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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING..... Jan. 9, 1886.

Maryland Legislature.

This body assembled at noon on Wednesday. Senator Warfield was elected President of the Senate, and Mr. J. B. Seth, Speaker of the House without opposition. Other officers were also chosen in caucus as follows: Secretary of Senate, Wm. G. Purnell, Cecil county; journal clerk, Wm. H. Dawson, third legislative district of Baltimore; recording clerk, William Hedges Evans, first legislative district of Baltimore; sergeant-at-arms, Jas. Smith, of Queen Anne's county; doorkeeper, S. L. Trader, Wicomico; assistant doorkeeper, Eli Molden, Montgomery county; engrossing clerk, Chas. A. Waesche, Carroll county; committee clerks, George M. Stover, Washington county, Lawrence A. Skinner, Talbot county, Wm. B. Jarrett, Harford county; Thomas H. Moore, second legislative district Baltimore city; folder, Esma Lowe, Caroline county; postmaster, Ezra Minnick, Frederick county; messenger to printer, George W. Phillips, Baltimore county; keeper of cloak-room, Patrick Murphy, Prince George's; chaplain, Rev. W. A. McDonald, of Anne Arundel, M. E. Church South. No janitor was named. Each of the counties was allotted one of the appointments excepting Dorchester, Allegany, St. Mary's, Charles and Garrett. There were only four places to be divided among them, viz., two firemen, a policeman and a janitor. A contest arose as to which county should be left out. After considerable debate Dorchester yielded her claims because she has the Governor, and the four places were given to the four remaining counties above named.

In the House caucus Gen. Andrew G. Chapman, of Charles, in a short speech, nominated Joseph B. Seth, of Talbot, for Speaker of the House. He spoke of the excellent qualifications and pleasant manners of Mr. Seth, which especially fitted him for the trying position of Speaker. The nomination was seconded by several members, and he was made the caucus nominee by acclamation. Philip D. Laird, of Montgomery, nominated E. B. Prettyman, of the same county for chief clerk. Wm. Pole nominated Philip T. Moore, of Baltimore county, for recording clerk. Paul Winchester nominated Wm. S. Merrick, of Talbot, for journal clerk. All of these nominations were made unanimous. The other places will not be filled until after the appointment of the committee on permanent organization.

There are four republicans in the Senate and ten in the House.

The Legislature adjourned on Thursday until Tuesday of next week, when the committees will be named.

It is stated that a bill has already been prepared looking to the submission of the question of holding a constitutional convention to the popular vote next fall. If decided in the affirmative it is proposed that the convention shall meet in January next, and that the instrument framed by it shall be submitted to the people at the next general election, in November, 1887. It is also proposed that this convention shall consist of the same number of delegates as are now required for members of the House of Delegates, and that they shall have the same qualifications and receive the same pay.

The comptroller's accounts disclose the fact that the constitutional convention of 1851, which was in session over six months, cost the State $129,299.57 for printing, advertising and all other expenses. The cost of the convention of 1864 was $120,068.10 for a session of four months, one of the largest items of cost being for printing. The convention of 1867, which was in session over three months, cost the State $109,535.33.

The one-judge system for the county circuits and Baltimore city, and an independent Court of Appeals, entirely relieved from circuit court duties, worked well under the constitutions of 1851 and 1864, and the same system has proved satisfactory in Baltimore since 1867.

It does not necessarily follow that because the people see fit to adopt a new constitution there should be a general sweeping out of office of all those who hold positions under the old. The convention in framing the new constitution can continue in office any officials it desires. The constitution of 1864 continued in office until the expiration of their terms of office all the judges of all the courts in the State and the terms of all the clerks of the courts of Baltimore city during the time for which they were severally elected, and until their successors were elected and qualified.

The caucus for United States Senator and for Governor of the State will take place on Wednesday or Thursday of next week, probably on Wednesday. The friends of Mr. Gorman say he appreciates the wishes of those gentlemen who advanced the proposition for the election of a Senator without a caucus, but he prefers to abide by the usages of his party, and for the senatorial nomination to come in the usual way. The gubernatorial nomination will be settled at the same caucus, they being the two high offices which the Legislature will be called upon to fill. Senator Gorman and Gov. Lloyd will be their own successors.

Both houses of Congress reassembled on Tuesday after the holiday recess. In the Senate Mr. Morgan introduced a bill to substitute silver dollars in part in the place of gold coin and currency in the several reserve funds held in the treasury and Senator Vance introduced a bill for the repeal of the civil-service law. In the House a bill was introduced by Mr. Findlay to provide for the construction of the Delaware and Maryland canal, and one by Mr. McComas for the erection of a monument over the grave of Francis Scott Key.

The Enoch Pratt Free library was formally inaugurated on Monday, by appropriate ceremonies at the Academy of Music. A brilliant and representative audience was present and Mr. Pratt was given an enthusiastic reception. Judge Brown delivered the oration and addresses were made by Mayor Hodges, J. Morrison Harris, Dr. Lewis H. Steiner and others.

A Swindler Caught.—The man who last fall passed a forged check upon the Centreville National Bank, upon the alleged endorsement of Rev. Jas. A. Mitchell, of that town, was arrested at Manassas, Va., last week after repeating a similar operation upon the Bank of Albemarle. He was taken to Charlottesville and put in jail.

Attorney-General Roberts has given an opinion that the demand of United States inspectors that the oyster police steamers shall be submitted to their inspection ought not to be complied with, as there is no legal authority for their position.

A reward of $1,000 is offered for the arrest and conviction of one or more of the assailants of J. Granville Richards, in Cecil county, and one of $500 for the recovery of the body of Philip H. Haviland and the arrest and conviction of the supposed murderers.

Mr. Wm. J. Brittingham, of Princess Anne, Md., has declined a $2,500 appointment, secured for him by Senator Wilson, to one of the chief clerkships of the Interior Department at Washington on account of the pressure of his private business engagements.

President Cleveland contributed $100 to the Grant monument fund on the last day of 1885. Accompanying the contribution is the hope that the association will succeed in its object. The fund now aggregates $113,180.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was inaugurated Governor of Virginia on New Year's Day. The government of Virginia is now for the first time in the last four years wholly under the control of the Democrats.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company employs 70,000 men, a respectable army.

The Public Roads.—A farmer in our office the other day gave it as his opinion that the worst roads in Kent county were those which had been *worked most*. Too many people have the matter of road mending in charge who know nothing about it — *quantity* and not *quality* is their ideal of road mending, and as long as the county permits this the evil complained of will exist—*i. e.* the roads worked most will be the worst. Kent county has made wonderful progress in this matter of road mending, but there is still great room for improvement. The county commissioners spend the time to practical purpose when they overlook and personally inspect the work done on the public highways and not only the traveling public but the tax-payers are greatly relieved of their burdens when the commissioners require the strictest rules of business and common-sense methods to be observed in the mending of the county roads.

Postal Clerk Recommended.—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* states that Representative Gibson was at the Postoffice Department on Wednesday and filed an application for the appointment of F. H. Greenwood, of Kent county, for railway postal clerk on the route between Chestertown and Clayton, Del. Mr. Greenwood is also indorsed by the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, which certifies to his capacity and efficiency.

Sale of the Burchinal Building.—The valuable property on the corner of High and Cross streets, Chestertown, known as the "Burchinal Building," was sold on Tuesday last by Marion deK. Smith, Esq., trustee, to Capt. W. D. Burchinal for $10,500. The building is a three-story brick and contains a number of stores yielding a handsome rental. A number of business men attended the sale and bid on the property. The price at which it was sold is considered low enough.

Whose Business?—In the old apology for a town hall in Chestertown piles of uniforms, numbers of rifles, and other military equipments are scattered about the gallery and ante-rooms, evidently without the care of ownership. They probably belonged to the "Kent Guards," and if that company has disbanded some member should take charge of the property and see that it is returned to the State.

Gale's Wharf Damaged.—During the heavy storm of Monday night the new wharf of Mr. John Gale on Worton Creek was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. The energetic owner will proceed at once to its thorough repair and also further improve by the erection of a new and commodious granary.

THE FARMERS' CONVENTION.

Delegates Selected to the State Convention.

FROM SECRETARY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

In pursuance to a call published by T. J. Shallcross, vice-president for Kent county, a farmers' meeting was held at the Court House in Chestertown last Tuesday, Jan. 5. The meeting was called to order, and on motion of T. A. Hulme, T. J. Shallcross was elected president and J. H. Baker secretary. The president read a paper from the Maryland State Farmers' Association, inviting each farmers' organization to send delegates to the State association, which meets in Baltimore January the 13th inst. On motion of E. P. Janvier, it was ordered that five delegates be selected to represent Kent county in the State convention. On motion, the five delegates were selected by the chairman as follows—First district, Samuel Cacy; second, John Z. Clark; third, John W. Corey; fourth, J. H. Baker; fifth, Abel J. Rees. On motion of T. J. Willis, it was ordered that each delegate, should he not be able to attend, should appoint some good farmer in his place. On motion of Samuel Vannort, the delegates were instructed to use efforts to have the State convention meet on Tuesday, instead of on Wednesday. On motion of S. Vannort the secretary was ordered to notify delegates of their appointment. On motion of John W. Corey the delegates were instructed to bring before the convention the subject of inspection of grain. On motion of Samuel Vannort the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates from Kent county be requested to call the attention of the convention to the propriety of enacting a law for the protection of sheep.

On motion of E. P. Janvier, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, By the farmers' convention of Kent county, that the delegates to the Farmers' State Convention from the Kent county farmers' convention be instructed to request the State convention to take the necessary steps to compel the grain buyers in Baltimore to abide by their contracts, when said contracts are fairly made.

On motion of T. A. Hulme, it was

Resolved, That the farmers of Kent county meet at the Court House at 11 o'clock, Jan. 19, for the purpose of organizing a permanent farmers' association for the county.

On motion of A. L. Corey the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, By the farmers' convention of Kent county, That the delegates from this convention be requested to call the attention of the State Farmers' Convention to the necessity of regulating the sale by law of commercial manures.

On motion of E. P. Janvier, it was ordered that the secretary of this meeting have the proceedings published in the county papers.

T. J. Shallcross, President.
J. H. Baker, Secretary.

Program of State Farmers' Convention.

The following is the programme of the Farmers' State Convention, which meets in Baltimore next Wednesday, January 13th:

FIRST SESSION, 10.30 A. M.

Address by the president, Hon. William T. Hamilton.
Presentation of credentials.
Address by Hon. Norman J. Coleman, U. S. Commissioner of Agriculture.
Submission of draft of Constitution and By-Laws.
Appointment of Committees, etc.

SECOND SESSION.

Introduction of Resolutions and business from Representatives of Organizations and Delegates from the counties.
Discussions, etc.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH.

Address by Dr. Charles W. Dabney, Jr., Director of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.
Reports of Committees, etc., etc.
The Eastern Shore and Chester River Steamboat Companies will return passengers free, who having been in attendance on the meeting, will present a certificate to that effect from its secretary.

Two Men Shot and Another Badly Beaten.—A serious if not fatal fracas occurred at Colt's Station on the Queen Anne's and Kent Railroad on Christmas Eve night, between John Woods, Wm. C. Jump and Wm. Simpson. Woods bears a bad reputation and has frequently been in jail for misdemeanors. He was recently liberated from prison and returned to Colt's, where on the evening mentioned he picked a quarrel with Jump, against whom he had a grudge. In a few minutes Wood struck Jump a violent blow which felled him to the earth. Not being content with the knock-down he jumped upon him and was about to begin the unmanly attack of "striking a man when he was down," when Simpson put in an appearance and at once started to take Woods from off the prostrate form of Jump. In the meantime Jump was not to be beaten without some show of resistance and knowing that he was overmatched and in the hands of a desperate character he silently drew a revolver from his pocket and, just as Simpson was about to assist him, discharged the weapon at his assailant. The ball however missed Woods and struck Simpson under the cheekbone passing through his head and lodging in close proximity to the brain. Simpson fell over insensible and Woods becoming scared thought it was about time to quit and released his hold upon Jump. As he was about to raise up Jump fired another shot which struck Woods in the pit of the stomach and found a resting place in his body. Both men were dangerously injured and physicians were at once summoned. At first it was thought that neither of the victims could live over twenty-four hours, but after a further examination it was found that while the wounds were of a dangerous character they were not considered necessarily fatal, and with proper attention both parties may recover, Simpson's condition being the most critical. Both Jump and Simpson are spoken of as quiet and respectable citizens and they have the sympathy of the entire community. Jump is very much affected over the accidental shooting of his friend and will anxiously await the result of his injuries.—*Centreville Observer*.

Personal Notes.

Rev. S. C. Roberts, pastor of Chester parish P. E. Church, has been confined to his bed by bad cold together with slight attack of bilious. There were no services at the P. E. Church on Sunday from this cause. We are pleased to state that he is recovering.

Mr. J. W. Carroll, of this town, whose illness we noticed recently, is able to be out again.

Mr. Robert L. Usilton, of Worton, who has been ill of typhoid, is improving. Dr. Merritt thinks his symptoms very favorable for speedy recovery.

C. H. J. Sparks, Esq., the late Republican candidate for clerk of this county, has removed to his farm in Queen Anne's county. He expected to come to Chestertown, but his plans failed him, and so he leaves the county. Charley is a good fellow and we regret to lose him.

Capt. W. D. Burchinal, Senator, left for Annapolis on Tuesday night. Capt. J. F. Wilson and Mr. L. C. Justis went to Baltimore on Monday to be in at the caucussing for officers. Kent is likely to fare badly in the distribution of officers consequent upon an unusual number of counties being represented by Democrats at this session. A number of worthy Democrats from this county are expecting places, but whether any of them will succeed or not remains to be seen. Our county certainly deserves some notice, for nowhere in the State is more sacrifice required or gallant service rendered to maintain Democratic supremacy.

Mr. Joshua Davis, the man who was so badly used on Christmas night, is recovering from his wounds and will be able to leave his room next week. The two colored men charged with the outrage are still in jail awaiting a hearing.

Exciting Runaway. — Last Tuesday about 2 o'clock—at the height of a business day in town, when the streets were lined with vehicles and large numbers of people were about — a wagon with three horses attached came up from the wharf and dashed through the most public thoroughfare at their highest speed. Crowds ran out in front yelling "Whoa!" but to no purpose. The horses were excited by a broken tongue that dangled and struck one of them as they ran, and they did not take up until the Voshell House came in their way; this substantial structure would not get out of their track, and they could not go over it, so they did the next best thing—ran against the corner and demolished some of Smith & Smith's cigar boxes. One of the horses got a square fall, but was not much hurt, and the other damages consisted only in broken harness and wagon tongue. The colored man who had charge of the team at the wharf states that they were frightened by a dog as he was fixing the tailboard preparatory for starting home and he could not overtake them. It was very fortunate that no other damage was done. The team belonged to Mr. Geo. Bacon, residing on the road out to Hanesville.

Meeting of the Fire Insurance Company.—The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county held its annual meeting on Monday at the court house, in Chestertown. The attendance was not large on account of the weather. There was but one change in the board of officers, Mr. S. Vannort being elected a director in place of Capt. Ruth, removed to Baltimore. The board of officers now stands, W. N. E. Wickes, president; N. G. Westcott, secretary and treasurer; Joseph P. Ireland, A. J. Rees, Samuel Vannort, David Hurlock, T. W. Eliason, R. S. Emory, J. H. Baker, Geo. B. Westcott, Isaac Parsons, F. H. Harper. The treasurer reported the assets of the company to be—amount invested in stocks, mortgages and judgments, $95,788.21; cash in office and bank, $18,589.60; total assets, $114,377.81. The company has insured in perpetual policies property to the amount of $817,611.00; in other policies, $1,746,712.48, making a total of $2,564,323.48.

ODD-FELLOWSHIP.

Public Installation Ceremonies in the Court-House—Music—Addresses—The Oldest Odd-Fellow in the World.

Amicable Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F., held its installation in the Court-House, Chestertown, last Tuesday evening, in the presence of a large audience. Over three hundred tickets had been issued and fully that number were present. The court-room was decorated as we have never seen it before—the festoons of evergreen over the windows, and the floral displays at other conspicuous points lent a charm to the scene of animated humanity within the building.

One of the most important features of the entertainment was the music by Prof. Bardeen's Orchestra. Numbers of pieces were performed and with such skill and sweetness that the audience could not withhold the expression of appreciation by repeated applause.

At the beginning of the ceremonies Prof. W. G. Fallowfield had the seat of the Noble Grand, and Rev. J. D. Kemp opened the meeting with prayer, after which representatives from the Grand Lodge of the State were announced as follows: Major E. F. Perkins, Messrs. Hope H. Barroll, John Bordley, C. F. Stam and John N. Dodd, who were deputized to conduct the installation, and proceeded to induct the following elected officers: Noble Grand, Thos. G. Wroth; vice grand, Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs; secretary, E. C. Reiche; treasurer, J. W. Chapman; right supporter to noble grand, W. S. McDonald; left, Charles S. Smith; right supporter to vice grand, John Medders; left, Geo. S. Biddle; scene supporters, Henry Thompson, Jos. W. Thompson; conductor, H. H. Barroll; warden, W. Hudgins; outside guard, Charles J. Reiche; inside guard, Edward L. Maslin; chaplain, Dr. J. A. Perkins; representative to grand lodge, Rev. S. C. Roberts; trustees, F. Aldridge, J. H. Thompson and S. C. Roberts.

In the absence of the expected speaker for the occasion, Major Perkins read the "grand lodge tract," and after its conclusion Mr. E. C. Reiche addressed the audience. He made reference to the statistical and financial condition of the lodge and the good work it had accomplished, interspersing his speech with amusing anecdotes. Mr. Reiche is very highly appreciated as an officer in the lodge, having been elected now for the 28th time to the secretaryship. He states that Mr. John L. Stam, of this town, is the second oldest Odd-Fellow in the known world, having been fifty-six years in active membership in the order! The oldest is a gentleman living in Boston.

At the conclusion of Mr. Reiche's address loud and persistent calls were made for Mr. Wash. Hudgins, our inimitable local humorist. Wash. refused positively to respond and stuck to his seat for some time, but finally rose and was greeted with rapturous applause. He let off a few of his jokes as only he can and until he took his seat there was not a straight face in the audience. Among other "hits" he said Mr. Reiche's wanting to die at sea without the expense of a funeral came with bad grace from an undertaker, and explained the number of fiddles in the orchestra by the statement that it always took six amateurs to make one professional!

Amicable Lodge is now in the sixteenth year of its existence, and has an active membership of seventy-five. It has an invested fund of $3,156, and has paid in charities since its organization $1,710.

Returned from Florida.—Mr. James Gilpin, of Galena, who went to Florida about the middle of last December, has returned. He went to Maitland, Fla., and was very much pleased with his trip and with the country, but he found that the climate very much disagreed with his health, and as health was the main thing that led him to seek Florida he was compelled to return. He found at Maitland Mr. Dreka, a former Kent countian, who is doing business in a very large and prosperous way. He has a fine hotel with first-class accommodations, a large store and extensive orange groves. He showed Mr. Gilpin every kindness and made his stay very pleasant. —*Transcript*.

The letter from Denbeigh is crowded out this week, but will appear in our next issue.

MATRIMONIAL.

HESSEY — NICHOLSON.

St. James' Church was full of people Wednesday evening to witness the nuptials of a popular young couple of that community. The church was handsomely trimmed with evergreen and everything around conspired to make the occasion a joyous one. Dr. John H. Hessey, a young practising physician of Worton, was the happy groom, and Miss Emma Nicholson, the youngest daughter of Judge Robert Nicholson, and one of the most intelligent and estimable ladies of Kent, the fair bride. Promptly at the hour the couple entered the church to the music of a finely executed wedding march by Mrs. J. P. Nicholson, and the beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony of the church was performed by the pastor, Rev. A. W. Mather. The ushers were Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs, Thomas Topping and Wm. T. Nicholson, of Kent, and Hamilton F. Price, of Cecil, and among those present were Mrs. and Miss Hessey, mother and sister of the groom, and Miss Carrie Marshall of Philadelphia. The bride was handsomely dressed in a garnet satin trimmed with embossed velvet to match; she wore a wreath of natural cream-colored roses, and carried in her hand a beautiful bouquet of natural flowers. The doctor was elegantly attired in a groom's outfit, and the two presented as happy a couple as ever stood before the sacred altar of time-honored old St. James.

After the ceremony the couple returned to the residence of the bride's parents where a family supper was enjoyed after which they took up their residence in the new dwelling just completed by the groom at Hanesville. The numerous presents the bride received included a handsome parlor set from her parents and a chamber set from her brothers and sister.

ALDRIDGE—BOWERS.

At 2 P. M. last Thursday another church wedding took place in Chestertown and the whole community seemed determined to witness the affair, as the gathered audience filled the Methodist Protestant Church to its utmost capacity. Mr. Wm. R. Aldridge, one of our genial and popular young merchants, and son of Mr. J. K. Aldridge, led to the altar Miss Mary R. Bowers, the charming and accomplished daughter of Mrs. Augusta M. Bowers, and grand-daughter of the late John T. Dodd. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Bowers, of Stewartstown, Pa., brother of the bride, and Rev. Walter R. Graham, pastor of the church. The ushers were Messrs. Jno. H. Aldridge, Thos. D. Bowers, Chas. L. Dodd and C. W. Wroth, and a beautiful wedding march was performed by Mrs. Lulie Bacchus as the parties entered and retired. The bride was dressed in a traveling suit of dark green broadcloth and velvet hat to match, without flowers or jewelry, and looked as neat and pretty as her nearest and dearest friends could have wished to see her. The groom was nicely dressed, of course, in the conventional broadcloth, and both stood the ordeal of the impressive ceremony with splendid fortitude.

Immediately after the marriage the happy couple, accompanied by numbers of friends, proceeded to the depot and taking the train left for Baltimore amid showers of rice, salt and old slippers. They will spend Sunday in Stewartstown, Pa., and next week visit Washington, returning home on Thursday. They will go to housekeeping at once, occupying a comfortable residence on Front street.

The couple were the recipients of numerous handsome presents. From the groom the bride received a handsome gold watch in a unique silver jewelry case, and from her mother and grandmother full sets of solid silver tea and table spoons; from Mrs. J. K. Aldridge $75 in gold; from Belle Aldridge $15 in gold and from Mrs. Avis Vannort $100 in gold; Tom Bowers, her brother, gave a pretty silver teapot, and John H. Aldridge a ball lamp and case of scissors; from a distance Mr. John G. Clark, sent a handsome set of vases; Mr. Jas. W. Cole, of the *Sun*, a very fine stand lamp; W. R. Barry, a mounted mantel mirror; Mr. and Mrs. Sheppard, Washington, silver ice-pitcher; Mrs. Raynor and Agnes Hagen, silver-mounted pickle castors. Besides the above were a large number of very handsome gifts, including silverware, china, glass and mantel ornaments from friends in Kent.

ROEDER — WEBB.

Reported for Kent News.

The monotony and silence of the Kennedyville community was again broken on the evening of Jan. 6, 1886, by a loud serenade and fine reception given to Mr. Frank A. Roeder and Miss Florence A. Webb, who were united in the bonds of marriage on the same day at 4 P. M. in the Presbyterian parsonage at Georgetown, by the Rev. W. W. Reese. The groom is a young enterprising merchant of Kennedyville, and the bride a daughter of Mr. Joseph J. Webb, a well known farmer living a few miles distant. The reception, given by the parents of the former, was largely attended by the immediate relatives and friends of both families. Among the guests present was Mrs. A. Swayne, of Philadelphia. A large French-plated parlor looking-glass, several fine paintings, together with gold and silverware and other valuable articles were received by the bride and groom as presents. The couple will make their home in Kennedyville and will occupy the house on the avenue nearly parallel with the railroad, which was recently neatly and handsomely furnished.

Ball at Centreville.—The *Observer* says the hop tendered by the young gentlemen of Centreville to their lady friends on New Year's Eve was a grand success. About 425 invitations were issued and the largest gathering ever seen in Centreville, on an occasion of that kind, was had. The hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens, flags, Japanese decorations and flowers. Over the entrance to the hall was the motto "On with the dance;" over the entrance to the two offices were the words "Good-by 1885" and "Greeting to 1886." Immediately over the center of the ballroom was the inscription, "A Happy New Year." Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and continued with a slight intermission for supper until 5 o'clock in the morning. There were twenty-six dances on the program. There were twenty-two sets formed, making one hundred and seventy dancers. The beauty of the ladies and their costumes were a subject of remark. The following ladies and gentlemen are mentioned as present from Kent: The Misses Madge and Mamie Wethered, Miss Nellie Walker, Miss Hallie Beck, Miss Effie Pearson, Miss Bessie Hines, Mrs. W. Frank Hines, Miss Emory and Miss Anspach, of Chestertown; and Miss Cacy and Miss Bean, of Masseys. Wm. H. Cacy and L. M. Bean, of Masseys; Charles Cacy, Millington; Dr. W. Frank Hines, Dr. C. P. Gilpin, and Messrs. H. H. Barroll, Lewin Wickes, Harper McFeely, Wm. Hines, and Edw. Emory, of Chestertown.

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, Jan. 5. — Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

Isaac Holly, adm'r Mary Wright, filed acc't of sales of personal estate.

George Reed, adm'r Wesley Nichols, filed inventory of real estate of said deceased.

Thos. J. Shallcross, adm'r of Louisa Morgan, filed inventory of personal estate of said dec'd.

Letters of adm. on personal estate of George Smith were granted unto Walter H. Hadaway, who filed his bond in the penal sum of $250, with approved security: Samuel Burgess and J. Walter Skirven were appointed to appraise the personal estate.

Jas. S. Harris, guardian to Robert S. Crew, Howell C. Crew, Fountain Crew and Florin M. Crew, filed his guardian account for 1885.

D. U. Dewees, guardian to J. H. Dewees, filed his account for said ward for year 1885.

Farms Sold.—Mr. Wm. J. Crouch, of Baltimore, sold his farm situate near Sudlersville, last week, to Mr. Thomas Hill, the consideration being $15,000. Mr. Hill sold his two small farms situate near same village to Mr. Joseph B. Sparks.

In the address before the Kent Co. Agr. Club published last week the word "loafing" was used in mistake for "re-measuring."

In New Quarters.—Mr. John F. Howard, our Court street harness-maker, is fully settled in his new store. The property he recently purchased is admirably adapted to his business, giving him fine show-rooms below and above stairs and convenient working apartments.

H. H. Barroll, Esq., has removed to his new office recently purchased and fitted up on Court street. He has a splendid location with comfortable office and consulting rooms.

John D. Urie, Esq., takes the office in Market Space adjoining that of J. A. Pearce, Esq., and is now comfortably fixed for legal consultations or the insurance business.

Sunday School Jubilee.—The Meth. Protestant Sunday School of this town held its annual Christmas jubilee at the town hall on Wednesday evening. Two hundred and forty out of the two hundred and sixty members on the roll book of the school were present, besides numbers of others, filling the hall uncomfortably full. A large tree stood in one corner gaily decorated and "Old Kris" was admirably personated by Mr. J. N. Dodd. Boxes of candy and nuts were distributed to members of the school and cake to all present, and as soon as the crowd had sufficiently thinned out the young folks had a jolly good time with their plays.

A Masked Party.—The Young People's Sociable held a masked party and supper at Mr. Jno. Strattner's in Chestertown last Thursday evening, and some thirty or forty persons were present, including a number from Smyrna and other places distant from town. A general good time was enjoyed by all, the masked characters creating the greatest curiosity and enjoyment imaginable. After the supper refreshments were served and the party broke up about twelve o'clock, all the guests expressing the opinion that it was one of the most delightful occasions ever spent in Chestertown.

Sunday School Officers.—The M. E. Sunday School of Chestertown on Sunday last elected the following officers to serve during 1886: Superintendent, C. H. Baker; ass't male supt., Jas. E. Mirch; ass't female supt., Mrs. J. R. Clements; secretary, W. B. Copper; treasurer, E. W. F. Simpers; librarian, H. M. Thomas; asst. lib., Walter Pippin; chorister, J. E. Mirch; organist, Miss Annie Lambert; ass't. Miss Stella Brice.

Pink Tea.—The ladies of the M. E. Church have determined to serve what is called a "Pink Tea," in the Town Hall on the evening of the 22d of February, and on the 23d a supper. This is for the benefit of the pipe organ, and all who feel interested are earnestly requested to meet at the church Wednesday evening next to talk the matter over and make the necessary arrangements.

Neighborhood Removals.—Among the changes in the farming community in the neighborhood of Chestertown we note the following:

Geo. Richardson goes from V. Hendrickson's to T. W. Wickes' in Pine Neck; Chas. Rollison from John W. Corey's to Hendrickson's; Joseph Cornelius leaves the Usilton Baker farm and goes to Goose Hill; Edw. Bramble takes his place. Herbert Lamb leaves the Jeff. Smith farm in Fairlee Creek and goes on the J. H Porter farm in Quaker Neck. J. W. Hubbard comes from the farm of T. W Eliason, Jr., in Broad Neck to the Carville farm; Thomas J. Fletcher takes his place. Robert H. Smith goes from the Carville farm to Joseph Rasin's near Lankford. Robert Kemble goes from the Rawleigh place to C. H. Wickes' at the mill. Ex-Sheriff R. W. Calder moves from town to his farm at Fairlee Creek landing.

Broke His Arm.— John H., the nine year old son of Lieut. E. L. Usilton, of Philadelphia, was seriously hurt two weeks ago by being thrown over the head of a pony while riding. A compound fracture of the arm and other injuries have kept him under the doctor's hands since. He is now improving.

A Change. — Mr. G. W. Mobray, one of the most popular and reliable salesmen in Baltimore, has severed his connection with the New York Clothing House and associated himself with Likes, Berwanger & Co.

Entertainment.—Fine entertainments will be given at Fairlee Grange Hall on the evenings of January 19 and 20. Drama and recitations the first evenings and the second "Ye Old Folks" will be rendered.

William B. Plummer was appointed constable for the third district by the county commissioners last Tuesday.

A Chance for Bargains.—J. Burton Burchinal advertises rare bargains for January. Read his notices elsewhere in this issue.

MARRIED.

Last Wednesday evening at St. James' Church by Rev. A. W. Mather, Dr. JOHN H. HESSEY and Miss EMMA NICHOLSON, the youngest daughter of Judge Robert Nicholson, both of this county. [Cecil papers please copy.]

At the Methodist Protestant Church, Chestertown, Thursday, January 7, 1886, by Rev. J. S. Bowers, brother of the bride, and Rev. W. R. Graham, WILLIAM R. ALDRIDGE and Miss MARY R. BOWERS, both of this town.

At the Presbyterian Parsonage, Georgetown, January 6, 1886, by Rev. W. W. Reese, FRANK A. ROEDER and Miss FLORENCE A. WEBB, both of this county.

At the M. E. Parsonage in Millington on Dec. 31, 1885, by Rev. T. L. Tomkinson, WILLIAM C. FORTNER and Miss FRANCES LEGG, both of this county.

In Rock Hall M. E. Church on the evening of January 6, 1886, by Rev. G. S. Conaway, WM. C. MEEKS and Miss ALICE M. RICH, both of this county.

DIED.

At Rock Hall, January 3, 1886, HORACE KENDALL, aged about 32 years.

QUARTERLY MEETING tomorrow (Sunday) at Chestertown M. E. church. Love-feast at 9½ A. M. Preaching at 10½ A. M. by the pastor and 7½ P. M. by Rev. J. France, P. E., when the protracted meeting will commence.

LOST.—On the 2d of Jan. 1886, a YOUNG WHITE DOG, named "Fowler," solid light yellow color, large size. A liberal reward will be paid for his return to the undersigned or for any information leading to his recovery.
j9-3t.* BENJ. N. S. WILKINS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual election for officers of the Kent County Agricultural Society will be held at the Club Room at 2 o'clock P. M., sharp, NEXT MONDAY, Jan. 11. A full attendance is desired.
JOHN GALE, President.
Wm. P. Norris, Sec'y. 1t.

HOPE H. BARROLL,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW - - CHESTERTOWN, Md.

Loans negotiated. Collections promptly attended to. Law office removed to Court street next door to drug store of Colin F. Stam. j9.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

In pursuance of a resolution passed at a meeting held in Chestertown, Tuesday, Jan. 5th, a convention of farmers of Kent county is called to meet at the Court House, Chestertown, TUESDAY, the 19th of January, inst., at 11 o'clock A. M. The object of the meeting is to organize a permanent County Farmers' Association. It is earnestly hoped that the farmers of Kent county will turn out fully to this meeting.
THOMAS J. SHALLCROSS,
j9-2t. Chairman.

Clover and Timothy Hay, Mixed

at $20 per ton, or $1 per 100 lbs., in Bales. Timothy Hay at $22 per ton $1 10 per 100 lbs., in Bales. In ton lots a little cheaper. Don't send to city. Come down to our Coal & Wood Yard and see us. Resp'y yours,
SMITH & SMITH,
Office Chester River Steamboat Co. Wharf.
Jan. 9, 1886—tf.

FOR SALE:

20 NICE SHOATS (14 Pure Bred Poland Chins and 6 Chester White.) Have had no cholera this season.
C. C. & HENRY BROWN,
d26-3t. Pomona, Md.

DO NOT FAIL TO ATTEND THE ENTERTAINMENT

given at FAIRLEE HALL by the members of Fairlee Grange

On January 19th and 20th, 1886,

The first evening's entertainment will consist of Dramas, Recitations Songs, &c. On the second evening there will be a concert given by

"YE OLD FOLKS."

If stormy, the entertainment will be postponed till the first fair evenings. Exercises commence at 7½ o'clock. Admission 25 cents; children under 12 years of age 15 cts. j9-2t.

Notice.

A few weeks ago we made a request through the News that those who were indebted to us would call and make settlement with us of their accounts. A great many did so, but not all. We renew the request that all who are indebted to us for accounts to January 1st, 1886, will please be kind enough to make settlement, either by note or cash.
j9-3t. J. BURTON BURCHINAL.

TO THE PATRONS OF FAIRLEE MILL.

I have placed Mr. GEO. W. NOBLETT in charge of my Mill, with instructions to deal fairly with all his customers. His long experience at the Mill will enable him to please all who may give him their custom.
j9-4t. CHAS. T. STRATTON.

PERSONAL NOTICE.

I beg to inform the people of Kent that I have severed my connection with the New York Clothing Store and associated myself with the well-known One Price Clothing House of LIKES, BERWANGER & Co., Nos. 216 and 218 West Baltimore Street, where I will gladly serve you as I have always done before.
Respectfully yours,
j9-3t. G. W. MOBRAY.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Kennedyville, Jan. 1, 1886.

The copartnership heretofore existing between F. A. ROEDER & BRO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The affairs of the late firm will be closed, but the business will still continue in the name and style of
j9-4t.* F. A. ROEDER.

FOR SALE:

A GOOD MILCH COW, 7 yrs. old, quiet and gentle. Gives now fully two gallons milk per day. Sold for no fault.
E. N. ROLAND,
j9-3t. near Chestertown.

FOR SALE:

ONE FINE ROAD MARE, good size, 5 years old and well-broken; one BUGGY, one DAYTON, 1 NEW SLEIGH, cheap and good terms. C. H. BAKER,
j9-3t.* Attorney.

HORSE FOR SALE— very cheap, on easy terms. Apply at News office.

FOR RENT— A DWELLING HOUSE suitable for a small family adjoining L. K. Slam's Furniture Store. The store in front will be occupied for Wholesale Tobacco business. For further particulars apply to
j2-3t* W. J. McFEELY.

FOR RENT FOR THE YEAR 1886: A PROPERTY finely located on High Street—STORE HOUSE and DWELLING under same roof. For terms apply to
THOMAS S. WICKES.
Chestertown, December 31st, 1885. 4t.

DRESS GOODS!

In order to Reduce our Stock of Dress Goods and Trimmings

we will during the present month (January) sell them at

A Discount of 20 Cents IN THE DOLLAR!

We make this offer for the reason that we want to lower our entire stock before taking inventory which we will do about the first of February.

J. BURTON BURCHINAL.
Jan. 9—3t.

UNDERWEAR!

DURING THE PRESENT MONTH (January,) we will make a Discount of TEN CENTS IN THE DOLLAR; on all our Knit Underwear, Men's, Women and Children's.

J. BURTON BURCHINAL.
Jan. 9—3t.

Tobacco!

WE are overstocked on TOBACCO and in order that we may lower it before taking inventory of our stock, during the present month (January) we will sell you the BEST TOBACCO for 30 cents a pound that you have seen for twenty-five years.
j9-3t. J. BURTON BURCHINAL.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

LEO SMITH,

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 15th day of July, 1886; otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 5th day of January, 1886.

WALTER H. HADAWAY,
j9-4t. Admr. c. t. a.

FINAL NOTICE.

TAX PAYERS of the FIFTH DISTRICT!

All Tax Payers in arrears to me for Taxes are hereby notified that unless the same are settled on or before the 10th of January, 1886, I shall proceed without regard to person to advertise and sell. This notice is final.
NATHANIEL VOSHELL,
d26-3t. Late Collector.

50,000 Peach Trees of all the leading market varieties, choicest selection of fruit, also all the desirable new var