

Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 23, 1885.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.

In pursuance of the action taken by the County Executive Committee on the 13th day of May, 1885, the Democratic voters of Kent county will meet at the usual places of voting, in their several election districts, between the hours of 2 and 6 p. m., on Saturday, June 6, for the purpose of conducting the primary election and of electing delegates from each district to the County Convention to be held at the Court House at 11 o'clock a. m., on the following Tuesday to nominate one candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court, one candidate for Register of Wills, one candidate for Sheriff, two candidates for the House of Delegates, five candidates for County Commissioners and one candidate for County Surveyor.

In this connection it is deemed proper to append the following rules and regulations for conducting the primaries:

- 1st. That the executive committee from each district have power to appoint in their respective districts, three electors, who shall act as judges of the nomination, and shall have power to appoint clerks.
- 2d. That, in voting at the primaries, no one shall be allowed to vote whose name does not appear upon the registration book of the district in which he offers to vote.
- 3d. That in receiving the votes the judges shall be assured that the party offering to vote is a Democrat.
- 4th. That it is the sense of this committee that the nominations shall be made by the district plan.
- 5th. That as explanatory of the district plan the following be read: Each district shall appoint or elect five delegates, who shall meet at a convention at the Court House in Chestertown on Tuesday succeeding the primaries, at 11 o'clock a. m., to nominate and publish the names of candidates for all offices to be filled—provided that each district shall be entitled to one candidate for County Commissioner, and one candidate for County Surveyor.
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W. S. WALKER, Chairman County Executive Committee.

The worst prospect in Virginia is described as wretched.

Ex-Secretary of State, PALMER, died on Wednesday afternoon at his home in Newark, N. J. He had been ill for several months.

The Twentieth Annual Commencement of the State Normal School will be held on Thursday evening, May 28th.

Neal Dow, of Maine, made a prohibition political speech in Baltimore Tuesday night, setting forth the shortcomings of the republican party.

The jury in the case of Cunningham and Barton, charged with causing the explosion at the Tower of London and elsewhere, returned a verdict last Monday morning finding both the prisoners guilty. They were both sentenced to penal servitude for life.

Mr. J. PARKER VAZEY, the new postmaster at Baltimore, has designated Major Richard T. Allison to be his assistant postmaster, in place of Gen. W. E. W. Ross. The salary of the assistant is \$2,500 per annum. Mr. Vazezy will take charge of the office on the 1st of June.

MINISTER McLAUGHLIN has arrived in Paris and presented his credentials as United States Minister to France to President Grevy. President Grevy received him cordially, and thanked him for the sentiments of friendship and respect with which the new Minister made his bow in the French capital.

SENATOR SHERRMAN, of Ohio, is visiting Southern California for rest and recreation. Being asked in Los Angeles what he thought of President Cleveland's administration, he represented as having replied with considerable bitterness, "First-rate. I can only say that no one could find any fault with the administration thus far."

HOWARD COOPER, colored, was on Wednesday found guilty in the criminal court of Baltimore city of felonious assault upon Miss Mary Catherine Gray, of Rockland, Baltimore county, on April 2, 1885. The defense offered no testimony but asked for a verdict for simply attempted assault. The witnesses examined were Miss Gray, Mr. Daniel C. Gray, her father, Dr. H. Louis Naylor, Charles B. McClellan, surgeon of Baltimore county, and Moses Sheridan, colored. The trial began at 10 o'clock a. m. and was completed at 4 p. m., with one and a half hours' intermission. The jury agreed upon their verdict immediately upon the conclusion of the argument without leaving their seats. He was sentenced to be hung.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES B. PALMER.—Mr. James B. Palmer, a leading resident of Centerville, died at his residence last Saturday morning, in the 60th year of his age. He had been in bad health for several years. He was a man of quiet tastes, with few political aspirations. Several years ago, however, he accepted the position of clerk to the county commissioners, and was at one time collector of taxes for Centerville district. He also served several terms as town commissioner of Centerville. He took an active part in the organization of the Centerville National Bank, and was a director of that institution from the start. He was also a prominent member of St. Tammany Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Centerville. He leaves a widow but no children. Mr. Palmer was a man of considerable wealth, and was held in high respect by the community at large as a public-spirited and useful citizen.

GEN. JOHN A. LOGAN'S RE-ELECTION.—The contest that has been pending since early in February over the Illinois membership was decided on Tuesday last when Logan's favor was very much majority, the vote that so long delayed an election having been broken when, by means of a still hunt, the republicans managed to elect a strongly democratic district a successor to a democrat who died on April 12. Gen. Logan succeeds himself, and from his place in the upper house will be able to influence the policy of the Government.

STOLEN HORSE RECOVERED.—Chas. O. Kiser, of the pair of horses stolen last Thursday from James W. Harrington, at Chalk's corner, near Price's station, recovered last Monday at Milford, Del., and the parties who stole them—Geo. S. Truitt, white, and Charles Wright, black, were captured and lodged in jail at Georgetown. Sheriff Satter stated at once for Annapolis for a requisition for the prisoners. A clue had been followed by the police to the recovery of Senator Turpin's mare and the colts of Edward B. Emory, three years and more ago.

MR. E. E. KEWIS, formerly editor and proprietor of the Kent News, has purchased the Rising Sun Journal, and will change its name and publish it under the name of the Kent News. Ewing was for some time publisher of the Kent News, during his residence in the West, and is therefore well fitted for the undertaking.

A DESTRUCTIVE SPARK.—John Rogers, bricklayer, was killed and six other workmen injured by the breaking of a scaffold on the new school building in Baltimore last Wednesday.

The managers of Woodlawn Camp-meeting Association have selected Rev. Charles Hill, president, and Rev. Charles Hill, secretary, and a committee of the camp-meeting to be held Aug. 11.

"THE INDEPENDENT" is the title of a new seven-column paper just started at Kent, Md., by S. Stephens. It is a weekly paper, and is entirely independent in politics.

Owens to the funds being exhausted, the patients of the Kent Hospital will be closed on the 1st of September.

Politics in Kent.

Capt. J. C. Slaughter announces in a card that he is no longer in the field as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Register of Wills. It is understood that Capt. Slaughter's withdrawal is due to the prospect of securing a better position in one of the government departments in Washington. His withdrawal leaves but two candidates for Register in the field—Messrs. T. Rosale Strong and R. W. Calder.

Numbers of new candidates for the Legislature have been spoken of for some time past but none have been authoritatively announced other than requests as to say that in the first district, the candidates are Capt. J. Fletcher Wilson, L. C. Justis, Josiah Massey and B. W. Adkinson, the first and last named being members of the last Legislature.

For Clerk of the Circuit Court the contest is between the present incumbent, Dr. Beck, and Mr. S. C. Gray, of the first district. Other candidates for this position are understood to be Messrs. Albert Medders, Thos. J. Slaters and B. F. Beck, Jr.

For Sheriff two candidates are in the field in the first district, Messrs. F. H. Boulden and N. T. Hymon; one in the fourth district, Mr. R. K. Pippin, and one in the fifth district, Mr. J. P. Hatcher.

For County Commissioners the following are the names we have heard are candidates: C. P. Loper, in the first; Bedford Rose, second; Sam'l F. Cooper, third; William Morris, fourth, and C. O. Wheatley, fifth—the first and fifth being members of the present court.

There may possibly be other candidates; if so they will be announced next week.

But two weeks remain from today for the nominating canvass, and it is to be hoped that good feeling will prevail, for it is known that "all are brethren," or at least ought to be, and if political hostility rules the day, the county will be together after the 6th of June and make common cause for those whom the people through their representatives shall choose as the Democratic standard bearers.

An Enjoyable Occasion.

The silver wedding of Dr. J. A. Perkins and wife at their residence on Queen street last Saturday evening was attended by a large company of persons, a number of whom were from out of town.

Retirement was by the Rev. N. W. Brown, of Wilmington, followed by prayer by Rev. J. D. Kemp. The entire company were in their happiest mood throughout the evening, and separated at a reasonable hour with expressions of hope that the good doctor and his amiable "bride" might live to celebrate their golden wedding, and all their years be attended with happiness and prosperity.

Sale of the Enterprise Property.

The property of the Enterprise Transportation Company was sold on Thursday last by Sheriff Parker, under the direction of Capt. W. D. Burchinal, to the highest bidder, for \$1,000.

The property consisted of a small steamboat, a tug, and a good many others interested to know the final disposition of a popular little steamer. The "Enterprise" was first offered by Auctioneer Carroll, and was started at a bid of \$5,000; one hundred dollars was added to that sum promptly but the bidding stopped for some time and the price was then raised to \$10,000. The property was then sold to the highest bidder, at that low figure. But the attorney stated that the sale would certainly be made and there, and the bidding was renewed and at \$7,500 the steamer was knocked off to Mr. J. Frank Black, of Chester, Pa. For the wharf property—Thompson's Wharf, Chestertown—the bidding was opened at \$1,000 and was raised to \$1,200. The property was then sold to the highest bidder, at that low figure. But the attorney stated that the sale would certainly be made and there, and the bidding was renewed and at \$7,500 the steamer was knocked off to Mr. J. Frank Black, of Chester, Pa. 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