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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING..........APRIL 25, 1885.

WAR between England and Russia is still impending, and hostilities may begin at any hour.

SENATOR GORMAN has returned to Washington from his Southern trip in recovered health and spirits.

IT is stated that Mr. Albert Constable, of Cecil county, has announced himself a candidate for the democratic nomination for the Legislature, and has begun an active canvass.

CAROLINE POLITICS.—Hon. P. W. Downes is named as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the Senate. For clerk Mr. Clinton Cook is named among others. For the republican nomination for clerk the latest name mentioned is that of Geo. M. Russum, Esq.

A BAD SPECULATION.—The stockholders of the Norfolk Bank, which recently suspended, have been called upon by the government to pay a sum equal to the par value of their stock to make good the loss to depositors. It is bad enough for one to lose the capital he invests; when the loss is doubled on him it is worse still.

THE coroner's jury in New York in the case of recent fallen buildings, by which one man lost his life and others were seriously injured, has rendered a verdict to the effect that the owner and builder merit the severest punishment that can be inflicted. The coroner made out commitments and placed them in the hands of the police for the arrest of the parties named in the verdict.

GENERAL GRANT is improving rapidly. He has been riding out this week and also taking short walks, disdaining all assistance except that of his cane. He limped slightly from the effects of the fall which he received more than a year ago, but there was no feebleness in his step, and he responded in a clear and firm voice to the many congratulations which were offered him as he walked from and to the house.

ALREADY Secretary Whitney is advertising for sale some of the old hulks that disgrace our navy. Would it not be well to have a general overhauling and dispose of all naval vessels that could not be utilized to advantage in case of necessity? There may be some objection to parting with the renowned Tallapoosa, but this "ship of state" might be reserved as a remembrancer of having saved the lives of the late President and other government officials when she went down before the superior prowess of a coal barge!

JUDGE STEWART, in the City Court of Baltimore, has decided that speculating in margins is not gambling. The counsel for the defendant held that margins were simply wagers on the price of the articles dealt in, as it was mutually understood by the parties to the transaction that settlements were to be made by the payment of the difference in price and not by actual delivery. The Judge, in his ruling, appears to have been governed as much if not more by the character of the persons engaged in the business than by the law. He said: "The business is carried on in Baltimore by a large class of our best citizens, and I will not be the first to decide that the business is not in accordance with law." The case will be taken to the Court of Appeals. There is no decision by that tribunal on the question.

WHILE Miss Maude Oswald, an aerial performer with Forepaugh's Circus, was performing in Baltimore last Tuesday night on the trapeze, suspended from the top of the centre tent, a distance of thirty-five feet above the ground, she missed a rope for which she was swinging and came with lightning-like rapidity in a perpendicular position towards the ground. Several attaches of the circus had been stationed in the ring beneath the trapeze, holding a net in which to catch the lady in case she should fall. They missed her, and she struck the ground erect and then fell forward. For an instant the audience was paralyzed with terror, and a painful exclamation of fright went up from the thousands present. Miss Oswald quickly gained her feet, however, and with a bow assured the spectators of her lucky escape. She then retired followed by thunderous applause.

THE United States Supreme Court rendered an important decision on Monday in the group of cases known as the Virginia coupon tax cases, involving the validity of the recent legislation of that State with reference to the payment of State taxes in the coupons of the State's bonds. The decision was against the State and in favor of the bondholders on all material points. The court holds that all the legislation of the State which attempts to evade the obligation under which it rests to receive the coupons of its bonds in payment of State taxes is unconstitutional and void, because it impairs the obligation of a contract; that the taxpayer, having once made a due tender of coupons in payment of his taxes, is under no obligation to pay such taxes in money, but may rest securely upon his right to have the coupons received when offered, and that a tax collector who attempts thereafter to forcibly collect such taxes by levying upon the taxpayer's property is not shielded by the legislature of the State, but makes the attempt at his personal peril. The court holds furthermore that a suit brought against a tax collector for seizure of a taxpayer's property, after due tender of coupons, is not a suit against the State, but is a suit against an individual trespasser acting without the legal authority of the State. The opinion was delivered by Mr. Justice Matthews. The chief justice and Justices Bradley, Miller and Gray dissented, Justice Bradley delivering the dissenting opinion.

Wheeling's Big Day.

Last Friday week was a day of great excitement in all circles in Wheeling, West Virginia, the inducing cause being the calling of the docket in the circuit court that morning, embracing the return of the grand jury which had been in session for the last four days. Among the indictments, 125 in number, are 60 for gambling, many of the persons proceeded against standing very high in official and social circles. One is an ex-governor of the State, and another the head of a department in the present State government; others are connected with the city government, one member of the council having five indictments against him, and others still are prominent merchants and manufacturers. The remainder are about equally divided between fly young society gentlemen and professional gamblers. Another startling feature of the jury's work is the indictment of well-known real estate owners for leasing property to gamblers and other law breakers.

REV. JOHN SUMMERFIELD DEALE, D. D., of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and pastor of Caroline Street Church, died at the pastoral residence about 4.45 P. M. last Sunday. Death resulted from heart disease, to which he had long been subject. He retired on Saturday night without showing any symptoms of illness, but shortly after 4 A. M. on Sunday morning he called the family and complained of oppressiveness in the region of the heart. Drs. Jacob Houck and W. N. Hill were summoned at once, but before their arrival, which was in twenty minutes, he died. He was in his thirty-sixth year in the ministry, having entered the Baltimore Conference in 1849.

A BRASS BAND FOR CHURCH SERVICES.—The Rev. John H. Munsell, pastor of the Evangelical Congregation at Schenectady, N. Y., a large and influential society, has engaged the Mozart Brass Band to play regularly at Sunday services in his church. A liturgy will also be introduced. The innovation causes much surprise, but it is approved by the congregation.

HOW FICKLE is fashion. In the brief space of a few months the fashion in elopements has entirely changed and the coachman, who was then the popular idol, has been succeeded by the rink manager. There are tastes and tastes, in supplying which the fashions must change; but one cannot help wondering what other class of men the girls will elope with after the rink managers have followed in the path of the coachmen.

State Temperance Alliance.

The twelfth annual session of the Maryland State Temperance Alliance was held in Baltimore this week, beginning on Tuesday. The committee on credentials reported 682 delegates present, representing the city and twenty counties. Mr. Wm. Daniel, (after reading a long report on the subject of local option, in which he argued that the cause of temperance has been advanced by running a presidential ticket last year), declined a re-election as president and Mr. Edward Higgins was chosen as his successor.

Mr. E. P. Janvier, of this county, offered the following resolutions:

Whereas it is generally believed that the Maryland State Temperance Alliance has become partisan in character, and that a partisan policy will be injurious to our cause. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the policy of the State Temperance Alliance is strictly non-partisan.

Resolved, That the executive committee and officers of the Alliance to be elected are not at liberty, when acting in an official capacity as officers of the Alliance, to use the Alliance, its influence or its funds for partisan purposes.

Resolved, That these resolutions shall have the force of a constitutional amendment, and shall continue effective and in full force until repealed at an annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present, general notice having first been given through the Baltimore papers thirty days before the meeting.

Debate on the resolutions was deferred until Wednesday, when after a long and acrimonious discussion they were taken up and adopted by a large majority. Thus the Alliance has declared itself out of politics and non-partisan.

The Knotty Question of Removals.

Col. A. K. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia *Times*, writes to his paper from Washington under date of 22d instant giving some valuable information respecting the knotty question of removals from office. He says:

The knotty question of the day is that of removals from office. It is beset with difficulties both legal and political. The tenure of office law and the advanced public policy forbidding indiscriminate removals on partisan grounds, require a new departure by the new administration in filling the Federal offices, and President Cleveland is abundant in caution. He means to fulfill his pledges as to civil service reform, because he sincerely and earnestly believes in them, and he means to enforce the theory of civil service reform inexorable alike in the removal of the incompetent and unworthy and in the appointment of only competent and worthy successors. "Why then, does he not proceed to remove offensive officials?" is heard on every side from the impatient place seekers. The answer is plain and simple—no complaints or demands for the removal of objectionable officials have come to him except in the irresponsible way of private interviews, which would be valueless in defending the act of removal when the co-ordinate appointing power of the Senate is to be convinced. The tenure of office law forbids the removal of officials who have a fixed tenure stated in their commissions, except for cause, until their terms expire, and the thoughtless politicians clamor for removals, but furnish no tangible cause to justify or excuse them. There is no man in the Democratic party who is more anxious than is President Cleveland to remove Federal officials who have prostituted their offices to mean partisan ends, or who are for any other reason unfitted for the intelligent and reputable discharge of their public duties; but he can't do it without some tangible evidence on the subject for the very good reason that the laws he is sworn to execute forbid him to do so. Both the President and Secretary Manning spoke plainly to Congressmen on these points within my hearing last evening, and they simply uttered what the friends of applicants should have known and appreciated without admonition from the administration. There have been repeated informal conferences here recently between Democratic Congressmen from Pennsylvania, embracing all of them at different times, and they now understand the practical, common-sense way to reach offensive Republican officials. Instead of scolding around in the lobbies of the Washington hotels and in political circles at home, they will carefully scan the officials, present formal reasons for their dismissal, and they will have the hearty co-operation of the administration in enforcing civil service reform by the removal of officers who have been living libels upon every principle of reform in the public service. The Federal officers who can be justly accused may now confidently expect to be accused, and such as can't stand the racket, would do well to resign.

CAPTAIN WILLIAMS' TRIAL.

Boye Tells the Story of the Persecution and Death of Otto Mayher.

The trial of Capt. John H. Williams for the murder of Otto Mayher, an oyster dredger, was commenced at Princess Anne, Md., on Monday morning. The court-house was crowded with people from all parts of the county. State's Attorney Miles outlined the case before the jury. He said it was one of the most atrocious murders ever committed in the State, utterly brutal and without excuse. It was willful, premeditated and deliberate. Colonel Page, speaking for the defense, said that the captain of a dredge-boat carries his life in his hands; that the prisoner had merely disciplined Otto Mayher, and had not exceeded his proper authority. He cherished for him no animosity.

The first witness for the prosecution was Frederick Boye, a German, who was one of the dredgers on Williams' boat, and was brought from Baltimore by Julius Conrad, of the German Society, under whose care he has been since he left Williams' employ, about the time he was arrested. He was interrogated through the interpreter. His statement was as follows:

I met Captain Williams on October 22 at the shipping office in Baltimore, and was engaged to go on his boat, the Blue and Belle, as a dredger. I was on the boat 10 days. Five of the crew were then transferred to the Eva, another of his boats. Among the five were Otto Mayher and myself. I saw Captain Williams strike Mayher twice on November 21 on the breast and knock him down. Mayher cried out, and the captain laughed and turned away. Up to that time Mayher was in good health.

The witness, step by step, unfolded the story of Williams' treatment of Mayher. On the 25th of November the captain beat Mayher with a shovel and knocked him down several times with a handspike, hitting him on all parts of the body. He beat him five or six times, at least, on that day, because he did not open oysters fast enough. Mayher cried out: "My God! My God! I am sore everywhere!" On the 26th the captain kicked Mayher down on the deck, and the prostrate man moaned "He has killed me." On the 26th Williams knocked Mayher down, put his foot on his neck, and said: "I will kill you, you d—d rascal." He struck Mayher with a hand spike on the back. Mayher cried: "My back; Oh! my back!" This treatment was repeated on that day, and he was also lifted up from the deck by rope tied around his thumbs. The sailors carried him down into the hold, and he was so limp and helpless he could not sit upright and had to be propped up. He related the last incidents preceding Mayher's death. The prisoner is defended by Hon. John W. Crisfield, Col. Henry Page and Thos. S. Hodson, Esq., and State's Attorney Miles is conducting the prosecution unassisted.

AN OLD COUPLE'S SECRET WEALTH.—For many years Elisha Sands and his wife Hannah lived on a small farm on King street road, Port Chester, Westchester county, N. Y. Sands was a bookbinder in New York, and was not supposed to be possessed of much money. He died about two years ago, leaving no children. Last week the widow Sands died. When Mrs. Sands' effects were examined there was found sewed up in an old petticoat $30,000 in greenbacks. Bank books were also found showing deposits to the full limit allowed by law in savings banks in New York city, the whole amount being $110,000. There was also found $100,000 in government and other bonds. In addition to this Mrs. Sands left real estate in Seventh avenue, Elm and Cherry streets and the Bowery, and the farm, unincumbered, upon which she resided. The bulk of her estate will go to her four nephews—Mortimer Brown, of New York, James and Wm. Purdy, of Port Chester, and another in Chicago.

THE Jersey fisherman couldn't catch shad as long as he remained a Jerseyman, but by becoming a citizen of Delaware there was no law against his catching all the shad he could inveigle into his net. It doesn't cost a great deal to take up a temporary residence in the State of peaches and great statesmen, and so, rather than go to war about the matter, the Jersey fisherman has resolved to try the peaceful method of emigration. The Delaware Legislature is not in session and can pass no act excluding Jerseymen from the State till after the present shad season is over, and it may be confidently expected that peace will be restored and shad plenty in a very few days.—*Phila. Times.*

THE friends of civil-service reform will give the Hon. George H. Pendleton a dinner at Delmonico's, New York, on the 28th instant. Geo. William Curtis will preside, and an effort will be made to have as many civil-service reformers present as possible. The gentlemen proffering the compliment assure Mr. Pendleton that the invitation is given "without distinction of party, and with the full conviction that all Mr. Pendleton has done to remove the subordinate public officers from the arena of party politics has conferred a lasting benefit upon the whole country." Hons. Carl Schurz, B. H. Bristow and John Jay are among the signers to the invitation, which Mr. Pendleton promptly accepted.

An Important Case.

THE "BLIND BAR" AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT—AND THE COURT UNMASKS THE CONCERN.

At the last October term of the circuit court for Kent county the grand jury had before it for the third or fourth time Hall's Hotel, charged with selling liquor contrary to the local option law. Knowing the many loopholes of escape, and because of the success of the responsible parties under a previous indictment getting off by shifting the responsibility upon others, the grand jury indicted everybody in the house. Some of the parties so indicted left for parts unknown and John Hall and his wife secured a postponement of their cases until the present April term. On Tuesday these cases were reached and heard before Hons. Judges Wickes and Stump. Numbers of witnesses testified again concerning this noted "blind bar." One corner of the old bar-room of the hotel was partitioned off and in it was a drawer and a little cuddy-window. A tap upon the cuddy and a call for whiskey or beer, accompanied with the money, would bring the desired article promptly out in the drawer. No one connected with the hotel was about. Now and then a person called "Mash" or "George" could be seen behind the blind through the little window. That was all. Mr. and Mrs. Hall were in entire ignorance of these transactions; counsel for defense showed this by producing a lease from them to Mr. W. P. Smith and Mr. Theodore Stephens. Mr. Smith is dead and "Mr. Theodore Stephens" a myth, but yet in some way that wonderful lease ought to relieve Mr. and Mrs. Hall!

The court patiently heard the case through and deferred judgment until Wednesday morning. The parties charged entered the presence of the court that morning apparently confident of the success of their defense, and were doubtless startled when Judge Wickes in his vigorous language announced the decision of the court in substance as follows:

"These parties have been fertile in expedient in evading the law and throwing the officers of the law off the track. A year ago they lease the bar-room to one Charles Maguire and when he is presented he has left; the next six months meanwhile the sale of liquor has been continuous. Hall and wife are again indicted and we are confronted with a lease to Theodore Stephens; he is indicted and has left for parts unknown; again Hall and wife are indicted and once more we are stopped by a lease to one Stephens. Is it possible that a court will in the face of outraged public sentiment and of defiance of law accept such make-shifts to justify a judgment of not guilty, on the contrary we believe and are firmly convinced of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Hall have been cognizant of the sale of liquor, and are both, in the firm conviction of this court, guilty of a violation of the law. Yesterday the evidence pointed to the fact that Mrs. Hall owned the property and was the proprietess of the place, and today here comes Hall and admits that he owns the place and is the proprietor thereof. Certain it is that Mr. Hall is the legal owner of the property, and we believe that if the truth be known she is at the bottom of this affair and has Hall under her control, instead of being in submission to him; certain it is she has been seen on more than one occasion in and about the place. We believe that she and Hall received the profits of the business and were thoroughly cognizant that it was being carried on. The majesty of the law demands vindication; the statutes have been disregarded by these people long enough and the sense of the community demands their punishment. The judgment of the court in the case of Mr. Hall is that he be fined three hundred dollars, and unless said fine and all costs are paid forthwith, he be confined in the Maryland House of Correction for four months. In the case of Mrs. Hall that she pay a fine of three hundred dollars and costs and unless the same is paid forthwith she be confined in the Maryland House of Correction for four months."

Mr. and Mrs. Hall were then conducted to jail, but the latter paid her fine and costs on Thursday and was released. Mr. Hall has signified his intention of going to the House of Correction.

THE TELEPHONE.

The telephone enterprise is an assured success in Kent. A meeting of stockholders was held at the office of C. T. Westcott, Esq., on Monday last with Joseph E. Weer, chairman, and E. T. Comegys, secretary. The following persons were elected to constitute a board of directors—one from each district being chosen by the stockholders from the several districts: First, H. C. Layman; second, L. C. Justis, jr.; third, Wm. P. Norris; fourth, C. T. Westcott; fifth, A. L. Corey. The board met on Tuesday and organized by the election of C. T. Westcott president, and M. Wilbur Thomas secretary and treasurer. Articles of incorporation have been adopted by the stockholders and the company will be in a few days under full chartered privileges and ready for work. One thousand shares of stock will be issued at five dollars per share; fifteen hundred dollars have already been taken and the first instalment paid. Work will be commenced at an early day and with Chestertown as a base the principal towns and villages of the county will be connected as soon as the stock subscriptions from such localities will justify it. Millington, Locust Grove, Lynch's, Kennedyville, Chestertown, Crumpton and Tolchester have already manifested such interest as to guarantee to these points the advantages to be derived from this great modern invention, and, without doubt, every other place of importance will wake to their interest in this direction in due time. Subscriptions from one locality will not be used for the benefit of another, so that the only way for villages or sections of the county to secure the advantages is by the subscription of stock from such place. Connection is expected to be made with the Queen Anne's telephone system by crossing Chester river at the bridge and tapping the Church Hill wire, thus enabling us to talk with our neighbors at most distant points in adjoining counties. Mr. Westcott has been the leading spirit in the inauguration of this enterprise in Kent and his selection as the chief officer is a guarantee of good management and complete success. Besides the great convenience and advantages arising from the enterprise, there is no doubt but that the stock will pay handsome dividends to the holders, as such has been the result in Queen Anne's and elsewhere, and already a responsible party has come forward with a proposition to lease and conduct the Kent lines and guarantee a net income upon the capital invested of at least six per cent.

Appreciative.

The following appreciative note from a reader of the NEWS for several years in Kent, who has recently removed to the city, was received a few days since:

DEAR NEWS:—Many visitors have passed in at our door since we came to the city, but none of them have contributed more to our pleasure than yourself. It was at a later hour than you were in the habit of calling, but we made due allowance for that knowing that you had farther to come. What pleased us so much was that you *did* come. We took hold of you with both hands and I am sure after we were done shaking hands you were glad you were not the President of the United States, and under the painful necessity of shaking hands with a whole Conference of preachers. We looked you in the face and studied every feature with an intensity that would have caused a less self-possessed character than yourself to lose countenance, but you did not seem to mind it a bit. The editor's sprightly conference letter, county correspondence, locals, advertisements and all were taken in and we felt better afterward. You seemed like a part of the old home coming to lighten the new.

We like our new home. The parsonage is a comfortable three-story brick with ample yard. The church is next door. A company of ladies received us, and by the ample dinner they served and their cordial greetings reminded us of the corner of Queen street and Maple avenue, Chestertown, and our welcome to that house two years ago. A good congregation greeted us both morning and night on Sunday, and I was personally introduced to each child and teacher in the Sunday-school in the afternoon.

Dear old NEWS, won't you come again? I will tell you a secret: The children say they like you better than any other news-carrier they know. Con amore, W. M. S.

A HORSE KILLED.—Judge Hyland, of the Orphans' Court, lost a valuable mare last Sunday morning. She was kicked on the hind leg by another horse, breaking and shattering the bone; and it was deemed best to kill her by shooting. The animal was valued at $200.

CECIL COUNTY ALMSHOUSE has bought 20,000 herring at 51 cents a hundred.

FARMERS ENCOURAGED.—The warm weather of the present week has greatly improved the wheat prospect in Kent, and though a full crop cannot now be expected in any event, farmers are in better spirits and hope to get enough out of the wheat crop to pay for fertilizers and tillage at least. Grass also is now making rapid growth, greatly to the relief of those who long since fed the last of their store of stock feed. Fruit trees are blooming and the prospect for a good crop encouraging; corn ground is being rapidly prepared and some farmers are already planting, so that the farming outlook is vastly better than it was ten days ago.

VERDICT AGAINST A KENT COUNTIAN.—A verdict for the plaintiff for $11,837.66 was given on Wednesday in the United States Circuit Court of Philadelphia in the suit of J. Wesley Supplee, of that city, against Mr. Dennis McCauley, of this county, upon two promissory notes—one for $3,000 and the other for $8,000—given by the defendant to S. Morris Waln & Co. in 1883, and transferred by the latter firm to Messrs. J. W. Supplee & Co. in payment of a debt. Payment had been resisted upon the ground that the notes were accommodation paper and had passed into the plaintiff's hands with that notice.

RAILROAD CASE MOVED TO EASTON.—The case of W. Scotten against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, docketed in the circuit court for Cecil county, was removed to Talbot at the recent term of the Cecil court. It is a damage suit growing out of the accident at Clayton some months ago when a train on the Delaware road and a Chesapeake and Delaware train were in collision. Mr. Scotten, who lives at Crumpton, was hurt in the collision. Mr. Albert Constable brought the suit for the plaintiff, and Messrs. William J. Jones and William S. Evans, appeared for the railroad in the Cecil circuit court.

FESTIVAL.—The festival season will be inaugurated May 26 by a grand strawberry and ice-cream festival in Chestertown at the Town Hall under the direction of the "Young People's Association of the M. P. Church." This association is engaged in the very commendable work of raising money to assist in the erection of a new church. A handsome sum has already been secured and invested. They deserve and will no doubt continue to receive the most liberal encouragement from the community generally.

A POOR AFFAIR.—The Cambridge *News* in speaking of the Robbins' Show in that town states "it was not near so good as O'Brien's"—that "the actors and players, men and women, looked haggard and careworn and the fearful life they are leading is plainly making inroads on their health." The usual losses of pocket books is reported. You may always find first-class thieves about where there is a crowd.

MR. J. E. HENDRICKSON, president of the Philadelphia Produce Exchange, who is well known in the upper part of this county, was married last Tuesday week to Miss Anna M. Ruoff, of that city. Among the many handsome and elegant wedding presents received was a solid walnut sideboard, solid silver tea service and two baskets of cut flowers from the members of the Produce Exchange.

A COLORED SEXTON SURPRISED.—The ladies of the P. E. Church of this town surprised their sexton, Horace Brown, on Tuesday evening, and left with him quite a quantity of groceries, flour, meat, etc. Horace has been the faithful sexton of the church for a number of years and has the esteem of the entire congregation.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, April 21.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

Thomas and Wm. G. Rasin, adm'rs of Thos. Rasin, Sr., filed the inventory of the personal estate of said deceased.

Wm. B. Usilton, trustee to S. Murray Frazier, filed his bond in the penal sum of $3,000.

Francis X. Kraft, guardian to Mary R., Andrew A., and Helen M. Woodall, filed his bond in the penal sum of $10,000.

Wm. B. Usilton, executor of E. E. Frazier, filed his release from Milton Baker and wife.

R. C. Johnson, executor of E. B. Woodall, filed his first and final administration account.

Charles A. Rouse, adm'r of Robert H. Rouse, filed the inventory of the personal estate of said deceased.

Thursday.—B. F. H. Caulk filed his bond as trustee to Emma Sophia Brice in the penal sum of $3,000 with approved security.

MR. JOHN W. WRIGHT informs the public that he has taken the grist mill near Chestertown (formerly Whaland's) and has it in good repair and is doing good work. Mr. Wright is a practical miller of thirty years' experience, and has the highest recommendation from mill-owners who know him. Give him a trial.

A GREAT HAUL.—Capt. J. F. Wilson on Tuesday morning last took from *one net* on the North East river, at the head of Chesapeake bay, thirty-five thousand herring! He could not dispose of them at any price. He says the river seemed alive with them. Capt. Wilson was one of Kent's representatives in the last Legislature.

ATTENTION is called to the adver. of R. H. Mackey & Co., who have taken the carriage manufactory formerly conducted by George E. Lambert. Mr. Mackey is a well known Delaware carriage builder and thoroughly understands his business.

MR. J. Q. A. HOLLOWAY advertises in this issue his superior brands of phosphate for corn and other crops.

REMEMBER Miss Kate Price's entertainment at Still Pond next Wednesday evening and patronize it liberally.

A HORSE hitched to a rack in Centreville last Tuesday pulled back so hard that his neck was broken.

MARRIED.

In Rock Hall, on the 21st instant, by Rev. G. S. Conaway, JAMES DOWNEY to Miss EMMA URIE, both of Rock Hall.

In Memoriam.

Allow me through your medium to give a feeble tribute to the memory of R. H. ROUSE, who departed this life March 26, 1885, aged 70 years. He had been in feeble health for some time previous to his last illness, yet, notwithstanding this, he was one of the most energetic and industrious men in business we had in the community. In all his business transactions he was strictly truthful and honest; charitable and kind to those in need. In his last illness, which was typhoid pneumonia, he was patient and resigned. He said "he had lived the time alloted to man by the kindness of Providence and he felt thankful for the favor." Mr. Barrett, a minister from Still Pond, visited him. A little while before he died he called his family around his bedside and said, "The time has come don't leave me." When asked of his spiritual affairs he said: "All is well. Peace; peace within." His end was peaceful and calm and as the shadows of evening were gathering his spirit took its flight to realms of endless day. May the sorrowing ones meet him in Heaven is the prayer of a sympathizing friend. W. F. H.

Death of Mary J. Nowland.

Mrs. Mary J. Nowland, widow of the late Augustus J. Nowland, died at the home of her son, H. A. Nowland, near Middletown, Del., on the 17th inst., in the 68th year of her age. Her death was caused by inflammatory rheumatism, of which she was ill only about a week. Mrs. Nowland was the daughter of Henry Sluyter, who, in his day was one of the most prominent residents of Bohemia Manor. She was a woman who had no greater pleasure than that of doing a benevolent act, and her hands have been always busy in kindly deeds. She leaves two sons. The funeral took place on Monday last from the residence of H. A. Nowland. Services were held at the house and the interment was made at St. Augustine Cemetery, Cecil county Md.—*Middletown Transcript.*

WALL BRUSHES, White Wash Brushes, a fine assortment as there is in town. Prices low. Prices quoted at the Hardware Store of
J. K. Aldridge & Co.

WIRE NETTING, Window Frames, Door Frames for Wire Screen, at J. K. Aldridge & Co.'s.

BUY A GOOD PUMP from J. K. ALDRIDGE & Co.

RELIGIOUS.—Quarterly Meeting at the M. E. Church, Chestertown, tomorrow (Sunday.) Love Feast at 9½ A. M.; preaching at 10½ by the pastor and at 7.45 P. M. by Rev. Dr. CALDWELL, P. E.

Mrs. KENNEY and Mrs. SMITH, of Philada., will hold an all-day meeting in the above church next Friday, May 1st, beginning at 9½ A. M.; 2½ and 7.45 P. M., to which Christians generally are invited. They will also be present to take part in the services on the following Sunday.

A MEETING of the County Temperance Alliance will be held in Chestertown, at the regular Lodge room, on Thursday, April 30, at 10 A. M. C. H. BAKER.

THE REMAINS of the late MARGARET BELL, wife of Anthony Bell, who died Jan. 1st, will be interred from the vault, Greenmount Cemetery, on Wednesday, April 29, at 10 o'clock A. M., in St. Paul's Church-yard. Friends are invited to attend. 1t.

PERSONAL. A first-class TUNER, coming direct from one of the most prominent manufacturers, will be in this locality next week. Any one having tuning or repairing to be done to their instruments can have same attended to by leaving order at this office. 1t.

LECTURE. REV. J. H. CALDWELL, D. D., will LECTURE at the Union M. E. Church on Wednesday evening, April 29, for the benefit of the Sabbath School. Tickets at the door. Tickets 25c.; children 15c. 1t.

200 BUS. PEERLESS POTATOES for sale by N. BARNARD, Still Pond. a25-3t.

FOR RENT— For balance of present year, DWELLING HOUSE on Cross Street, Chestertown. a25-3t. Apply to J. H. SIMPERS.

FOR SALE— A YOUNG MARE, four years old this June. She is gentle and well adapted for farmer's use. Will be sold on reasonable terms. Address or apply to J. WRIGHT NORRIS, Kennedyville, Md. apr25-3t.*

Festival! Festival!

ON TUESDAY, MAY 26th, will be opened in the Town Hall a grand STRAWBERRY and ICE-CREAM FESTIVAL, under the auspices of the "Young People's Association of the M. P. Church, Chestertown." Preparations are now making to render this occasion specially enjoyable. The proceeds will be applied to the New Church fund, and our friends and the public are earnestly requested to favor us with their presence and patronage. apr25-3t.

ENTERTAINMENT IN STILL POND!

MISS KATE PRICE

Will give an entertainment in the TOWN HALL in STILL POND on WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 29.

The program will consist of Charades, Tableaux, Vocal and Instrumental Music.

General admission 25 cts.; children under 12 years, 15 cts. Doors open at 7 o'clock; performance begins at 8 o'clock. a18-2t.

THE SHERIFFALTY.

OWING to repeated solicitations on the part of many friends, I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for SHERIFF OF KENT CO., subject to the decision of the Democratic primaries. ROBERT K. PIPPIN.
Chestertown, April 18—8t.

PRICE OF GRAIN IS VERY LOW and EVERY CENT per bushel counts. To keep my vessels busy I will give good prices for CORN and WHEAT. mh28. JOSEPH TURNER.

FOR SALE AT COST: TWO NEW ESTEY ORGANS and ONE BEAUTIFUL SET OF PARLOR FURNITURE, at LOUIS K. STAM'S. a11-3t.

SEEDS! SEEDS! A large and fine lot of LANDRETH'S FRESH GARDEN SEED at J. F. LEARY'S PHARMACY, Rock Hall. mh28-7t*

NOTICE.—The STOCKHOLDERS of the Chestertown Straw Board and Manufacturing Company of Kent County, are hereby notified that a meeting of the Stockholders of the above Company will be held MONDAY, May 4th, 1885, 8 o'clock P. M., at the office of the Company in Chestertown, Maryland, for the purpose of reducing the Capital Stock of said Company to thirty-six thousand dollars.
T. W. ELIASON, JR.,
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT,
WILBUR ELIASON,
J. K. ALDRIDGE,
apr4-5t. DIRECTORS.

NOTICE— The MERCHANTS of Chestertown, exclusive of Confectionery Stores, are requested, according to promise, to close their places of business at 7.45 TUESDAY NIGHT.
a18. By order of the Y. M. C. A.

OIL STOVES! OIL STOVES!!

The Golden Star, Tubular, Florence, Adams & Westlake, Summer Queen and others, at all prices. They save labor, fuel and vexation in warm weather. Call and see them, we take pleasure in showing them and pointing out their merits.
For sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

THE season for Ice-Cream is now at hand and we have on hand a nice assortment of Freezers, such as the Peerless, White Mountain, Crown, &c., at J. K. Aldridge & Co.'s.

ROAD NOTICE.

THIRTY DAYS after date the undersigned citizens of Kent county will petition the Hon. County Commissioners of Kent county to

Widen the Road

Known as MILL LANE

from the Galena and Georgetown road over Spicer's mill-dam to the Galena and Sassafras road, and also to

OPEN and MAKE A NEW ROAD

from the point where the mill lane intersects the Galena and Sassafras road, and running across the farm where Benj. P. Waters now resides, and continued between the lands of Cochran and White to the old Galena road leading to Masseys.
WM. J. SPICER,
R. R. COCHRAN,
BENJ. P. WATERS,
THOS. H. HORSEY,
JAS. W. WALLS,
LEWIS HAYES,
April 25—5t. and others.

POST HOLE DIGGERS and South Bend Plows for sale; Wire Screen, window and door Frames; at bottom Prices. No. 84 "Acme" Shares for sale. Sheep Shears! Sheep Shears! Boat Oars and Oar Locks all at bottom prices.
apr15. W. A. WHEATLEY.

WE are agents for the Cooley Creamer, it is only to be tried to be appreciated. Gives universal satisfaction.—Call and see them. J. K. Aldridge & Co.

SHEEP SHEARS! Sheep Shears!! a splendid assortment, at prices to suit. J. K. Aldridge & Co.

ROOFING and SPOUTING done at short notice and on reasonable terms by J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO. mh14.

PLOWS! PLOWS!—The ROLAND Chilled Plows and Repairs, for sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

A Splendid Assortment of TINWARE of our own manufacture, for sale at low prices. W. A. WHEATLEY.

NEW SPRING and SUMMER MILLINERY!

MRS. KATE GILL has just opened A New and Beautiful Stock of MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS, For Spring and Summer.

Newest Styles in HATS, BONNETS, &c. At Lowest Prices!

An early call is respectfully solicited. I will do my best to please.
☞ BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS for sale.
KATE GILL,
ap25. Two doors below the Post-office.

Spring and Summer MILLINERY!

MRS. C. R. FIDDIS wishes to call the attention of the Ladies to her New Spring and Summer Millinery And FANCY GOODS.

She has selected the Latest Novelties of the season and will be happy to see her friends and the ladies generally. Please give her an early call.

N. B.—I have MISS M. J. WYATT as an assistant. She will be pleased to see her former friends and customers call and will as before do all in her power to please them.
STAMPING a Specialty. apr25-5t.

Greenhouse and Bedding Plants!

MY collection is larger and in better condition than ever before. An early call at the Greenhouses will convince you of the fact.—We shall be glad to see you. The following are some special Bedding Plants, very fine: Coleus, Verbenæ, Geraniums, Heliotrope, Pansies, Gladiolas, Tube Rose Roots, Dahlias, Daisies, China, Asters, Phlox, Carnations, Caladiums, Scarlet Sage, Fuchsias, Golden Feverfew, Canvas and many other Plants too numerous to mention. Prices low.
☞ Cabbage Plants and Tomato Plants now ready. All others Plants in their season.
WILLIAM KIRBY, FLORIST,
a25-3t. Chestertown, Md.

Mill Notice!

HAVING leased the GRIST MILL near Chestertown, commonly called "WHALAND'S," I take pleasure in giving notice to the customers and public that the Mill has been thoroughly repaired and is now in good running order. A new Bolting Cloth and a first-class pair of new WHEAT BURRS for making an excellent White Flour have been put in and I respectfully invite the public to give me a trial. By long experience in the business together with my daily personal attention I hope to merit a liberal share of the public patronage and will endeavor to give general satisfaction. It is requested that customers clean their grain sent to mill as far as possible—this gives the Miller a better chance to give satisfaction both in quality and quantity; grain not cleaned chokes up the machinery and gives great trouble. I recommend making two grades of flour; this gives a good turnout, considering both grades, and makes both better. FLOUR, MEAL and GROUND FEED for sale at moderate prices. JOHN W. WRIGHT.
April 25, 1885—3t.* tf.

Down! Down! Down! THEY GO!

Mattings! Carpets! Oil Cloths! Rugs, Mats, etc.

Special Inducements to Housekeepers!
☞ Note the Reduction in Prices: Carpetings that have been selling at 75c.; 85c. and $1 per yard, now go at 65, 70 and 75c. per yard. Mattings too! in the same proportion. Very truly, R. F. PARKS.
☞ Remnants of Carpeting, Mattings and Oil Cloths at half price.
April 25, 1885.

SPRING GOODS

JUST RECEIVED AT

J. H. SIMPERS',

CHESTERTOWN.

Dry Goods.—Col'd Dress Goods, Dress Ginghams, Percales, Lawns, Calicoes, Bleached and Unbleached Muslins in all widths, full line white goods in India Linen, Victoria Lawn, Nansook, &c., Cassimeres, Cottonades, Linen Drills, Tickings, Flannels, Shirtings, &c.

Notions.—Gloves, Hosiery all grades from cheapest to fine regular made, a very good Corset at 50c., Towels from 5c. up, a regular bargain in a Towel at 25c., Hamburg Edging and Inserting, Swiss Embroidery, Laces, Gent's Collars, Cuffs and Neckwear, Silk & Linen Handkerchiefs, Fine Shirts, &c.

Shoes.—Gent's Calf Button, Gent's Calf Lace, Boys and Youths' Calf Button and Lace, Ladies and Misses' Goat Button' Ladies and Misses' Kid Button, Ladies and Misses' Kid Fox Button, Children's Kid, Goat and Grain Button and Lace, Children's Solar Tip, Men & Boy's Plow Shows, Men and Boys' Base Ball Shoes. Ladies' Fine, Kid Opera Slippers at $1. We have a very large stock of Shoes bought at low prices, which we offer at small profit.

Carpets, Matting, Oil Cloths, Ingrain and Jute Carpets, Matting from 12½ cts. up, a bargain at 20c. per yard. Floor Oil Cloths from 25c. per yard up.

Straw Hats—a large stock just opened comprising all grades from common to fine, suitable for all ages, at prices to please.

Groceries, Sugars, Teas, Coffees, Flour, Spices, Yeast Powder, Soap, Tobacco, Segars, &c.

Full assortment Queensware, Glassware. Lowest Cash Prices.
April 25, J. H. SIMPERS.

Take Notice!

ALL PERSONS in arrears for taxes in the Fourth District are hereby notified that unless settlement is made

On or Before the First of May, 1885,

I shall immediately advertise and sell their property. I am compelled to this by the demands upon me.
GEO. S. BIDDLE,
apr18-3t. Coll'r 4th Dist.

Election of Town Commissioner.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an Election will be held at the COURT HOUSE, in CHESTERTOWN, on MONDAY, the 27th day of April, 1885, for the purpose of electing one person to serve for three years as Commissioner in place of Wm. B. Usilton, Esq., one of the present Commissioners, whose term expires on that date. Polls open from 9 o'clock A. M., to 6 o'clock P. M.
J. A. PEARCE, PRES'T
April 11-3t. Town Commissioners.

REFRIGERATORS, Field Kegs, Water Coolers and other things in season, at the Hardware Store with a Glass Front. J. K. Aldridge & Co.

BARB, Buck Thorn and Ribbon Fence Wire, cheaper than ever, at J. K. Aldridge & Co.'s.

Last Chance!

LOT OF NEW AND SECOND-HAND CARRIAGES At Public Sale in front of Court House

This Saturday Afternoon, April 25,

At 3 o'clock.
CHARLES T. WESTCOTT.
J. H. GREENWOOD, Auct. 1t.

R. H. MACKEY & Co

Successors to GEO. E. LAMBERT,

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND,

Manufacturers of and Dealers —IN— FINE CARRIAGES of all descriptions,

JUMP SEATS, PHAETONS, BREWSTER.

Repairing and Painting neatly executed and all work guaranteed to give satisfaction. Horse-Shoeing and all kinds of Agricultural work done in the very best manner.
R. H. MACKEY & CO.
April 25—tf.

Tax Collector's Sale.

BY virtue of the authority vested in me as collector of Corporation taxes I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of Alexander Scott, colored, of, in and to a

Lot in Chestertown,

near Railroad Depot, on the new street that crosses Calvert st. extended, fronting 20 feet on said new street; thence at right angles 64 ft. to C. H. Davis' lot; thence with said Davis lot 20 ft.; thence at right angles 64 feet to the beginning, forming a parallelogram 20x64 ft. It is improved by a Two-story Frame House.

Will be sold at the Court House door *ON SATURDAY, MAY 16th*, 1885, at 3 o'clock P. M., to pay taxes due from said Alexander Scott—for 1883 $1.37 and for 1884 98c.—together with interest and costs due and to become due thereon.
JOS. N. WHEATLEY,
a25-ts. Corporation Collector.

☞ $25 REWARD!

THE above reward will be paid by the undersigned for any information that will lead to the recovery of one

JOHN PEIRCE,

who escaped Chestertown Jail on Saturday night, April 4th, 1885.

PEIRCE stands about 5 feet 11 inches, is dark complected, with moustache and goatee; had on dark clothes and slouch hat, is rather lazy looking and sickly.
JOHN W. PARSONS,
Sheriff of Kent Co.
Chestertown, April 11, 1885.

STANDARD KEEPER'S NOTICE.

THE undersigned, having been appointed STANDARD KEEPER FOR KENT COUNTY, hereby gives notice

To Merchants, Shop Keepers,

And ALL OTHERS INTERESTED

that he will, by order of the County Commissioners, attend at the following places on the days named, for the purpose of inspecting and adjusting all

BEAMS and SCALES,

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

used or intended to be used in this county, viz:

MONDAY, May 4—Chesterville, Millington and Masseys.

TUESDAY, May 5—Sassafras, Galena, Locust Grove and Kennedyville.

WEDNESDAY, May 6—Worton, Lynch's, Still Pond, Betterton, Smithville, Hanesville and Melitota.

THURSDAY, May 7—Fairlee, Sandy Bottom, Edesville, Rock Hall, Grey's Inn and Piney Neck.

FRIDAY, May 8—Lankford, Pomona, and Quaker Neck.

SATURDAY, May 9—Chestertown.

☞ The Stores, Mills and Butchers at unnamed places in various parts of the county will be attended to at convenience in passing from one more prominent point to another.
ELIJAH STAATS,
apr25-2t. Standard Keeper.

Coming, Coming, Come!

THE NOMINATION

IS NEAR AT HAND, BUT OUR

Central Market

can and will accommodate all parties, irrespective of age, color or sex, with fresh goods such as are kept in a first-class Grocery, Provision and Confectionery store.

Large arrivals daily of the latest delicacies of the season.

Flour, Meal, Oat Meal, Buckwheat,

BROILING BEEF, Chipped to Order.

Coffees, Teas, Sugar, Canned Goods of all kinds, Pickles of superior quality, Catsup, Chow-Chow, Jellies, Cakes, Crackers, Candies, Nuts, Figs, Raisins, Currants, &c.

Excellent SEED POTATOES just arrived.

The largest and best selected stock of TOBACCO and CIGARS in town. DON'T FORGET THE PLACE!

MARK IT DOWN!

Goods sent to all parts of the town free of charge. Thankful for past favors, we hope for a continuance of the same,
Respectfully,
W. H. LAMBERT,
april1. opp. "Kent News" office.

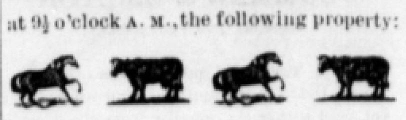
WE will sell you a good BOOT with 21 inch leg at $2.40 per pair, and in a few days will have a 23 inch leg. Full stock hand-pegged and seamed Boots at $4 per pair. THOMPSON, up town.

VENDUE!

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court for Kent county, the undersigned, administrator of George Graves, will sell at the late residence of the said deceased in Quaker Neck, on

SATURDAY, April 25th inst.,

at 9½ o'clock A. M., the following property:



4 HEAD OF HORSES,

including ONE STALLION, 4 yrs. old,

2 Milch Cows, one with Calf by her side

8 SHOTES,

1 Carriage and Harness, 1 No-top Buggy,
1 Bickford & Huffman Drill,
1 Wagon and Harness,
1 Horse Cart and Gears,
Plows, Harrows, and other Farming Implements; lot of Bacon & Corn Blades. Also, Cook Stove and HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

TERMS:—All purchases of $10 or less, cash; over that amount a credit of six months on note with approved security, payable at the Chestertown National Bank.
JAMES H. BAKER,
apr11-ts. Adm'r.

NOTICE OF RETIREMENT.

I HEREBY give notice that on the 26th day of March, 1885, I retired from the business of General Storekeeper, conducted at my premises, near Rock Hall, Kent county, Md., having disposed of my stock to Mr. Wm. S. Maslin, who has served me intelligently and faithfully for a number of years, and who I consider worthy of the patronage which I have enjoyed, and for which I take this opportunity to return most sincere thanks. And am not unmindful of the fact, that during nearly a quarter of a century with many customers who are yet living and many more who have passed away, neither the Judge or the Magistrate has been called upon to arbitrate between us.
apr4-4t.* C. A. LEARY.

$159,600

WORTH of PROPERTY INSURED

AT THE

CONTINENTAL AGENCY

From April 1, 1884, to April 1, 1885.

Because intelligent business men want a Safe and Reasonable Insurance at a Reasonable Cost.

We refer to the following well known gentlemen whose valuable residences are insured in this company:

Jas. A. Pearce, Esq., Mr. Sam'l Vannort, H. W. Vickers, " " Jos. Turner.
JOHN D. URIE, Ag't,
April 4, 1885. CHESTERTOWN.

10 Concave Points for $1.

If you will go to

CHAPMAN & LAMBERT'S

you can buy Ten No. 9 Plow Points or Shares for the low price of $1, and No. 10 Points and Shares in same proportion.

All kinds Concave Land Sides and Mould Boards at same rates.

We want to close out our stock of Castings. They are of the best Smyrna make. We also have some Concave Points to sell at cost.

This is your chance to buy cheap.

All Castings are guaranteed to fit your Plows or you can return them.
CHAPMAN & LAMBERT.
March 28—6t.

JOS. L. DOWNES. W. R. JENNINGS.

DOWNES & JENNINGS,

Merchant Tailors,

33 Hanover Street,

BALTIMORE.

mh14-3½m.

☞ NOTICE.

DURING the Summer of 1884 proceedings were taken by the Commissioners to enforce the Fine provided under the ordinance prohibiting Storage of Fertilizers within the town limits, and notice was given of the intention by the party fined to test the validity of the ordinance on appeal. Through some inadvertence no case has been made, and the Commissioners now republish the ordinance as standing in full effect and requiring enforcement until repealed or declared invalid. By order of the Board.
JAS. A. PEARCE, President.

Ordinance No.—

Fertilizer, Fertilizer Material and other offensive matter shall not be kept in store within the limits of Chestertown. Such goods may be landed at the wharves or housed thereon over night, or to protect from inclement weather but must be removed beyond the town limits within twenty-four hours from the hour of arrival.

All Fertilizer, Fertilizer Material, and like offensive matter now stored within the limits of Chestertown—or remaining anywhere within said limits—shall be removed within twenty-four hours from the time of notification so to do.

Any owner or owners of such goods, or the owner or owners of property within or upon which such goods or material are placed, who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the provision of this Ordinance, shall pay a Fine of One Dollar for the first offense, and an additional Fine of Five Dollars per day for each and every day the offense shall continue.
By order of the
COMM. OF CHESTERTOWN,
SEPTEMBER 5, 1884.
Test:—JOS. N. WHEATLEY, Clerk.

BRICKLAYING.

THE undersigned offers his services to the people of Kent and Queen Anne's counties as a BRICKLAYER. Terms for Contracting and Jobbing will be as moderate as possible, and will feel thankful for any and all orders. Orders can be left with Mr J. A. Fiddis, opposite the M. E. Church, Chestertown.
april1-3m. J. EDGAR FIDDIS.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

ROBERT H. ROUSE,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of October, 1885, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 14th day of April, 1885.
CHARLES A. ROUSE,
apr18-4t. Adm'r.