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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....Jan. 16, 1886.

SENATOR SHERMAN has been re-elected by the Ohio Legislature.

COL. L. VICTOR BAUGHMAN, of Frederick, has been re-elected President of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

THE Democratic caucus of the Mississippi Legislature has nominated Messrs. George and Walthall for re-election as U. S. Senators.

QUITE a strong sentiment in favor of the appointment of Hon. Thos. J. Keating as collector of the port of Baltimore was developed among the Democratic politicians who met in Baltimore last week to distribute the legislative offices.

THE depot of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company at Elkton was broken into one night last week by burglars, who attempted to break open the safe with a crowbar, but were unsuccessful, and failed to obtain any booty.

"SHOULD such a calamity as the death of Mr. Cleveland befall the country now, the House of Representatives would be the object of public execration," remarks the Easton *Ledger*. And justly so for its failure to pass the Senate succession bill.

TWO YOUNG FARMERS named Isaac S. Lalley and J. Wesley Hanby, residing in Brandywine hundred, four miles north of Wilmington, Del., had a quarrel and fisticuff Tuesday morning, when the former drew a pistol and shot Hanby, killing him almost instantly.

CAPT. JOHN WILLIAMS, who was convicted at the April term of the circuit court for Somerset county of murder in the second degree in killing Otto Mayher, a German dredger, was sentenced by Judge Holland on Tuesday to the Maryland penitentiary for eighteen years from the time of his arrest.

ONE of the most destructive mill fires that has occurred in Philadelphia for years started at 3.40 o'clock last Sunday morning in Arrott's mill building, at the corner of Taylor and Coral streets. Before the flames were subdued an area of nearly two solid blocks was burned over, several men were slightly injured and nearly a million dollars' worth of property was destroyed.

THE Maryland members are assigned to the committees of the House of Representatives as follows: Mr. Findlay, select committee on reform in civil service; Mr. McComas, appropriations; Mr. Compton, District of Columbia; Mr. Gibson, accounts, and on election of President and Vice-President; Mr. Shaw, claims and expenditures of Treasury Department; Mr. Cole, public buildings and grounds.

MR. M. WILSON BYRN, of Cambridge, and one of the most prominent citizens of Dorchester county died on Tuesday, in the 76th year of his age. He was the pioneer of the Dorchester and Delaware (now the Cambridge and Seaford) Railroad, and was president of the road for many years. To his interest and energy the success of the project, at that time a difficult one, was attributable.

IS IT "A GOOD STORY?"—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* writes:

"A good story is going the rounds here. Mr. Findlay, of Maryland, was conversing with a member from New Jersey, when the latter mentioned how much he was worried by his constituents for office and his inability to obtain any positions in Washington. Mr. Findlay said he had a plan to suggest for which he proposed to take out a patent. It was this: Let the gentleman from New Jersey return home and start a reform movement and he would be let alone; he would not be bothered by such solicitations."

Mr. Findlay seems incapable of making a distinction between "reform" and *jealousy*. He has ostracised himself, and office-seekers know full well that he is left without influence. This is why he is "bothered no more by *such* solicitations." He has already taken out his "patent."

THE work on the new Annapolis Short Line, from that city to Baltimore, is being actively pushed. The grading is about half finished, Gangs of men, numbering in all about 600, are working at both ends, coming west from the west branch of the Patapsco. It is stated that the grading will be so far completed by the 1st of next April that track-laying can be begun, and the road will then be completed as rapidly as possible. The Baltimore depot will be at the triangle formed by Cross, Paca and Scott streets, in South Baltimore.

THE Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* states that Hon. John L. Thomas, who is a personal friend of Senator Dawes, the chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, came over to that city and had a talk with him on the subject of Mr. Morris A. Thomas' appointment. It is said that Col. Thomas told Mr. Dawes that the republicans of Baltimore had not the slightest interest in the rejection of Mr. Thomas; that the fight against him was nothing more than the work of a sore-headed faction in the democratic party of limited numbers and influence.

A GOOD WARNING.—In Crumpton on Monday last, Constable Robert Orem arrested William Vansant and Samuel Sparks charging them with cruel treatment to their horse. Justice Ryland fined them both. Vansant's fine and costs amounted to $7 and Sparks to $17. They said money was scarce with them and that they would have to pay a visit to Sheriff Smith, so Justice Ryland committed them to jail.—*Cent. Observer.*

A CREDITABLE PRODUCTION.—One of the most handsomely illustrated almanacs we have seen this season comes from the office of the Havre de Grace *Republican*. The typography would do credit to any city office. The *Republican* is an independent and prosperous paper, and the publishers have our best wishes for continued success.

THE recent cold snap was the severest ever known in several of the Southern States, particularly in Louisiana. A special to the New Orleans *Picayune* on the 8th instant reports the mercury above zero as follow: Shreveport, 1; Alexandria, 9; New Iberia, 14; Franklin, 12. This is believed to be the coldest weather ever experienced throughout the sugar belt of Louisiana, and fears are expressed that the cane stubble will be killed.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH IN MARYLAND.—The Baltimore *Sun*, in some comments on the publication of the history of Queen Anne's county which has been commenced in the Centreville *Observer*, says: "Historical research in the different counties of Maryland is now being prosecuted by many careful investigators, and the formation of local historical societies in several of the counties gives evidence of the fact that popular interest in the subject has been greatly stimulated. The history of Queen Anne's county possesses much more than local interest and importance from the fact that the earliest settlement in Maryland, that of Kent Island, was made within its present boundaries."

LIGHTNING OYSTER OPENERS.—Clarendon Hall, New York, was crowded Tuesday evening when Frank Barrett and John Gillen decided their oyster-opening match. The first-named expert hails from Norfolk, Va., and is known as a sculler—that is, he uses a hammer to crack his oysters and a sharp knife to open them. Gillen is a New Yorker and uses a straight knife. The hammer necessitates four motions, while Gillen's style requires but three. Despite this seeming advantage, Barrett was called upon to give his antagonist a start of 300 oysters in the 2,500. Barrett began very slowly and seemed to be losing, but in the third 500 he spurted and opened three oysters to Gillen's two. The latter cut his hand during this round and lost 25 oysters by the mishap. A thousand oysters were opened by Barrett in 57m. 59s. Gillen finished his 1,000 in 1h. 1m. 29s. Barrett's time for 1,500 was 1h. 22m. 33½s. Gillen's time for the 1,500 oysters was 1h. 26m. 9s. Barrett finished 2,000 in 1h. 49m. 9s.; he had then gained 309 oysters. Gillen's time for 2,000 was 2h. 7m. 54s. Barrett finished 2,500 oysters in 2h. 16m. 42½s. Gillen was 121 oysters behind at the finish.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

On our fourth page will be found a well prepared synopsis of Governor Lloyd's message to the Legislature. It is an able State paper and carefully handles the more important matters of public concern to the people of Maryland. His views touching the question of distribution of the public school funds, the taxation of mortgages and the call of a constitutional convention, will of course call forth comment and contrariety of views. The public school question is one of vital importance, and the Governor's views are in antagonism to the interest of this and many other counties, and elsewhere we treat this subject more fully. The Baltimore *Sun* editorially takes exception to the Governor's position on the mortgage tax and many conservative minds will fail to see the necessity for haste in the assembling of a constitutional convention, but it is right and proper that the Governor should give expression to his well matured views, and they will have great weight with both the Legislature and people. It is also the province and indeed the *duty* of the press to discuss these questions—not in the spirit of censorious criticism of the Governor or Legislative representatives, but as exponents of public sentiment and an honest advocacy of the rights and interests of communities and the State at large.

SATISFACTORY!

The unanimous selection of Senator Arthur P. Gorman to be his own successor and of Hon. Henry Lloyd for the gubernatorial chair, by the Democratic caucus of the Maryland Legislature, gives great satisfaction to the Democracy of the entire State and to no particular section more than to the "unterrified" of Kent.

The Baltimore *Sun* says the action of the democratic caucus in unanimously nominating candidates for U. S. Senator and Governor by a rising vote has probably few, if any, parallels in the history of American politics. Both Senator Gorman and Gov. Lloyd have good reason to be proud of the exceptional honor conferred upon them.

THE STATE SCHOOL TAX.

Governor Lloyd's Recommendations on the Subject—What Would Be the Effect?

To the citizens of Kent county and of those counties of the State having a similar colored population, one of the most important points of local interest discussed by the Governor in his message, is the recommendation he makes in reference to the distribution of the State school tax. He says:

"Under our present rule of distributing the State school tax, separate funds are appropriated to the white and colored schools. The colored schools first receive $100,000 per annum, and the white schools the balance collected from said tax. No injustice is done the colored schools by this appropriation, for in proportion to population they receive more than their full share. I believe the uniformity of the system requires no division of appropriations upon the *color line*. Separate schools must be maintained and impartially operated, but they should be under one system, and paid from one and the same fund."

It is just because no injustice is done to the *colored* or *white* schools by the present mode of distribution that it should be maintained.

The Governor says "separate schools must be maintained," and so far, we presume, there will be no dissenting voice. Now to maintain separate schools for white and colored pupils costs more than to educate all the pupils in the same schools. This proposition is so obvious that argument is unnecessary. It entails additional houses, teachers, and all the necessary school machinery. So long then as it becomes necessary to maintain separate schools for the pupils of the two races, it must be done at a greater proportionate expense, and a special colored school fund must be provided by law; and as this fund is appropriated for colored schools, it is rationally and properly distributed to the counties on the basis of their colored school population.

The school tax for white schools is distributed on the basis of the white school population, and this is equitable, because the colored population of the old slave counties represent the non-tax paying population, and they should be counted, unless you exclude from the basis the children of all who are non-tax paying. The "uniformity of the system does not require a division of appropriation upon the color line;" nor does this division of the appropriation affect the uniformity of the system. The maintenance of separate schools on the color line does require a division of the appropriation. For the year ending September 30, 1884, ninety-eight thousand dollars were distributed to the colored schools of the State, the other two thousand being given for the maintenance of the colored Normal School in Baltimore — the distribution being made on the basis of the whole colored population from five to twenty years of age. The population is reckoned at 68,409 and Kent has 2,400, giving her $3,438 for her colored schools; in addition to which they get all the *county* school tax paid by colored citizens.

The whole population of the State from five to twenty is 295,215 and that of Kent is 5,809, and if the $100,000 appropriated for colored schools was distributed on the basis recommended by the Governor, (the remainder of the school tax not being changed by his suggestion) Kent would have received but $1,927, *being an annual loss of fifteen hundred and eleven dollars to the schools of the county, which must be borne by the colored or white schools*; and the colored school fund is now inadequate.

This is not a new question to the school men of the State. Previous to every session of the Legislature the subject has been before the School Commissioners' Association which meets annually, and the effort to have the association make the same recommendation has been again and again defeated by the commissioners and examiners of the counties having large negro populations. We presume that the school men of those counties will see that their representatives in the Legislature would fully understand what would be the effect of the adoption of the Governor's recommendation.

A VALUABLE BOOK.—A copy of the Baltimore *Sun* Almanac for 1886 is on our table. It is furnished to all the subscribers of the *Sun* free of charge but to no others. It is a most valuable book for reference containing more information of practical every day use to Marylanders than is to be found in any publication we know of. It alone is worth the subscription price of the paper. It is to be found handily hung in many of the business houses and offices in Chestertown.

THE Centreville *Record* reports great suffering among the wrecked oystermen on Kent Island and notes the great kindness and consideration of the citizens on the Island toward the unfortunates.

A SERIES OF OUTRAGES.—The Middletown *Transcript* reports the following singular series of outrages: On Saturday night last, Mr. Walter Beaston of Mount Pleasant left his horse tied on Main street and was in attendance upon an entertainment in the hall until about ten o'clock. On returning he found that the animal had been driven until almost exhausted and was not able to draw him and his companion home. He also found his reins unbuckled. He drove to the residence of Mr. Richard Clayton to wait until the horse could recover from its exhaustion, and tied the animal in the street in front of the house. While in the house a double team driven at a furious pace passing ran into Mr. Beaston's carriage breaking both rear wheels very badly. The occupants of the double team did not stop to inquire the damage, and from circumstances connected with the breaking of the wagon, it seems to have been done purposely and with malicious intent. He got another wagon, conveyed his lady friend home and returned to town to take a friend out with him. While in the house preparing to leave the scene of so much trouble in so short a time, someone unbuckled his traces and tied his horse's tail to the crossbar. This last piece of deviltry was not discovered until the poor animal was driven a distance of five miles and more, drawing the carriage with its two occupants over heavy roads by its tail. These acts of barbarity very much injured the horse, pulling out nearly all its tail. The guilty parties are fit subjects for the pillory and the lash.

THE GREAT STORM.

A Blockade on the Kent R. R.—Passengers Foot It to Town—Three Days Without the Mail—The Public Roads Blocked Up and the Travel Difficult—Severe Cold—The East Neck Island Bridge Swept Away—Loss to the County.

The snow storm of Friday night of last week was one of the heaviest known in this section for many years and the high wind which prevailed during its continuance and for forty hours afterwards caused the worst drifts we have had for twenty years. The public roads for long distances were bare of snow, followed by impassible banks, so that travelers found it difficult to make their way from one point to another. Indeed the only way to get along in many places was to take down fences and make a circuitous route through the fields.

The train on the Kent railroad due here at 2 P. M. Saturday struck a heavy drift just this side of Worton Station. The engineer and all hands battled manfully to overcome the embargo but the train came to a dead halt at Dodson's cut about two miles from town, where the impeding snow banks loomed up in front as high as the engine's head-light. Messengers were dispatched for help and soon Superintendent Fleming had two other engines on the spot to relieve the blockade, but as fast as the snow was cleared away it drifted in the track again, and added to the difficulty two of the engines got off the track. The passengers tired of waiting and footed it to town, while Mr. Aldridge the mail agent, found conveyance for his letter mail and delivered it late in the afternoon at the office. The newspaper mail came in on Monday. All day Saturday, Sunday and Monday a large force of hands were at work, but full success was not attained until late on Tuesday, when Superintendent Mills of the Delaware road came to the rescue with one of his heavy wrecking engines. The blockade was then raised and the trains ran on regular schedule Wednesday. For three days our people were without the mails, and adding to this inconvenience river navigation was entirely suspended by the ice blockade, and the telegraph refused to work! So that the only communication we could get with the "outside world" was by telephone.

On Wednesday afternoon the three days' mail came safely to hand with enough reading matter to make up for loss time, and the railroad is all right again. The railroad authorities are not censurable for the non-mail delivery, as the obstacles were beyond their power to control, and our community is not an exception in this particular. In every section of the State, and on some of the best equipped roads the mails were detained, in some cases two days or more.

EAST NECK ISLAND BRIDGE.

During the heavy Friday night storm the high tide and wind carried away the bridge connecting East Neck Island with the main land in the lower part of this county. Dr. S. Beck and W. S. Walker, Esq., who had been on the Island gunning, found upon reaching the bridge Saturday morning, that only a small portion of it was in place—the balance had been swept away. Leaving their team they had to foot it across on the ice. Others had to do the same thing in order to get to Chestertown on business last Tuesday. This bridge was a wooden structure over one hundred yards in length and will cost the county about two thousand dollars to replace. The commissioners will advertise for proposals to built a new bridge so soon as the ice shall have sufficiently cleared away to allow the proper soundings for piles, &c., to be made, but in the meantime the islanders will suffer no little inconvenience from being cut off from "the rest of mankind."

THE SEVERE COLD.

During the continuance of this storm and ever since—up to this writing—the cold has been intense. The range of our thermometer has been as follows, at seven o'clock in the morning:

Saturday	20°	Wednesday	3°
Sunday	11°	Thursday	4°
Monday	9°	Friday	6°
Tuesday	2°		

Tuesday morning, it will be seen, registered the lowest, but no one could have believed it without the use of the thermometer, as the morning was so calm and bright that the cold was not so apparent as on Saturday when the mercury was eighteen degrees warmer. By telephone on Tuesday morning Georgetown reported two degrees below zero; Kennedyville zero; Galena two above; Millington one above; Fairlee three, and Centreville three above.

THE DAVIS CASE.

THE MAN WHO WAS WAYLAID ON THE PUBLIC STREET AND ALMOST MURDERED—NOBODY GUILTY.

Before Justice Burgess on Monday last Tom Floyd and Robt. Starling, the two colored men charged with the outrage upon Joshua Davis on Christmas Eve, were arraigned. Davis was able to appear but his "appearance" was a very sorry one physically and intellectually. His head was bundled up and his steps were slow and tottering; he could give no account of the difficulty nor connect either of the parties above named in any way with it. C. T. Westcott, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defense and Marion deK. Smith, Esq., for the prosecution.

The justice heard all the evidence that could be had and decided both parties not guilty, there being nothing of definite character against them. The most important testimony adduced was that of the State's Attorney himself, and that was altogether of a circumstantial character, and lacked the vitally important connecting link. He stated that on the night in question, and about the time the outrage must have occurred, he was passing along the street towards his home in company with his wife, and when at the point near which the man was found he noticed three colored men acting so suspiciously as to cause him to remark the fact to his wife. A little further on he met Davis, evidently very much under the influence of liquor, and making his way with some difficulty up the street. He necessarily passed the three men above mentioned, and by them, without a doubt he was waylaid and brutally beaten. But who were these three men? Here is the mystery—and a mystery that should be solved if within the range of possibility. It was a most infamous outrage—an outrage without a palliating circumstance, so far as we can imagine. The victim being in a perfectly helpless condition makes the attack upon him further inexcusable and more clearly demonstrates it to have been the work of the sneak and the coward—without motive or aim, further than the gratification of a devilish maliciousness.

Charles Williams Hanged for Assaulting a Woman—Unrepentant to the Last.

Charles Williams, the colored assailant of Mrs. Eliza J. Keene, of Dorchester county, Md., in May last, was hanged at Cambridge on the 8th inst. The execution of the death penalty is seldom accompanied by so much hardiness and obduracy and such utter destitution of good feeling. During all the months since the commission of his crime Williams has exhibited no gleam of pity for his victim and no evidence of his contrition. Even the day before his execution, he disavowed all faith with the foulest blasphemy. He was sullen, vindictive, and persisted in charging the witnesses with perjury and the court, the jury and the officers of justice with a conspiracy to send him to the scaffold. His spiritual advisers, Revs. M. H. Thomas and Charles H. Young, remained with him until 11 o'clock on the night before his execution, singing, praying and exhorting him. About 11 o'clock Rev. J. E. Bryan, pastor of the M. E. Church, of Cambridge, also visited him, but he had settled himself to sleep, and declined to be disturbed. He slept well until 6 o'clock next morning, when he got up and ate a hearty breakfast of beefsteak and ham and eggs, saying at its conclusion: "Well, I have had a good breakfast; I suppose I shall eat my dinner in hell." He was evidently one of the most hardened wretches that was ever led to the scaffold.

Personal Notes.

Mr. Jas. S. Gemmill, tax collector of the third district, is reported quite sick. Dr. Hessey, his physician, thinks he has symptoms of typhoid fever.

Presiding Elder France was prevented by the weather from holding quarterly conferences last Saturday at Salem and Rock Hall, according to appointment. He remained in Chestertown and preached at the M. E. Church Sunday morning and evening. On Tuesday he went over to Price's Station and took the Queen Anne's train for his home in Smyrna.

Dr. C. H. B. Massey, of this county, raised seventeen thousand bushels of corn on seven of his farms around Massey's, using about thirty tons of phosphate. Dr. Massey has no tenants; he personally superintends all of his nine farms and four belonging to other parties, making thirteen in all, and is remarkably successful in all his crops. The doctor is one of Kent's wealthiest and most intelligent citizens and a man of wonderful energy.

Richard S. and Adam Diehl returned last week from their two months tour in the West and South. They spent some time in Cincinnati and New Orleans and give a glowing description of the sights and scenes through which they passed. Harry Pimanoczy, a talented young artist of Cincinnati, accompanied them home and proposes to engage in the business of lithographing and crayon drawing in Chestertown as soon as the spring opens.

Pastor Graham says it "keeps him going"; to marry three couples in one evening, but he don't object the least bit!

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Ebaugh, who were recently married in Philadelphia, have taken up their residence in Baltimore, where Mr. Ebaugh has a responsible position in one of the large city schools.

Dr. J. A. Catlin gives notice of his removal to the new brick below Cahall's corner, where he will be found when not away on professional calls.

Dr. J. H. Hessey says he drove over a snow drift fifteen feet deep in the cut near Mr. Jas. S. Gemmill's Wednesday night. It bore the weight of his team but he shuddered to think of the result had it failed him!

Johnny Roland says he walked over the top of the trees in Barchinal's peach orchard in going from town to to his father's the other night. Probably there are some young trees in *that* orchard.

Charley Smith, the enterprising member of the firm of Smith & Smith, advertised his tobacco store on Wednesday by driving through town with a four-horse sled, properly labelled, and containing a full load of "live lumber" making music with tin horns.

Rev. Geo. E. Wood, a graduate of Washington College, who has been recommended for admission into the Wilmington Conference, has been appointed by Presiding Elder France to assist Rev. I. D. Johnson on Appoquinimink circuit. Mr. Johnson is in feeble health and it is hoped that by being thus relieved of much of the duties of the charge that he will recover his health.—*Smyrna Times.*

MATRIMONIAL.

WEBB—CLEAVER.

At 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening of January 13, 1886, occurred the marriage of Mr. SAMUEL W. WEBB, a young farmer, and Miss MAGGIE CLEAVER, the oldest daughter of Mr. Isaac Cleaver, both living near Kennedyville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. C. Macnichol of Still Pond. The bride was neatly attired in a chocolate colored silk decorated with white wax flowers. A wreath of flowers was also worn around the head and a large white veil covered the pretty face. The couple received many warm congratulations and besides were the recipients of many handsome presents. They will go to housekeeping at once and will occupy their neatly fitted home near Turner's Creek. A large number of relatives and friends from Wilmington, Clayton and Delaware City as well as from the surrounding community were present at the reception given by the parents of the bride. The bridesmaid and groomsman were Miss Annie Nelson from Delaware and James S. Webb.

MEEKS—RICH.

MR. CHARLES MEEKS, son of Mr. W. Meeks, of Still Pond, led to the hymeneal altar Wednesday, January 6, 1886, one of Rock Hall's charming young ladies, Miss ALICE RICH, daughter of Mr. J. Rich, one of the oldest residents of the village. The church was brilliantly illuminated, and well-filled with the many friends and relatives of the bride and groom elect, the minister at his post, when at the appointed hour, half-past five, the bridal party was announced. The doors were thrown open, the wedding march pealed forth, and the happy couple, preceded by four ushers, slowly advanced to the altar, where they were united in holy wedlock by the Rev. Geo. S. Conaway, pastor of the church. After a short and impressive prayer offered for their future happiness the wedding march again pealed forth and the newly-made bride and groom left the church, and accompanied by their relatives they repaired to the bride's home a few yards distant, from which, midst a shower of congratulations, old shoes and the like they departed for the groom's home near Still Pond. The bride, in full evening dress, was handsomely and tastefully arrayed in cream satin and lace with gloves and slippers to correspond; her only ornaments a few natural flowers on her bosom and in her hair. The groom wore the conventional black, and white gloves. The ushers, Mr. C. Rich, brother of the bride; Mr. F. Meeks, brother of the groom; Mr. Crew and Mr. Jonee, friends of the groom, were dressed in correspondence with the groom in black and wore white gloves. May happiness and prosperity attend the bride and groom through life and never a cloud or shadow darken their path way.

A REVIVAL IN QUAKER NECK.—Rev. J. M. Lindale, of Pomona circuit, sends the following to the *Peninsula Methodist*: A very successful protractive service has been held at Walton's on this charge, during the last five weeks, and is still in progress. Twenty-five persons have professed conversion, twenty-three have joined on probation, and others are seeking saving grace. The membership here had dwindled to a small remnant. Six were on the roll, and four of these had about given up their profession. The "two witnesses" remaining were "Mother Thomas," too aged and infirm to attend service, and Captain M. Haddaway, whose business as sailing master, obliged him to be much away from home. Now we have a good large class, under the care of Bro. S. W. Brown, of Pomona, to whom great praise is due for assistance in the revival effort. Bro. W. H. Ayres also rendered valuable help to the extent of his opportunities. Miss Sadie Copper, school teacher at the place, though a member of another church, took zealous and whole-souled interest in the work. This being a Sabbath evening appointment, and the third in the day, with 24 miles riding, makes a day of heavy work for the pastor. But the results so far attained seem to justify any amount of personal sacrifice.

A RUNAWAY.—There was a runaway in the sleighing on High street on Tuesday. Mr. Fletcher Ringgold was driving a fiery colt to a sleigh, and when coming down the hill at the Vosbell House, too-slack breechings allowed the sleigh to run up on the horse and he began to kick and run. When opposite Toulson's drug store Mr. Ringgold jumped out and the horse turned the corner at the P. E. Church, tearing loose from the sleigh, and ran to his stable at Dr. George T. Perkins', a short distance out of town. Mr. Ringgold escaped unhurt, and the only damage done to the sleigh was the breaking of a shaft.

HORSESHOEING.—Mr. Samuel Hicks, a first-class Chestertown blacksmith, has taken the shop between Thomas' coalyard and the Geo. E. Lambert carriage shops, and gives notice of his purpose to give special attention to horseshoeing. Many horses feet are ruined by improper handling in the process of shoeing and owners of the noble beast cannot be too particular in having this work done.

A CARNIVAL WEEK.

THE BEST SLEIGHING EVER KNOWN IN CHESTERTOWN—HIGH STREET AN EXHIBITION TRACK—FAST HORSES AND HANDSOME SLEIGHS.

The snow storm of last week, while it left the public roads leading into town in a terribly banked condition, coated our streets splendidly with just sufficient covering upon a solidly frozen bed to give us the best season of sleighing imaginable, and the "young folks" have been making good use of it ever since. High street in Chestertown is well adapted to the sleighing sport, and the scenes presented every afternoon this week upon this broad thoroughfare have been of the most brilliant description. Looking from our office window we counted on several occasions as many as thirty sleighs within the space of two hundred yards! It is estimated that the number upon the streets at one time would foot up sixty or seventy. To see these long lines, groups and circles of gay cutters, with speeding nags and glittering trappings, as they moved up and down this street, while admiring crowds thronged the sidewalks and greeted the winning teams, was a scene worth going a long distance to witness.

Kent county can turn out as many fine trotters as any county in the State for its size, and a due proportion of these may be found in Chestertown or its immediate vicinity. A good sleighing snow will invariably bring these out and there are always new comers to astonish the multitude. Among the splendid goers on the street this week we noticed Mr. Jno. W. Hines' "Young Smuggler," and he was the admired of all observers as he thundered by; "Sleepy Dave, Jr." a young roan horse belonging to Mr. A. J. Hynson, "Frank B." to Mr. Geo. S. Biddle, "Fannie W." to Mr. Frank Wilkins, and a roan bay to Mr. Allie Baker. Dr. Wesley Cooper's black also proved a splendid goer and Mr. J. Cordray Loud's animal astonished all beholders by his beauty and speed. Mr. W. J. Vannort's fine stallion "Lankford" was also admired and Fred. Fountain's turnout kept in the front rank. Mr. John Brice had one of the finest animals on the street, and among others who took dashes behind more or less fast horses were Messrs. Josias Ringgold, Samuel Vannort, J. K. Aldridge, T. W. Eliason, Jr., N. G. Westcott, H. W. Vickers, Joseph Peterson, H. H. Barroll, M. deK. Smith, J. F. Howard, Walter Skirven, W. Harper McFeely, Wilbur W. Hubbard, T. S. Bordley S. T. Wickes, T. W. Wickes, Will Wilmer, C. H. Davis, S. Wickes, Romie Byron, C. L. Dodd, H. C. Brown, C. B. Rasin, J. D. Bacchus, W. W. Chapman, W. F. Blackway, J. H. Baker, Edw. Lusby, Thos. B. Trew, C. H. Hurlock, Herbert Lusby, Sheriff Hatcherson, Dr. W. F. Hines, Julian Hurtt of Locust Grove, Jas. A. Russell with Wm. Meeds' fine horse, Chas. Palmetery and David Harlock of Church Hill and R. S. Shawn. These were all single teams and almost invariably of the cutter style sleigh.

There were also several fine double teams out. Mrs. E. M. Wilkins' four-seat cutter—a splendid new outfit from Messrs. Chapman & Lambert's shops—was greatly admired for its apparently easy going and fine pair of bays; Mr. Edward T. Comegys was also out with a grey and a sorrel, W. W. Stephens a pair of fast bays, John Gale, of Worton, with a fine pair of iron greys; Mr. H. W. Carville's beautiful greys showed to even better advantage than when exercising to the family carriage.

The beautiful moonlight sights have added greatly to the joyous season, and the jingling bells are heard far into the night as the merry parties continue the sleighing sport on the street.

All who indulged in the sport deserve commendation for fair and excellent driving. There was no disposition manifested to take undue advantage and no accident occurred worth mentioning.

THE Maryland State Farmers' Association met in annual convention in Baltimore on Wednesday. Ex-Gov. Wm. T. Hamilton presided and made an address in which he predicted better times in store for farmers. We have only the first day's proceedings. Messrs. John Z. Clark, John W. Corey, Abel J. Rees and T. A. Hulme are reported as present from Kent.

A FINE LECTURE.—Rev. Dr. S. B. Southerland, of Baltimore, will deliver his interesting and amusing lecture entitled "A Dish of Hash" at the M. P. Church in Chestertown on Monday evening, Feb. 1st. The admission fee will only be 25 cents and it is hoped a full house will greet the distinguished lecturer.

NAVIGATION CLOSED.—Chester river is solidly locked up by the Ice King, and from present indications it will be weeks before a steamer will reach Chestertown. The ice here is four or five inches thick and the skaters are enjoying fine sport, gliding over the broad icy surface from the Kent to the Queen Anne's shore.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—Charles Dorsey, a colored man aged about 60 years, who lived near the village of Still Pond, was found last Sunday morning between his residence and the village on the roadside dead. He must have been overtaken with a stroke of paralysis.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Jan. 12.—Present, Judges Walker and Stevens.

Hope H. Barroll, guardian to James A. Morris, returned account for 1883, 1884 and 1885.

Jas. A. Shaw, adm. Thos. H. Lee, filed his release from Sarah C. Willis.

A PROTRACTED MEETING was commenced in the M. E. Church of this town last Sunday evening. Services have been held each evening this week and fair congregations have been in attendance. The meetings are increasing in interest and will be continued during the coming week.

NO QUORUM.—There was no meeting of the Agricultural Association last Monday and consequently no election of officers. The president, Mr. John Gale, was the only member who had the nerve to brave the snow drift and put in an appearance.

MR. C. W. KENNARD has removed his office to the corner under the "Vosbell House." Smith & Smith have gone to the room adjoining the postoffice.

VENDUE.—MRS. V. S. Massey will have a vendue of valuable stock, &c., on Thursday next at her residence on the "White House farm," near Masseys.

A FAMILY DRIVING MARE belonging to Mr. Jos. W. Edwards near Hanesville was gored to death by a bull in the cowyard last Thursday night.

THE LADIES of the Presbyterian Church, Kennedyville, will have their annual supper in the town hall January 27, 28 and 29.

THE "Sleighing Carnival" in Chestertown beats the Worton "trials of speed" all to pieces. And it's a free show at that!

THE young men of Chestertown are making arrangements to hold their annual ball on Thursday evening of next week.

THE U. S. Senate last Tuesday confirmed the appointment of Lewin S. Fowler to be postmaster at Chestertown.

DESOLATE LIGHT-STREET WHARF.—Bustling Light-street wharf is a very desolate-looking place now. Steamboats are tied up at the wharves, their wheels and prows covered with icicles; the freight offices are deserted and closed; the street itself is almost as quiet as it is on Sunday; the policemen who have to work so hard during the rest of the year to keep waggoners from fighting or running over each other and everybody else, have but little to do except to jump up and down to keep their feet warm, or to steer to a place of safety some hilarious pungyman who is overheated internally. At the main offices of the steamboats clerks are making up yearly accounts, and managers or presidents are toasting their toes before open fireplaces and thinking over plans for next season.—*Sun, Wednesday.*

FAYETTE GIBSON, Esq., of the St. Michaels *Comet*, has taken to himself a wife and gone to Florida to spend the winter. Joy attend him!

MARRIED.

Near Chestertown, at the residence of Wm. Archibald, Jr., Jan. 13, 1885, by Rev. W. R. Graham, ROBERT M. L. JOINER and Miss MOLLIE E. PENNINGTON, both of this co.

By the same, Jan. 13, 1886, at the M. P. Parsonage, THOMAS S. STORK and Miss KATIE COLEMAN, both of this town.

By the same, Jan. 13, 1886, at the bride's residence, AMOS B. KELLEY and Miss HALLIE C. SMITH, daughter of Mr. S. Frank Smith, both of this town.

In Galena on the 5th instant at 8.30 P. M., at the bride's home, by Rev. G. W. Townsend, THOMAS BROXSON to Miss MINNIE MEIER, both of this county.

At the residence of the bride's parents near Kennedyville, January 13, 1886, by Rev. E. C. Macnichol, SAMUEL W. WEBB and Miss MAGGIE CLEAVER, daughter of Mr. Isaac Cleaver, both of this county.

DIED.

At the residence of her son, Samuel T. Caldwell, Esq., near Galena Saturday morning, Jan. 9, 1886, Mrs. RACHEL CALDWELL, in the 89th year of her age. She leaves a son and two daughters to mourn her loss.

THE M. E. CHURCH AT MASSEYS will be RE-OPENED for Divine Worship Sunday, Jan. 24, D. V. Several ministers are expected to be present on the occasion.
jan26-3t. C. K. MORRIS.

REMOVAL.

DR. J. A. CATLIN

Has removed to the new brick house below Cahall's corner, where he will be found at all times when not out on professional calls.

Obstetrics and Diseases of Children a specialty.
Jan. 19, 1886—4t*

TAKE NOTICE!

All persons indebted to me for Meats for the past year are requested to call and settle immediately either by note or cash. All interested will please take notice and attend to this as I most positively will not allow any of these accounts to remain open.

Respectfully, WM. A. BRICE.
Jan. 16—3t.

FOR SALE—*FOUR FRESH COWS*, with Calves by their side.

Apply to J. E. HADAWAY,
ja16.* Edesville, Md.

LOST.—On the 2d of Jan. 1886, a YOUNG WATER 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.

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.

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.

Salesmen Wanted!

Energetic, reliable men, not less than twenty four years old, to sell the choicest Fruit and Ornamental Nursery Stock, on SALARY with expenses paid, or on commission as preferred.—Steady employment throughout the year. Business quickly learned. Send for terms.
GLEN BROTHERS, Nurserymen;
Jan16-9t. Rochester, N. Y.

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.

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.
jy9-4t. 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.

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.

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.

Ratification Notice.

William D. Burchinal et. al.,
versus
J. Burton Burchinal and wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, January Term, 1886.

ORDERED, that the sale of the Real Estate of the late John H. Burchinal, made and reported by MARION DEK. SMITH, trustee, be ratified and