 1, 1885....$4,938,501 92

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The CONTINENTAL Fire Insurance Co.
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1st.—It insures close to actual value of the property, and STOCK as well as building.
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REFERENCES:
J. A. Pearce, Esq. H. W. Vickers, Esq.
Mr. S. Vannort, Mr. W. H. Stewart, and many others.
JOHN D. URIE, Agent.
fe7. Chestertown, Md.

DRUGS!

OUR STOCK IS LARGE AND FRESH!

We carry an assortment of the finest Drugs in the market.

OUR PRESCRIPTION DEPARTMENT!

is first class in every respect and under our own personal care.
C. F. STAM,
feb7. Druggist.

WHEAT & CORN WANTED

FOR WHICH THE HIGHEST CASH PRICE WILL BE PAID UPON DELIVERY TO
S. B. FOARD,
Agent for the Wm. Lea & Sons Co.

I have also C. W. WARREN at Kennedyville, who will always be in the market for Grain.
fe7-6m. S. B. FOARD.

BOOKS!

We propose carrying through the year a LARGE ASSORTMENT OF BOOKS.

Quite a stock on hand now. Some in sets as—
HAWTHORNE WORKS,
Rawlinson's Seven Great Monarchies,
Chambers' English Literature,
Symond's Renaissance in Italy.
Some singly—
Gilt edge Poets, E. P. Roe's Works, Cooper, Geo. Eliot and others, which will pay you to look over.

Our Stock of SEASIDE and LOVELL'S LIBRARIES IS VERY LARGE.

COLIN F. STAM,
DRUGGIST.
fe7

ALL LAMPS reduced 25 per cent. at SPARKS',
j31. opp. Court House.

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
A Desirable Property
NEAR THE VILLAGE OF FAIRLEE.

BY virtue of a power of attorney from Mrs. Elizabeth A. Wing, I will offer at Public Sale on

TUESDAY, February 24th,

at 2 o'clock P. M., at the Court House in Chestertown, the

HOUSE AND LOT OF LAND

With the IMPROVEMENTS thereon, of which the late Capt. Franklin Wing died seized. There is about an acre of land, divided into a fruit lot and garden well enclosed; a workshop and Poultry house in good condition.

The lot contains a number of thrifty young Pear trees, with room for other fruits. A well of water of unsurpassed excellence is within a few feet of the door. The proximity of this property to the village and its location in the midst of a prosperous farming community, offer special advantages to a skilled mechanic.

TERMS:—$100 cash; balance safely secured in nine and twelve months.
fe7-ts. WM. KLINE, Agent.

PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
A HOUSE AND LOT
AT WORTON ST