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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING..........JULY 25, 1885

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

For Clerk of the Circuit Court:
DR. SAMUEL BECK.

For Register of Wills:
T. ROMIE STRONG.

For the House of Delegates:
J. FLETCHER WILSON,
LEWIS C. JUSTIS, JR.

For Sheriff:
JAMES P. HATCHERSON.

For County Commissioners:
First District—JOHN F. ERNEST.
Second " —BEDFORD ROE.
Third " —SAMUEL F. COOPER.
Fourth " —WILLIAM MORRIS.
Fifth " —J. CHARLES WHEATLEY.

For Co. Surveyor:—H. H. GRESHAM.

DEATH OF GENERAL GRANT.

General Grant died at Mt. McGregor, N. Y., at 8.08 o'clock Thursday morning. He was surrounded by the members of his family and the physicians who had so faithfully ministered to him during his long and painful illness. Though unable to speak intelligibly or write his thoughts and wishes for several hours before the end came, he was conscious and self-possessed almost up to the last moment of his life, and met his fate with the same unruffled calmness and philosophy which had characterized his whole public career. The end was seen approaching at 4 A. M., when the respirations were fifty a minute, and the pulse so rapid that its beats could not be counted. The hyperdermics, which had been administered throughout the night, had no longer any marked effect. At 4.30 A. M. the respirations increased to sixty a minute, and the death rattle told it was but a question of moments.

Ulysses S. Grant was born April 27, 1822, at Point Pleasant, Clermont co., Ohio, was appointed a cadet at West Point when he was seventeen, and graduated twenty-first in a class of thirty-nine. He was assigned to the Fourth Infantry, and remained in the army eleven years, was engaged in every battle of the Mexican war, except that of Buena Vista, and received two brevets for gallantry. In 1848 he married Julia, daughter of Frederick Dent, a prominent merchant of St. Louis, and in 1854, after commanding a regiment on the Pacific coast, and reaching the grade of captain, he resigned his commission in the army. For several years he was engaged in farming near St. Louis, but met with small success, and in 1860 he entered the leather trade with his father at Galena, Ill.

When the war broke out in 1861 he offered his services and they were accepted a few months afterwards. His career in the army and as its commanding general is too well known to need recapitulation. His magnanimous conduct at the final surrender of the Confederates under Lee and his unflinching determination to abide by the terms of surrender when Johnson and Stanton insisted that they should be annuled exalted him highly in the eyes of the Southern people and others and showed that at heart he was a man of warm and generous impulses and also the possessor of great will power. His long and tedious affliction was endured without a murmur and his demise will be mourned by the nation at large.

The Lynching of Howard Cooper.

CAUSED BY EFFORTS TO HINDER JUSTICE—RASH PULPIT UTTERANCES.

The lynching of the negro Cooper in Towsontown last week has led to considerable discussion in the press and pulpit. The press without exception, although condemning the violation of law by which Cooper's hanging was precipitated, yet declare that if circumstances ever did justify lynch law they did in this case. The villain had been convicted of one of the most horrible outrages known to the law; not only this, but he had confessed the crime, and every decent citizen knowing anything of the case hailed with gratification the prospective speedy execution of the law. But here there was a hitch. Two young lawyers—seeking notoriety, and all the cash there was to be made out of it—would not allow the matter to rest where the just verdict of the court left it, but took advantage of the miserable technicality sanctioned by our loose criminal code and appealed on exceptions to the Court of Appeals and declared a purpose to carry the case to the court of last resort. The colored people were asked for aid, and nothwithstanding the heinous crime of which this scoundrel was guilty, and his confession of the same, race prejudice got the better of the colored people's judgment and they inaugurated methods to support the delay and hinder the execution of the law. Their ministers took collections, and colored societies became interested, and when these facts were known in the neighborhood where Miss Gray lived, the excitement became intense and it was at once determined by her neighbors and friends to cut short these infamous proceedings, and accordingly the brutal negro was taken from jail by force and hung. He justly paid the penalty of his crime and if lynch law never overstepped the bounds of propriety farther than in this case none would have ground for complaint. Lynch law is never to be justified, but the only preventative therefor is the correction of the defects in our criminal laws which allow such subterfuges and delays and escapes as have been witnessed.

Since the lynching of Cooper the colored preachers—some of them in Baltimore—have referred to the matter in very unfortunate terms. The *Sun* reports a sermon on Sunday by Rev. J. M. Gilmere, of the A. M. E. Church—reporters having been invited to attend—in which the preacher announced as his subject "Why was Howard Cooper lynched?" He spoke desparagingly of Cooper's victim, saying: "Leading colored men are full of apologies for the part they took in raising money for Cooper's appeal, but I have none. Because a few malefactors take a man's life does not prove that I was wrong. I'll put my name to another paper and call for more money if necessary. I will speak in the daytime as well as in the night-time. Some say colored people should have lynched Cooper. Not so. No one should have lynched him. If we must be lynchers, there are those who insult our wives, sisters and daughters. How can a man do these acts and expect to escape the dagger and the bayonet? It is dishonest for these men to expect their homes will be unviolated when they stand up and say it is right to take a man's life in this way. The bloodthirsty spirit will not stop at colored men, but will seek others. I cannot stand here and preach retaliation. The Scriptures do not teach it, and I cannot, but I can intimate it, and I will, whatever the consequences. Retaliation may become a virtue here in sweet Maryland. May God direct these things till they shall set fire to men's consciences and activities till they shall right these wrongs."

The *Herald* advises the friends of Miss Gray to hold Gilmere accountable under the libel law and says—

"Preacher Gilmere's innuendoes were inexcusably brutal, and will of course be promptly discredited by all who hear of them. Intelligent colored people know that Cooper's crime merited death, and their only regret is that they should have been ignored even for the purpose of giving such a miserable scoundrel his deserts."

On the lynching business in general, the Cecil County *News* offers the following plain, practical and sensible suggestions: "There are lessons in the recent lynchings in this State which need to be learned by lawyers. They are as follows: First, proceedings in law looking to the delay or defeat of justice by technicalities or quibblings, whatever be their outcome, serve in the end, to injure law and lower the respect of the people for its processes and adjudications. Second, plain cases should be disposed of in the plainest manner possible, reserving tortuous and long-drawn-out processes for complicated cases."

THE Court of Appeals on Wednesday rendered a decision dissolving the injunction to prevent the sale of the Annapolis & Elkridge Railroad, and affirmed the right of the trustees to consummate the sale.

Nominations Postponed.

The Republicans of Kent are apparently not well pleased with the "situation" here. The convention called to make nominations last Wednesday adjourned to a future day without putting out a ticket, as will be seen by the proceedings in another column. The leading managers of the party were on the Court House green during the morning before the convention met and did some lively caucussing, and Mr. Westcott's office was thronged with anxious advisers. Mr. Richardson, from the first district, Benton Sutton from the second, Handy from the third, Downey, Casey and a host of others from the fifth, were present and cautiously interviewed Westcott, Burchinal and Eliason from the fourth. The colored leaders were remarkable for their absence. With the exception of Handy we noticed but one of that race about the green, and that one stood for an hour and a half all alone at the front gate carefully contemplating the busy scenes about him in which he did not take part. He appeared a veritable "lost sheep in the house of Israel." Not so, however, at the Saturday primaries. Then the colored element predominated, but the interest was anything but general with either the white or colored republicans.

The Democracy have everything in their favor in the ensuing campaign and nothing but this conscious strength and a resulting supineness can endanger the success of the ticket nominated. Harmony prevails throughout the county. We do not know of a single democrat who is disaffected, at least so far as the principal nominees are concerned, and there is no possible hope for the Republicans obtaining the services of Democrats to aid them in their canvass. They may of course pretty certainly rely upon the seventeen hundred colored voters to go solidly for any ticket they may put up, but this will not bring success this time. So that it makes little difference to the Democracy whether their opponents nominate a ticket or not. The success of all our candidates is assured.

AN anti-bribery convention was held at Denton, Caroline county, on Tuesday. It was decided to ask the conventions of both political parties to pledge themselves not to use money for influencing votes and to enforce the law against bribery, and in the event of either party failing to take such action against bribery, that the convention again assemble and take whatever action they may then think the political situation requires. The attendance was about two hundred.

THE Republicans of Cecil county on Tuesday nominated the following ticket: James A. Davis, (the present incumbent), for clerk, Thomas P. Jones, Jr., for register of wills, Samuel L. Johnson for sheriff, William T. Bye, John C. McNamee and William T. Bradford for county commissioners, John R. Bond for State Senator, Roman Tammany, H. M. Cameron and Charles W. Wilson for members of the House of Delegates, and Henry M. Nichols for county surveyor.

NEWSPAPER CHANGE.—Mr. Wm. H. Councell has sold the Easton *Gazette* to W. M. Tylor, who took possession of the office last Monday. In his valedictory Mr. Councell states that he has been connected with the paper as apprentice, journeyman and proprietor for 40 years—in the latter capacity since 1857. Ill health is assigned as the cause of his retiring. We welcome the new proprietor to the journalistic profession and wish him success.

JOHN ROACH, the ship-builder, has failed, or rather made an assignment. He says his assignees will be able to pay $2 for every $1 of liabilities if they realize anything like the real value of his property. Besides the Dolphin, which has been rejected by the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Roach was building three new cruisers for the government, work upon which has been suspended. The most serious part of the business is the throwing out of employment some 2,000 men, the most of whom will be unable, for some time at least, to obtain work elsewhere.

THE property owners of Smyrna, Del., took a vote last week on the question whether the corporation should borrow $20,000 for the construction of water-works. The election resulted in a victory for the new project by a vote of 863 to 225. Many women voted and most of them voted for the loan. Smyrna has just 863 sensible people.

SELECTION OF AN ELDER.—The ministers of Easton district of the Wilmington M. E. Conference met at Smyrna on Monday and selected Rev. J. D. Rigg, of Sudlersville circuit, to succeed Rev. Dr. Caldwell as presiding elder. The selection has to be approved by the presiding bishop.

A CHICKEN THIEF KILLED.—A man named Jacob Benibrach while stealing chickens from a hen-roost on the farm of a Mr. Stackhouse, near Bristol, Pa., on Sunday night last, was discovered by one of the farmer's sons and the thief was shot and killed instantly.

HON. ROSWELL P. FLOWER has announced that he is a candidate for the democratic nomination for Governor of New York. Mr. Flower attempted to work up a presidential boom last year, but signally failed. However, he is a gentleman of good ability and most excellent traits, and would doubtless make a strong candidate.

COL. CRAIGHILL's annual report on the harbor defenses of Baltimore has been submitted. He urges the construction of a modern battery at Fort McHenry, and that Fort Carroll should be provided with long-range guns and iron armor.

WALTER H. THOMPSON & Co., of Easton, perhaps the largest retail dealers on the Maryland peninsula, have sold out to J. R. Jarrell and M. B. Nichols of that town. Mr. Thompson retires to private life after an honorable business career of nearly fifty years.

THE ship builders of Baltimore have decided to reduce the pay of ship carpenters from $3 and caulkers from $2 75 a day to $2 50 a day, and a strike is impending.

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

James A. Pearce, Esq., filed the last will and testament of Caroline Thompson; also the last will and testament of Benjamin Comegys.

The auditor's report of Wm. M. Slay, trustee for the sale of the real estate of Rob't A. Wilson, was ratified and confirmed.

THE Arlington hotel in Centreville has been rented for next year by Sheriff Thomas Sudler. Mr. Straughn goes back to his frame hotel.

WYE CAMP commences August 4th and continues ten days. Fifty or more tent sites have been taken.

ONE of the most successful agriculturists in Dorchester county is a woman—a lady of superior business capacity as well as refinement and culture. Her fertile fields are always pointed out to the traveler as models of farming. The woman-farmer is Mrs. Goslin, residing near Linkwood. She directs all the details of the farm management. Though droughts or rains may come, her crops never fail. She delights in her occupation. A wheat field of 1,600 bushels has just been garnered by Mrs. Goslin, and her peach orchard will net as many dollars. The corn field on the place is admired by all the country round, so promising is the growth.—*Cambridge Chronicle.*

VALENTINE WENTZ, the postmaster at Melrose, Maryland, for whose removal an effort was being made, became so despondent at the thought of losing the office, that one morning last week he went out to his carriage house and hanged himself. Wentz owned a country store and was well-to-do. This makes the fourth or fifth Republican office-holder who, within a week, has thus anticipated the action of the official guillotine. We believe it was Jackson who said that but few office-holders died and none resigned—and now they appear willing to die rather than resign.

COL. EDWARD LLOYD, of Talbot, and Mr. Frank Brown, of Carroll, have been appointed delegates from Maryland to the National Cattle Growers' Convention.

THE HOTTEST DAY.—Everybody has complained of the heat in the sweltering spell of last week's closing days and the first of the present, and as there has been some diversity of opinion as to which was the hottest day we give the following record of our office thermometer at 4 P. M. on the days named: Friday 92, Saturday 95, Sunday 92, Monday 92, Tuesday 94, Wednesday 92, Thursday 90. Saturday beat Tuesday, the next hottest day, by one degree. At other places in town the instruments marked 100, and at Locust Grove it stood at 102° in Mr. Beaston's store, and 120° in the sun!

ARM AMPUTATED.—Drs. Hines, Perkins and Beck on Thursday afternoon amputated above the elbow the left arm of Mr. David F. Mills, who resides on Mr. R. Hynson's Quaker Neck farm. The trouble arose from a bone-felon, which developed into the worst type of erysipelas, and amputation was rendered necessary in order to save life. Dr. Hines remained with the patient Thursday night and yesterday morning he was comparatively easy and doing well.

The County Levy—Reduction from Last Year.

The commissioners at their last meeting on Tuesday fixed the county levy for the year at eighty-eight cents on the hundred dollars. This added to the State tax of eighteen and three-quarter cents will make the rate one hundred and six and three-quarter cents. Last year the county tax was ninety-four cents, six more than it will be the present year. This reduction, small though it be, is certainly very acceptable to the tax-payers in these times of distressing dullness to the business man and of wretchedly unremunerative prices to the farmer. The members of the present board of county commissioners have certainly been mindful of the tax-payers' interest in the transaction of the county business, but at the same time they could not deny the just demands of popular convenience and public safety and consequently the expenditures for public roads and improvements have been large. Mr. T. W. Russell, the clerk to the commissioners, is busily engaged in making out the levy for the present year and apportioning it between the several districts, and expects to have it ready for publication in next week's issue.

REPUBLICAN LOCAL POLITICS.

The Primaries on Saturday and Proceedings of the Convention—Nominations Deferred.

Republican primary meetings were held in the several election districts of Kent county on Saturday last and delegates elected to a county convention which met on Tuesday in Chestertown to nominate candidates for county offices and delegates to the State convention.

The convention was called to order by Chas. T. Westcott, Esq., chairman of the State central committee, when J. W. Corey was made chairman and Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., secretary. The following delegates were reported as entitled to seats in the convention:

1st District—John C. Johnson, James Moore, Wm. Davis, D. M. Roberts and S. Mallalieu.

2d—J. Johnson, Thomas B. Sutton, C. H. J. Sparks, R. A. Bowers and T. E. Norris.

3d—J. W. Corey, W. P. Norris, George E. Owens, J. A. Jackson and James Holly.

4th—Bartus Trew, W. H. Lambert, Jr., Ambrose P. Carroll, Fred. Nicols and J. H. Baker.

5th—Jas. Young, Gary H. Leaverton, George Satterfield, Richard Ward and Emory Ward.

It was resolved that the present State central committee be retained.

The convention proceeded to elect three delegates to represent the county in the State convention to nominate Republican candidates for comptroller and clerk of court of appeals. The following names were put in nomination: W. D. Burchinal, J. A. Jackson, W. Eliason, Sam'l Mallalieu, J. H. Baker and Joseph Downey, and the ballot resulted as follows: Burchinal 23, Jackson 16, Mallalieu 11, Downey 9, Eliason 6, Baker 4. Messrs. Burchinal, Jackson and Mallalieu were declared elected. The other nominees were declared alternates.

It was resolved that when this convention adjourn it be to meet on the second Thursday in August at 2 o'clock P. M.

A committee of three from each election district was appointed to take into consideration nominations for the county ticket; they were instructed to visit such gentlemen as they may deem suitable as nominees, and endeavor to secure their consent to allow their names to be presented to the convention as candidates. The chairman of the county central committee was made chairman of this committee.

Rock Hall Items.

In another column we give the particulars of a distressing accident by which a lady near the village of Rock Hall lost her life recently. After using coal oil to kindle a fire she sat the can on the stove and it exploded. What folly!

Mr. Joseph Downey expects to run his canning house to its full capacity this season, employing over one hundred hands. He will commence on Troths about the 10th of August.

The postoffice in the village of Rock Hall is a bone of contention. The present P. M. is a republican and it is taken for granted he will "have to go," and three or four good democrats and true are making things lively in the contest for the place. The salary of the office is about one hundred and fifty dollars.

Rev. Mr. Dennis, of the Episcopal Chapel, Florence, Italy, recently visited a friend near Rock Hall and expressed surprise at the agricultural advancement of the Eastern Shore, which, he said, was far ahead of Italy.

The wheat crop in this locality is turning out much better than expected. The steam threshers are hard at work, and in a few days the wheat will be in the market. The crops of nine of our farmers living within two or three miles of this place aggregate over 20,000 bushels of wheat measured from the machine. In some cases it has been sold, bringing a dollar a bushel in the Baltimore market. The names of the farmers are as follows: Chas. C. Wood, 5,000 bushels; Lewis Ayres, 2,000; J. Lewis, 1,400; Charles C. Strong, 1,440; R. W. Jones, 1,700; Lemuel Stevens, 3,000; T. Brice, 1,850; J. W. Beck, 2,000; W. H. Coleman, 1,700; total 20,090.

The corn crop appears to be a good one, but the June drop of peaches has reduced the crop about one-half, notwithstanding the bright prospect in April and May. Some of our farmers are alarmed about the dying of young peach trees. A small black beetle is killing the young cherry trees and the same enemy is at work on the young peaches. It is a small beetle or bug not much larger than a good-sized flea. A small hole is punctured near the bottom of the leaf and the egg deposited. A little gum soon exudes and the leaf dies, and finally the tree.

SOME FAIR WHEAT YIELDS.—C. T. Westcott, Esq., on two farms in Quaker Neck made an experiment with home manipulated fertilizers and South Carolina dissolved bone, and obtained very satisfactory results. On the farm tenanted by Mr. James Bramble, he obtained per acre; from South Carolina dissolved bone, 29 bushels to the acre; from Westcott's mixture, 37 bushels to the acre; from Bonwill's mixture, 38 bushels to the acre. On the farm tenanted by Walter Trew he obtained per acre from Bonwill's mixture, 35½; from Westcott's mixture 39½, and from dissolved South Carolina, 37½. The cost to the acre of each application was the same, South Carolina bone being used in sufficient quantity to bring the price per acre up with the other fertilizers.

Mr. T. J. Shallcross near Locust Grove, got a wheat yield on 48 acres of fallow nearly 34 bushels to the acre, and on 45 acres of corn land 22½ bushels to the acre.

Harry F. Hill, on L. C. Justis' farm, near Kennedyville, from 165 acres threshed 3500 bushels of wheat.

Comegys Brown, in Quaker Neck, on 27 acres got 900 bushels, or 33⅓ bushels to the acre.

"SURE GROWTH."—Messrs. D. Scott & Bro., the enterprising fertilizer manufacturers of Elkton, Md., advertise their Sure Growth Superphosphate and recommend their goods to the farmers of Kent as equal to the best produced in this country. For sale by Willard Melvin, Chestertown.

THE change which Mr. J. B. Burchinal proposes to make in his business operations about the first of October will, it is believed, be advantageous to both sellers and buyers. Cash sales and small profits are much better to all concerned than credit sales and larger profits. See adv.

PICNICS.—Bear in mind the picnics at Mr. John Brice's on Tuesday and in McCauley's woods on Wednesday next. There will be cotillion music and good suppers at both places.

MR. B. F. H. CAULK, near Sassafras, has 700 peach trees which promise to yield 2,500 baskets of fruit.

THE street sprinklers in Chestertown are doing good service in this season of heat and drougth.

Peaches.

SALE OF ORCHARDS—AN EXCHANGE IN KENT.

Peach dealers and shippers have been in Kent during the week and a number of sales of orchards are reported. Mr. James W. Chapman sold the crop on his farm near Lynch's at 45 cts. per basket, the purchaser to furnish the baskets and the fruit to be delivered at Worton Station. He will have between six and eight thousand baskets, mostly red fruit. Other orchards in the same neighborhood have been purchased at similar prices, and they will be shipped by rail directly to the Western markets.

There is some talk of the establishment of a fruit exchange at some central point in the county, where buyers will gather and purchase stock during the season and make shipments direct to distant points, thus saving the delay of water transportation and transfer and the middlemen profits, and giving the growers the advantage of selling to shippers direct. At Wyoming, Del., there is such an exchange and all the peaches in that fertile fruit section are sold to great advantage thereby. Peaches as well as corn are beginning to suffer for rain.

The New York dailies, which grow annually in their columns immense peach crops on this Peninsula, have reduced their estimates from 4,000,000 baskets to 1,500,000. Should the drought continue the crop may be below that estimate. The *Tribune* says high prices will not rule this season, notwithstanding the short crop.

Terrible Coal Oil Accident.

A WOMAN ATTEMPTS TO LIGHT A FIRE WITH OIL AND IS FEARFULLY AND FATALLY BURNED.

From Mr. Joseph Downey we learn the particulars of a fearful coal oil accident in the lower part of this county on Monday of last week, by which a Polish lady named Mrs. Susie Poluska lost her life. This lady, with her husband and two children, live in one of Mr. Ascher's houses in Green Lane, in the neighborhood of Rock Hall. On the day named the husband was not at home and the children also were temporarily absent. In kindling a fire in the cook stove to get breakfast she poured coal oil from a can and then set the can on the stove and forgot it; the oil exploded and she was enveloped in the burning fluid. She ran outdoors and attempted to extinguish the flames by jumping into the shallow water of a barrel well near the house but only partially succeeded. Mr. Wm. Gardner, a neighbor, heard the poor woman's screams and hastened to her relief; he found her in this life and death struggle in the well and pulled her out. She was found to be frightfully burned and Drs. Willson and Taylor were called in, but all efforts to save her life were futile; she died in terrible agony the next evening about 11 o'cl'k. Her remains were interred in the new cemetery at the Catholic Church the following afternoon. Thus we have another warning against the use of coal oil in kindling fires. Why people will be so reckless in the careless handling of this dangerous fluid—in face of the oft repeated and fatal consequences—certainly is wonderful.

One of the children of this family came near being killed by a kick from a horse very recently. He was kicked on the head and badly injured, but recovered.

A Fire in Town.

STABLE AND CARRIAGE HOUSE BURNED BY LIGHTNING—NARROW ESCAPE OF HORSES AND ADJACENT PROPERTY—PRACTICAL LESSONS TO THE FIRE BOARD.

A storm of wind and rain accompanied by vivid lightning and heavy thunder passed over Chestertown last Tuesday afternoon, between five and six o'clock. During its continuance the lightning struck the stable and carriage house of Mr. Wm. J. Vannort on Maple avenue. Several persons who witnessed the flash say it struck the combing of the roof and made the shingles fly and instantly a streak of fire encircled the building just under the eaves; the whole structure was soon enveloped in flames. In the building were two horses, three carriages, two sleighs, sets of harness, &c., and in the carriage loft several tons of timothy hay. The carriages and one horse were gotten out without much difficulty, but Mr. Vannort's white stallion, fastened in a back stall, made a very narrow escape. Several persons who succeeded in reaching him failed to get him out—the horse being badly frightened and unmanageable;—a colored man, George Yorker, however, assisted by one or two other persons, succeeded in forcing the animal from the stable and out the front after his bedding had caught fire and the partition about him was in a blaze. The frightened horse appeared glad enough to get away from his fiery quarters when once outside the building.

The fire department was promptly on hand and did excellent service after understanding the use of the implements at hand, but the importance of organization and instruction in the management of fire apparatus was clearly demonstrated. The mistake was made of attempting to utilize the two hand engines for throwing water and some delay and confusion was caused thereby. When the fire plugs on Rickey's corner and Vannort's corner were tapped and a line of hose from each began pouring streams of water on the burning building and adjacent property very effective work was accomplished. The dwelling of Mr. W. H. Lambert, Jr., was within a few feet of the blazing structure, and the roof caught fire several times, but the continued streams of water from the fire hose and smaller hose attached to street sprinklers, saved the building. A great crowd of people gathered in the neighborhood and watched the herculean efforts of the brave men who so persistently fought the devouring elements. Mr. Vannort was away from home and returned just after the fire was extinguished. He expresses his sincere gratitude to the people for their labors in saving his property. The building destroyed was insured in our home company for $280.

We had intended to make further reference to the conduct and needs of the fire department but the following note from Mr. Charles S. York, a practical gentleman, saves us the duty. Chestertown is now fortunate in having a good water supply and fire plugs properly located, and the fire of Tuesday will be of incalculable advantage in teaching the proper mode of procedure in future calamities of a similar character.

A Few Suggestions.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—You will pardon me for calling your attention and through your paper that of the public to something that should and must be in our community to successfully fight the fire fiend when he appears in our midst. I will endeavor as plainly as possible to give some advice which I think will do much good if followed. In the first place I would like the citizens to have the fact fixed in their minds that the engines are not useful under our present water system and must be left in the engine house. When there is a fire the first thing to do is to run to the engine house, take out reel and see that the fire-plug key is strapped to the reel and that hose pipes are in their places on the reel and connected to hose. To do this successfully I would recommend that there be left with Mr. M. A. Toulson and Mr. Colin F. Stam a key to the engine house, so that there will be no delay in getting the hose carriage to the fire. Second, some one who understands the hose connection to the fire plugs should take his stand at the fire plug nearest to the fire, and in a positive manner make the connection when hose carriage arrives. Those in charge of the carriage should loosen the end of hose with hose pipe on at place of fire and proceed with reel to plug, unwinding hose as they run the reel along. The key should be placed on valve and as soon as connection is made the water should be turned on and streams directed on the fire. The people should remain out of the way and to secure this result there should be ropes stretched across the streets. The men at the hose should obey the fire marshal under all circumstances. The action is so simple that five minutes should not be consumed in the connection of hose and putting water on the fire. I would suggest 1000 feet more hose, three more hose pipes, four fire hooks, a set of serviceable ladders. To secure competent men to work them the citizens should aid me. In perfecting a fire company it should be made interesting by uniforming the men, and with a very little outlay of money I will pledge the citizens to give them a Fire Company which will be a credit to the community and a safeguard for the property of our town. Respectfully yours,

CHARLES S. YORK.

THE celebrated Empire Drill is for sale by Mr. Wm. Hepbron, Lynch's. Get one.

PERSONALS.—Mrs. M. E. Spencer, of Galena, is spending the summer at York Sulphur Springs, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Frank Benson, of the Westminster Theological Seminary, has been spending a week or two at Mr. Jos. W. Price's near Lankford.

Stephen H. Bradley, Esq., of Kansas, is visiting friends and relatives in Queen Anne's, his native county. He went to Kansas about twelve years ago, and has a good legal practice in the West. He has many friends in Kent.

C. G. Woodall, Esq., editor of the *Transcript*, left town this morning and will join the peninsula editorial excursionists at Clayton.

Mr. John Spencer, of Florida, was in town on Friday of last week.

Mrs. Amos, wife of Mr. James E. Amos, the deputy-sheriff of Baltimore city, is visiting Mrs. B. F. Fleming, Chestertown. She has her two youngest sons, Walter and Murray, with her.

Mrs. J. C. Slaughter, Miss Ella Thomas and Miss Annie Hubbard, of Chestertown, are at Cape May.

Mr. W. H. Blakeney was in town yesterday. He is now foreman in a large carriage factory in Baltimore, and his many friends here are glad to see him looking so well.

Mr. J. B. McIntire, of this town, from whose back a large tumor was recently removed, is improving. He is clear of fever and able to sit up.

A LONG RIDE TO PICNIC.—The Sudlersville Sunday-school picnicked at Tolchester on Wednesday. A large number of vehicles of various descriptions—some of them handsome turnouts—passed through Chestertown early in the morning and returned between nine and eleven o'cl'k at night. The children rode mostly in peach wagons. A ride of 22 miles and back this warm weather to find picnicing ground seems to us a rather longer distance than the average Sunday-school would undertake. But the children had no doubt heard a good deal about Tolchester and wanted to see the famous resort, and besides they took the *cool* of the day both going and returning.

A COW KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—During the storm of Tuesday evening a valuable cow belonging to Mr. Bartus P. Hatcherson was struck by lightning and killed instantly. The animal had just left the watering trough and was in the open field.

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.—George Wilson, for assault on Edward James and disorderly conduct on the street, was taken by officer Simpson before Justice Wheatley on Tuesday. He was fined $2 and costs.

John Chaney, for disorderly conduct and swearing on the street, was acquitted.

EXCURSIONS.—The excursion of the M. E. Sunday-school to Cape May next Wednesday will no doubt be a delightful trip, and all who would enjoy a day's recreation and an ocean bath should go along.

The Sunday-schools of Galena circuit, M. E. Church, have an excursion to Tolchester next Wednesday by steamer Chester. See adv.

NEW SCHOOLHOUSES, &c.—The contract for building a new schoolhouse near Hibernia, not far from Chesterville, a new schoolhouse at Worton Heights, in the third election district, and an addition to the Rock Hall schoolhouse—all, houses and addition, 20x24 feet—and has been awarded to Mr. R. K. Pippin, of this town, for $1,470.

SCALDED.—May, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. Thomas S. Dodd in Still Pond, was badly scalded about the breast last Wednesday by pulling over upon herself a pan of hot water from a table.

SALE OF A TROTTER.—Mr. Thomas W. Trew, of Quaker Neck, has sold his trotting mare "Hattie" to J. Frank Morrison, Esq., of Baltimore, for $475.

THE excursion to Cape May last Wednesday was the largest of the season. The Smyrna *Times* says that when the train passed that town at nine o'clock it had seven packed cars.

THOMPSON'S PLAY at Still Pond on Thursday evening is highly spoken of. A very good audience attended, and the company acted finely.

DIED.

On Tuesday, July 21, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. E. L. Meginniss, in Queen Anne's county, near Chestertown, Mrs. MARY E. MEGINNISS, aged 50 years. Her remains were interred in Chester cemetery on Thursday morning.

In Baltimore, July 10, 1885, of consumption, KATIE HILDEBRANDT, in the 20th year of her age.

No one knew her but to love her
No one named her but to praise her.—M. A. C.

At the residence of her father, near St. Paul's Church, on the 17th inst., after a lingering illness, MRS. ELIZABETH H. WICKES, relict of B. Chambers Wickes, and daughter of Dr. B. F. Houston, in the 34th year of her age.

June 20, OCTAVIUS, son of Wm. J. Jones, aged 1 year, 4 months and 12 days.

In Chestertown on Sunday morning, July 19, MAGGIE A. CALEB, daughter of Mrs. Harriet and the late John Caleb, aged about 26 years.

The subject of this sketch was a blooming young lady of this town only a few years ago, but that insidious disease, consumption, marked her for a victim, caused the bloom to leave her cheek, and aroused serious apprehension on the part of her fond mother, devoted sister, and numerous friends, and terminated in her early demise. On Sunday morning last she fell asleep in Jesus unconscious of her sufferings, anodynes having been administered to allay the same. The dear loved ones she has left must raise their hearts of joy bereft to her home in heaven. Her funeral took place at the P. E. Church on Monday afternoon, Rev. S. C. Roberts officiating after which her remains were interred in Chester cemetery. B. B. W.

KENNEDYVILLE M. P. CHURCH.—Sunday School in the morning at 9 a. m., preaching at 8 p. m. by Rev. R. S. Norris.

A CARD.—The undersigned returns his sincere thanks to the citizens of Chestertown for their successful efforts in saving his dwelling from destruction during the fire on Tuesday afternoon, July 21.
1t. WM. H. LAMBERT, JR.

A CARD.—I hereby return my sincere thanks to my friends and the public for their arduous labors in saving my property from destruction on the occasion of the burning of my stable and carriage house on the afternoon of the 21st instant. Such acts of generous kindness must ever have my most grateful appreciation. Resp'y, WM. J. VANNORT.

NOTICE.—The MEMBERS of the Kent County Agricultural Association are requested to meet at their Club Room at Worton Station on MONDAY, July 27, 1885, at 2.30 o'clock P. M. By order of the President,
1t. W. P. NORRIS, Sec'y.

PEACH BOX MATERIAL.
Call and see. For Sale
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LOT OF BEST SHAVED HEART SHINGLES just unloaded at Scott's Point. Prices defy competition.
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The FRAME BUILDING on Water street adjoining my residence. The same to be moved off the lot.
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FOR SALE—
A SMALL FARM of 70 ACRES, near Tolchester: desirable. Price low. Terms may be made to suit purchaser.
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FOR RENT for 1886—
MRS. S. A. DODD'S *BOARDING HOUSE* in Chestertown, now occupied by Mrs. Bryan. For terms apply to CHARLES L. DODD,
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FOR RENT—
FOUR BRICK HOUSES on Main street, known as the Gardner Row, for next year. All new and in good condition.
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TENTH ANNUAL EXCURSION
—OF THE—
M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL
OF CHESTERTOWN
To CAPE MAY

WEDNESDAY, July 29th, 1885,

A GRAND EXCURSION will take place via the Baltimore & Delaware Bay R. R. to Woodland Beach, and thence by the Splendid Bay Steamer "THOMAS CLYDE."

Passengers from Centreville, Sudlersville, Millington and other points on the Q. A. & Kent R. R. will make connection at Masseys going and returning.

Time Table and Price of Tickets:

		—Fare Round Trip— Adults.	Chil. 13 ys.
Leave Chestertown	6 30 a.m	$1 50	75 cts.
" Worton	6 47 "	1 50	75 "
" Lynch's	6 53 "	1 45	75 "
" Still Pond	7 00 "	1 45	75 "
" Kennedyville	7 12 "	1 40	70 "
" Black's	7 27 "	1 40	70 "
" Lambson's	7 41 "	1 35	70 "
" Massey's	7 53 "	1 35	70 "
" Delaney's	8 06 "	1 30	65 "
" Bingham's	8 12 "	1 25	65 "
" Clayton	9 00 "	1 10	55 "
" Smyrna	9 15 "	1 10	55 "
" Rothwell's	9 20 "	1 10	55 "
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Arrive at Cape May at 12 m.; returning, leave Cape May 4 p. m., giving 4 hours at the Capes. The Delaware Railroad, North and South, and the Delaware & Chesapeake Railroad, East and West, make close connection at Clayton morning and evening. Excellent Music on the boat. Also, Refreshments, Breakfast, Dinner and Supper. Passengers from Harrington and stations North as far as Clayton; also, from Easton and stations East as far as Clayton, will take the early morning train; they can return by the evening train from Clayton. Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

COMMITTEE:
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James E. Mirch, Joel R. Clements,
E. W. F. Simpers, Charles S. York,
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GRAND EXCURSION
—TO—
Tolchester Beach
STEAMER CHESTER

On the 29th of JULY, 1885,

Given by the Sunday Schools of Galena Circuit. Steamer to leave Georgetown at 7 o'clock A. M., to touch at all the landings and return by 8 o'clock P. M.

Fare, Adults 75c.; Children under 12 yrs. 25c.

A PICNIC!
WILL BE HELD
On the Lawn of Mr. John Brice,
NEAR LANKFORD,
TUESDAY EVENING, July 28,

There will be COTILLION MUSIC furnished by Wright's Band of Baltimore. Also, EXCELLENT SUPPER, including BAY MACKEREL & SOFT CRABS.

Admission to Lawn, Including Supper, 50 cts.

Gentlemen who dance will be charged 25c. extra to defray expenses of music.

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FREE SCHOLARSHIP.
A competitive examination for the FREE SCHOLARSHIP in the Western Maryland College, under the Act of 1882, will be held at the School Room in Chestertown, Friday, August 14th, at 9 o'clock A. M. Application must be filed with the Secretary of the School Board not later than the 13th of August. For particulars call on the Secretary of the Board.
By order of the School Board.
jy25-4t. E. F. PERKINS, Sec'y.

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PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
HOUSE & LOT of LAND
IN KENNEDYVILLE, MD.

BY VIRTUE of the power contained in two separate mortgages from John L. Jester and Lucinda Jester, his wife, to the Chester Loan Association of Kent County, a body corporate, one dated January 24th, 1883, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, Maryland, in Liber S. B., No. 4, Folio 35, &c; the other dated May 3d, 1883, and recorded among the Land Records in Liber S. B., No. 4, Folio 227, &c., the undersigned, as attorney for the said Association, will offer at Public Sale, at the Court House door, in Chestertown, on

TUESDAY, JULY 28th, 1885,
AT THREE O'CLOCK P. M.,

All that LOT of LAND

situate on the West side of New Street in the village of Kennedyville where the said Jester now resides, having a frontage on said street of fifty feet and a depth of even width of two hundred and twenty feet, containing ONE ROOD OF LAND MORE OR LESS.

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W. D. BURCHINAL.
June 27, 1885—tf.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of authority conferred, upon me as Collector by Act of Assembly, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of William J. Dickeson's heirs, of, in and to

A HOUSE
And 1¼ Acres Land

more or less, situated in Broad Neck, adjoining the lands of the late Capt. Ed. Hadaway, the late John N. Usilton and others.

And I hereby give notice that on

SATURDAY, the 8th of August, 1885,

on the premises, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 12 o'clock M., I will sell the said property for cash to pay the taxes due from said Wm. J. Dickeson's heirs, as follows:

State and County taxes for 1883 ......$3.18
" " " 1884 ...... 3.61

together with interest and cost due and to become due thereon.
NATHAN VOSHELL,
jy18-s—[4.25] Collector 5th District.

FESTIVAL at Chesterville.—
The Chesterville M. E. Church will hold a FESTIVAL on the CHURCH GREEN on Thursday, Friday and Saturday Evenings, 23d, 24th and 25th instant. By order
jy18-2t.* COMMITTEE.

FESTIVAL.
The society and friends of Piney Neck M. E. Church will hold a FESTIVAL on the premises of said church on the evenings of July 24th and 25th, Friday and Saturday. No supper. Ice-Cream, Lemonade, Cake, Confectioneries in abundance and such fruits as the season affords. All are invited. jy18-2t.

PICNIC—
St. Denis' congregation of Galena will give their 9th ANNAUL PICNIC, on WEDNESDAY, July 29th, in McCAULEY'S WOODS, near Lambson's. Should the weather prove unfavorable, the picnic will take place the next day. A String Band will be present. SUPPER will be served on the grounds. Tickets, admitting to the Grounds and Supper, 50 cents; Children, under 13 years, 25 cents. Admission to the Platform 25 cents.
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Very respectfully,
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To the Citizens of Kent County:

Having accepted the General Agency of the above Society I propose to use every effort to make it as successful as the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent County. I therefore ask the co-operation of every citizen of the county. I will be pleased to give any information in reference to it. A copy of the By-Laws will be furnished on application. I hope to have a liberal support from this county as I propose to canvass it thoroughly before going to others.

I will be in Chestertown every Monday and Tuesday to attend to my duties as Register of Wills and on those days any persons desiring to become members (residing out of Chestertown) can be examined by our physician, free of charge, at my residence.
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CAUTION.—All persons are hereby warned against taking SAND from the public road running through my farm called "Sandy Hill," at the head of Still Pond Creek, and also against trespassing upon the same. The law will be strictly enforced.
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