Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.........MAR. 20, 1886.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MANNING had an attack of paralysis in Washington on Tuesday and his condition is regarded as serious.

THE Real Estate Exchange of Baltimore was formally opened on Wednesday and President Thomas Hill made an interesting speech.

BOTH houses of Congress have passed a bill granting a pension of $2,000 a year to the widow of Gen. W. S. Hancock.

THE Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Baltimore has decided not to endorse Speaker Seth's Eastern Shore railroad project in its present shape.

DR. JOHN K. KANE, a prominent physician, of Wilmington, Del., and a brother-in-law of Secretary of State Bayard, died at Summit, N. J., on Monday, of erysipelas.

IN the United States Senate on Monday Mr. Logan submitted a resolution to hold executive sessions with open doors, and it is said the proposition has been favorably received by both sides of the chamber.

A WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT states that Senator Gorman, ex-Governor Groome and ex-Governor Wm. T. Hamilton had a little social confab on one of the sofas of the Senate Chamber the other day. What does it signify?

GOV. STONEMAN, of California, has appointed George Hearst United States Senator, vice John F. Miller, deceased. Mr. Hearst is proprietor of the San Francisco *Daily Examiner*. He is a millionaire, and said to be a native of Virginia.

THE municipal election at Hagerstown, Md., was held last Monday. R. J. Halm, the Democratic candidate for mayor, was elected over Joseph C. Roulette, his Republican competitor, by 102 majority. Democratic councilmen were also elected. The total vote cast was 1,652.

A BULL created consternation in certain sections of Baltimore last Thursday by breaking away from its keepers while being driven through the streets. It knocked down several persons, gored a little girl and seriously injured Mr. T. H. Hunt, a director of the House of Correction.

THE TALBOT FAIR.—The Easton *Ledger* states that only $4,000 stand between the citizens of that county and a fair, $8,000 of the $12,000 proposed to be raised having already been subscribed, and says it would be a stigma upon the reputation of the county should she now fail to accomplish this long-wished-for object.

THE Saturday half-holiday movement is taking practical shape in New York. The movement will no doubt extend to other cities and towns. The plan is to have an entire suspension of business in stores, factories, &c., from Saturday noon until Monday morning. A "labor movement" like this looks to be not only practical but a most desirable thing.

THE Philadelphia *Times* thinks that "the Methodist ministers, to maintain consistency in their objections to Sunday newspapers, are compelled to extend their condemnation to Sunday camp-meetings and to traveling in public conveyances on Sunday, even in going to church." The *Times* is right if the "going to church" is a money-making business.

THE city council of Baltimore seems to be coming to its senses at last. The four weeks' deadlock was broken Tuesday night by the unanimous confirmation of Mr. Samuel P. Thompson for city collector. Mr. Thompson presided over the convention which nominated Mr. Hodges for mayor. The new collector was sworn in on Wednesday morning and entered at once upon the discharge of his duties. Mr. Thompson is a merchant of long standing and one of the most popular business men of the city.

THE Senate committee on the District of Columbia has decided, by a tie vote, not to advise and consent to the nomination of J. C. Matthews, the colored lawyer of Albany, to be Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, in the place of Fred. Douglass, resigned, and Mr. Blackburn was therefore authorized to report the nomination adversely. It is understood that the votes in favor of confirmation were cast by Messrs. Ingalls, Pike, Palmer and Brown, and those in the negative by Messrs. Blackburn, Vance, Harris and Riddleberger. The death of Senator Miller, of California, who was a member of the District committee, leaves the committee with but eight members, and hence the tie vote.

DELIVER US FROM GAMBLERS.

A Prayer Which Made a Sensation on the Floor of the House of Representatives.

The Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Rev. W. H. Milburn, D. D., made a prayer on Monday which attracted general attention, as follows:

"We beseech Thee, Almighty God, help the people of this country to learn that money gained otherwise than as Thou commandest—by the sweat of the face, as the fair and honest wage of honorable, manly work of brain or hand—is gained by theft, no matter how we name the stealing; that money is never converted into wealth unless it ceases to be the pander of our lusts and lifts us above the level of the animal, lifting us to the graces of life, elevating our hearts to manly aspirations, making us kindly with our kind, patient to God's laws, and reverent to ourselves.

"Rid the land, we beseech Thee, of all gamesters, whether they gamble with dice or cards or chips, or with wheat or stocks or corn or cotton. Deliver us from the influence and power of robbers who, enticing their victims to boards of trade and stock exchanges and bucket-shops, name their practices of plunder 'shearing the lambs.'

"Enlighten our intelligence with Thy truth; sweeten and deepen our humanity with Thy love; quicken our piety with Thy spirit; and may Jesus Christ become more and more the master and ruler of our lives and characters and thoughts. We pray through His hallowed name. Amen."

The delivery of this prayer was attentively listened to and caused quite a sensation among the members. On motion of Mr. Butterworth, of Ohio, seconded by Mr. Weaver, of Iowa, it was ordered printed in the *Congressional Record*.

Civil Service Reform Recruits.

Monday's Washington Letter to Balto. American.

Naval Officer I. Freeman Rasin and Special Agent of Treasury J. J. Mahon were here today. They came over on an early train and went directly to the Treasury Department and called on the Commissioner of Customs, where Mr. Rasin filed his bond. The amount of the bond is $10,000. His bondsmen are Thomas M. Lanahan and James Sloan. Mr. Rasin had quite a conversation with the *American* correspondent after he left the Treasury Department. He said he did not know exactly when he would take charge of the office in Baltimore, because he did not know when his commission would be sent him. "I have not determined on the changes I shall make yet. There are only about eight officials under me. Six of these are under the civil service rules, so that leaves only two at my disposal. I have not thought about either of these yet." Mr. Mahon imparted a piece of news which was rather startling; indeed, so startling, that had not Mr. Mahon vouched for it and said he could be quoted as its author, one would think it a joke. He said: "Mr. Rasin, Eugene Higgins, Morris A. Thomas and myself are going to join the Civil Service Reform Association. It's a fact. We are all now office-holders, and as the law is one of the bulwarks of this administration, we think we cannot do better in supporting it than by joining the association. If the association refuses to accept us as members, as you seem to think they will, then they can take the responsibility, for we want to join it and lend our aid, and if they refuse, then we can accuse them of not being sincere in their professions. You may laugh at me, but I am in earnest." As this was said in the presence of Mr. Rasin, and not denied, it is given as news.

THE Smyrna water-works are completed, and there are already thirty water-takers.

The Proposed Eastern Shore Railroad.

AN ENGINEER'S OPINION.

The desirability and practicability of an Eastern Shore railroad to secure more direct communication with Baltimore city has been freely discussed of late, and only recently Gen. Joseph B. Seth, of Talbot county, speaker of the House of Delegates, formally presented to the business interests of Baltimore the important considerations which should move her people to action in the matter. Below we give the opinion of an experienced civil engineer relative to the most practical route for such a road. He is eminently qualified to advise in the matter both by reason of his business qualifications and his practical knowledge of the Eastern Shore peninsula:

2031 N. Eighth St., PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 18, 1886.

MESSRS. PLUMMER & USILTON:—GENTS:—I see by the papers that several railroad projects are on foot on the Eastern Shore with a view of shortening the distance and time between Salisbury and Baltimore, and give railroad facilities to some portions of the country now destitute of that most desirable mode of transportation. One of the plans, I see, is to go via Preston and Easton to some point on the bay, thence by steamboat to the west shore and then by rail to Baltimore. I take the liberty to suggest to you as old friends and acquaintances that the best route to accomplish the object in view would be to come up from Salisbury via Sharptown, Federalsburg, Denton, Greensborough, Bridgetown, Beaver Dam, Church Hill and Chestertown to Tolchester, a total distance of 79 miles, where a line of steamers are already established to land passengers direct into the city of Baltimore. Such a route would open up more territory than any of the other proposed lines and insure quicker transit between Baltimore and Salisbury. And in granting the charter provision might be made to build on either of the routes, and let those who furnish the capital to build the road select which would be their choice.

I have thought for some time of writing you on the subject, but would then think it was hardly worth while. I must say however that it has borne on my mind so strong that I can resist it no longer. Yours truly,

J. B. WINGATE.

The above route, suggested by Mr. Wingate, is in many respects a most desirable one. It goes through the heart of the Eastern Shore, striking five counties, and accommodating all the others, while as feeders it would have several rivers and creeks, and starting with the railroad centre at Salisbury it would connect with the Cambridge road; the Easton road, the Queen Anne's road and the Kent road. Such a road as this would be of incalculable benefit to the Shore and no less advantageous to Baltimore city. We hope the present Legislature will grant a charter and in doing so not confine it to any particular route, but leave this to be determined by careful surveys and calculations of advantages, and practical steps will no doubt be at once taken in the matter.

General Seth in his address above alluded to suggested a route between Salisbury and Poplar Island, off the Talbot shore. He said that the road, if completed, would benefit the Eastern Shore as well as Baltimore. Formerly Baltimore had the trade of the Eastern Shore; now a system of railroads, embracing four hundred miles, contributed to the trade of Philadelphia and to draw from Baltimore. People in his section could go to Philadelphia, spend four hours there and return home at an expense of $4. They could come to Baltimore too, at an expense of $6, but they could not return the same day unless they could leave the city half an hour before they reached it. Freight to Baltimore paid double the rate to Philadelphia. The people had to make three changes of cars coming to Baltimore, while to Philadelphia there was no change. The products of the Eastern Shore demanded rapid transit. The bay craft were tied up during January and February usually, and it became necessary to ship by rail. The people of the Eastern Shore were only held to Baltimore by social and political ties. Their business had gone to other cities. His object was to unite by one system of roads the Eastern Shore, Southern Maryland, Western Maryland and Baltimore. There was already a road, twenty-five miles long, from Ocean City to Salisbury. From Salisbury to Poplar Island a road of fifty-nine miles would give an outlet to the bay. It was then eleven miles by water to Thomas' Point, where the Annapolis and Baltimore Short-Line would complete the line to Baltimore. It was 103 miles from Salisbury to Wilmington, and 73 miles from Wilmington to Baltimore. From Salisbury to Baltimore by the proposed route it would be 80 miles of rail and 11 miles of water route. By it they could throw into Baltimore the strawberries, peaches, vegetables, oysters, &c., and take back the trade of Baltimore to the Eastern Shore. The proposed route crossed the bay at a part where there was little danger. If the Baltimore merchants would help those on the Eastern Shore to reduce their freights, they would help in turn to reduce the cost of living in Baltimore. The new 53-mile road would cost $600,000. The State had loaned money to roads and canals, but not one dollar to help the trade of the Eastern Shore. They only asked the State to exempt this new road from taxation for thirty years. If the State did not get any taxes from the road, it would gain in increased value of property along the road. The road could be built in twelve months and would tap the Pennsylvania system at four points.

It will be seen from our legislative procedings that Mr. Seth has introduced a bill looking to the construction of a road on the line proposed.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' BOARD.—An order was passed to make a door in the back end of the court-house, connecting with the passage-way, which will give a convenient connection with jail and back buildings.

It was also ordered that the clerk communicate with L. W. Finley, agent for the Wrought Iron Bridge Company, of Canton, Ohio, with a view to lengthening the bridge washed out at Frasier's branch.

The board also communicated with the Great International Company for a supply of bridge lumber.

W. H. Palmer, wharf-master at Chestertown, made his annual report of receipts for wharfage, as required by law—amount $38.43, exclusive of his commissions.

Mr. J. S. Graham, clerk of Maryland Hospital, was before the board with a bill of that institution for county patients for 1885, which was passed and the greater amount paid by check. He suggested to the board the desirability of making arrangement to pay the amount appropriated in advance.

Sundry other accounts and pensions were allowed, and ordered to be provided for by the levy of 1886.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, March 23.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

Letters of adm. on personal estate of Rebecca R. Cohee, were granted unto Victor Hendrickson, who filed his bond in penal sum of $700.

John T. Wilson, adm. of Thos. S. Wilson, filed his release from Richard T. Turner, Jr., guardian to W. R. Wilson; also his release from Annie B. Wilson, and from Mary L. Harding.

S. T. Wickes, adm. d.b.n.c. t. a. of Benjamin Chambers, filed a list of debts due said dec'd.

THEY "MARRY SLOW AND DIE SELDOM."—Rev. J. H. Riddick, pastor of the A. M. E. Church of Chestertown, has a lengthy letter in the last issue of the Delaware Conference *Standard*, from which we make the following extracts:

"Our day-schools in this county are supplied with an efficient corps of teachers, on poor pay, miserable school-houses (with few exceptions), and autocratic, illiterate trustee boards, (save a few) to supervise them. We, however, look for a radical change in our school system, as to pay, teachers, better facilities, longer terms and a more intelligent class of trustees.

"We expect these changes, as results from the recommendations of our Governor and the Legislation of our Democratic friends in the General Assembly of this State.

"Two striking things about Chestertown are, that the colored people marry slow and die seldom. This town is not Paradise, nor are all the the people angels, but being located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, we enjoy the privilege of living on the "Garden Spot" of the world."

THE Centreville *Record* proposes to change its publication day from Thursday to Saturday and will appear next week in an enlarged form and a full new suit. The *Record* states that its increased patronage renders these improvements necessary. We congratulate the publishers.

HEAVY WEIGHTS.—A party of gentlemen in Mr. W. H. Denny's store in Queenstown were discussing men and measures, when the subject of heavy men was brought up. The men in the store that night and their weights were as follows: Capt. Friel 214, Daniel McNatt 210, Mr. Walley 200, C. I. B. Mitchell 195, John Rice 191 and Alexander Dodd 200, making the total weight of the six men, 1,216 lbs.

ON Monday a colored man named Thomas Gross, accompanied by two colored boys, was engaged in catching driftwood in the Elk river, near Town Point, when their boat capsized. Gross attempted to swim ashore but was drowned. The two boys clung to the boat and were soon rescued. Gross' body was recovered.

DEATH OF MRS. MATHER.—Mrs. Carrie A. Mather, wife of Rev. A. W. Mather, died at the St. James parsonage last Thursday at 3 o'clock. A stroke of paralysis on Saturday evening, March 4, prostrated her, and medical skill and loving ministrations were all alike unavailing in her restoration. Though she talked even more than in health she was not entirely herself for a single moment after her paralytic stroke until last Sunday night, when she appeared to fully regain consciousness and realize her situation. She then had her children called to her bedside and gave them a mother's dying counsel and farewell. The deceased was a native of Baltimore county. Her maiden name was Cullison, and she leaves four children—three daughters and a boy—the oldest a girl of 13. Rev. Mr. Mather's mother and sister have been with him and did much to comfort the sick one during her three weeks' affliction. Funeral services will be held at St. James' Church tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 10½ o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. W. Bates, and the remains will be conveyed to Baltimore on Monday by steamer Trumpeter. The reverend gentleman has the sincere sympathy of entire Worton community and his numerous acquaintances elsewhere in his sore bereavement.

TO RESUME BUSINESS.—Mr. Wilbur Eliason, the president of the Chestertown Straw Board Company, and one of Kent's most enterprising farmers, has leased the mill for a period of ten years and will take immediate steps toward putting the works in complete order for active operations about the first of August. With the introduction of new and improved machinery Mr. E. expects to double the capacity of the mill and thereby make the concern pay. The capital stock invested in the mill is $99,000, and Mr. Eliason engages to pay a net rental of $3,000 per annum, to accodat from July 1, 1886. He expects to invest ten or fifteen thousand dollars in improvements on the property. The company is fortunate in bringing into productiveness the large capital which has lain idle so long, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Eliason, who has the pluck and energy to undertake the risks, will realize his fullest anticipations of successful operations.

SABBATH-SCHOOL MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary of the Juvenile Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, Chestertown, was held last Sunday evening, and the exercises were as usual of an interesting character, the only drawback being the capacity of the house to accommodate the number desiring to attend. Blooming flowers and singing birds lent a charm to the scene about the altar, the floral decorations being most beautiful and profuse in character. The officers of the society are as follows: President, Fred. G. Usilton; vice-president, Wm. F. Russell; secretaries, Wm. L. Fowler, Robert Jacobs; treasurer, Miss Lottie Russell. The president's ten-minute address was attentively listened to, his theme being "The Mission of Life." The beautiful recitations "Little Crystelle" and "Only One Life" were excellently rendered, the first by Miss Katie Benjamin and the second by Miss Effie Taylor. Marian Mackenzie recited "What Can She Do?" and "The Third Commandment" was sweetly rendered in song by a number of little boys and girls; while the piece entitled "Go Work in My Vineyard" was excellently recited and sung by another class of boys and girls. The most important feature of the exercise was, of course, the class reports showing the financial work for the past month and the year, and it required some time for the secretaries to receive and count the returns of the thirty classes which responded on this occasion. The result for the month showed the class of young men No. 4, taught by Mr. J. K. Aldridge, to be the highest and to them was awarded the monthly banner in a happy address by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Graham. When the annual report was read the winning class was found to be No. 20, composed of young ladies and taught by Mr. Harry Rickey. The seven highest amounts were as follows:

No. 20—H. Rickey, young ladies..........$33.97
" 4—J. K. Aldridge, young men....... 27.35
" 7—John F. Howard, " " 23.72
" 18—Mrs. T. R. Hubbard, young ladies 19.10
" 6—Bible Class 16.63
" 22—Mrs. A. M. Bowers, infant class... 15.34
" 24—Wm. R. Aldridge, boys 15.31

The three first named being the highest were awarded valuable premiums, the presentation being made by Mr. Roland Watts with appropriate remarks. The total receipts for the year from all the classes footed up the handsome sum of $240.84.

THE QUESTION OF LIGHT.

The proposed gas company in Chestertown has a black eye. Temporarily at least the movement is at a stand still. Messrs. Clements & York, who have taken special interest in the gas question, state that they met with every encouragement from the citizens in their canvass for promises of patronage should the company be organized, and that nearly the whole amount of the capital stock was subscribed. The general expression, however, even upon the part of those willing to help the gas company, has been decidedly in favor of electricity, and advocates of the latter have continued to agitate and declare its advantages until the gas people have come to the conclusion that it is best to give the "electricians" a clear field.

The important question now is: Is the electric light practical for towns the size of ours? That is, can it be furnished at a price that would insure a profitable patronage? When these questions are satisfactorily answered abundant capital can be obtained to introduce it. We have no doubt about the *quality* of the light that can be furnished, but we have yet to see the proposition from any responsible company or individual to supply it at a rate that would justify its general use. Our neighbors of Middletown, Del., we notice are moving in the matter and it remains to be seen what the outcome will be there. In the last issue of the Middletown *Transcript* is the following reference to it:

Dr. J. H. Parvis and Mr. W. K. Lockwood of the board of commissioners, and Dr. J. G. Carroll, of the board of health of Middletown, went to Wilmington on Monday evening to inspect the electric lights in operation there with a view of gaining a more intimate knowledge of their workings, and the opinions of those who have them in use. They examined the plant of the company, their engines and dynamo. They compared the lights given by electricity to that of lamps and gas jets and in every way sought to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the proposed new method of lighting our town. As a result of this examination on the part of these gentlemen of the board, and a previous inspection by other members, the board is unanimous for electricity. The light proposed for our streets will be equal to ten-candle power, which is about equal to two ordinary gas jets. This size will also be used for lighting stores and dwellings. The decision reached by the commissioners gives almost universal satisfaction among our townspeople, as the need of a better light for our streets and a substitute for coal oil in our houses has long been felt. Those at present using the light in Wilmington had nothing but good to speak of it, and were unanimously in favor of it in place of any other illuminant. The contracts for the light have not as yet been signed but probably will be as soon as the necessary preliminaries can be arranged.

[COMMUNICATED.]

MASSEYS, March 22, 1886.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In your last issue in noticing the death of Mr. James J. Spear you say: "He had a severe chill on Sunday and a physician was not summoned until Wednesday, &c." In justice to a bereaved family we beg that you make the following correction: The facts are these: Mr. Spear had been feeling poorly for some days, and had taken medicine, hoping soon to be well again. On Sunday, preceding his death, he felt well enough to walk over to his brother's. Returning he had a severe chill, but still thought his case in no way alarming or dangerous. Early the next morning (Monday) a physician *was summoned*, and from that until his death the best medical skill to be found, with the closest watching and nursing by his family, and kind neighbors were constantly in attendance. We regret that your informant misstated the facts (not intentionally we believe) thereby leaving the impression that one single care or duty was neglected. JUSTITIA.

FINE BEEF.—Mr. Brice will have in market this morning two splendid four-year-old steers purchased of Mr. H. Clay Stevens, near Crumpton. They were fatted expressly for the butcher and have been killed several days.

VENDUE.—The sale of the personal property of the late Robert Nicholson takes place next Wednesday at his late residence.

Personal Notes.

We are indebted to Capt. J. A. Russell for Baltimore papers of yesterday five hours in advance of the mail.

Capt. J. Fletcher Wilson, of this county, member of the Legislature, has been prominently mentioned in connection with the command of the State Fishery Force to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Captain Waddell. Capt. Wilson would be a most admirable appointment without a doubt, but the difficulty in the case, we imagine, would be to persuade him to accept the position.

Mr. N. Finelli, the father of Mrs. William B. Stephens, died at his residence in Philadelphia last Thursday evening, and was buried Monday afternoon. Mr. Finelli had been sick but a few days and his death was unexpected by his family. He was 52 years of age.

Mr. John L. Stam, one of Chestertown's oldest and best known citizens, has been confined to his room and quite ill for some time past. At this writing he is in a critical condition and little hope is entertained for his recovery. Mr. Stam is in his 83d year. He has had the faithful ministrations of all his children in his declining years, and now as the end of his eventful life draws near they linger about his bedside. His two sons, Colin F. and Louis K., have for many years been actively engaged in business here.

Mr. John Sweeny, conductor on the Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad, has been ill for several weeks of typhoid fever, and is still confined to bed at his home in Chestertown. Mr. Frank Blyman is acting as conductor.

Miss Laura Wingate, who is remembered by many friends in Kent, and was recently married in Philadelphia, is now living in Florida.

Messrs. Clinton Roberts, of the Centreville *Observer*, and Lem. Dunbracco, of the clerk's office, were in Chestertown on business last Thursday and made us a fraternal call.

Dr. J. L. Dulaney, of Galena, gives notice of his intention to remove to Washington, D. C., and offers his property for sale. We regret to lose the doctor from Kent.

THE MAILS.—A new time-table went into effect on Wednesday by which trains on the Kent railroad leave Clayton at 11.40 A. M. and arrive at Chestertown at 1.40 P. M. This will allow a connection with the mail up the Delaware road, and the train will leave Clayton three minutes after the up mail train arrives. If the train left as soon as the northern mail arrived, it would be compelled to miss the southern mail. This would cause communication with the lower Maryland and Delaware counties to be a day late. The arrangement adopted by the road will probably give satisfaction. The mail will be delivered in Chestertown by 1.40 and will probably be ready for distribution to the public by 2.20 P. M.—in time for the transaction of banking business. The long and hard winter has told severely on the road-bed, but we are informed that new ties have been purchased and will be put in position as speedily as possible. When this is done the track will be in much better condition.

LOOK OUT FOR THEM.—A picture-seller undertook to beat the Voshell House out of a board bill a few days ago. After remaining there for some days he concluded to depart without settling. Instead of taking the hotel carriage for the depot he quietly stole out on foot with bag and baggage. Mr. Robert Wright nabbed him just as he was entering the train and he was glad to hand over the amount of the bill.

Another case worse than this comes to light this week. A professed peach-tree agent has been boarding sumptuously in town—at one of the private boarding-houses—since about the first of January, and, being quite an attractive young gent, has been very popular with the young folks and enjoyed a good time generally. Last Monday morning he quietly took his departure without leaving even a "promise to pay" the amount due for board.

SOMETHING THAT WILL INTEREST ALL CLOTHING BUYERS.—Bordley Bros., who make a specialty of fine clothing, have changed their entire plan of doing business. Instead of trusting their goods on long time as heretofore, they are now selling everything for SPOT CASH, thereby enabling them to sell so surprisingly low as absolutely to compel you to buy of them if you buy at all. Read their advertisement; it will certainly pay you, for we believe they will do just what they say.

MARCH WEATHER.—One year ago last Tuesday (March 23) Chester river and the Chesapeake bay were frozen over in a night by the extreme cold; the steamer Ford succeeded in breaking her way through it to Baltimore but was compelled to miss the next trip. Last Tuesday and Wednesday gave us a taste of genuine March weather—with high wind, snow and ice—though it was not near so cold as during the spell of the previous year.

"A DISH OF HASH."—Rev. Dr. S. B. Southerland will deliver his popular lecture entitled "A Dish of Hash" in the M. P. Church, Chestertown, on Monday evening next. Tickets 25 cents. Be sure to hear him. The doctor is one of our most eloquent and able divines, while his rich fund of humor gives assurance of a well-spiced "dish," palatable alike to young and old.

VARIETY WEDDING.—Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hudson gave a variety wedding at their home at Worton Station on Monday evening the 8th inst. The occasion was very pleasant. The presents were numerous and handsome and the supper sumptuous.

THE Emma A. Ford on Wednesday next will leave Chestertown at 7 instead of 8 o'clock A. M., and will continue to do so until further notice.

MR. W. N. E. WICKES advertises in this issue Listers' brands of fertilizers. Listers' fertilizers have long been favorite brands with a great many Kent county farmers.

ANOTHER interesting letter from Representative Justis will be found in this issue.

DIED.

At St. James Methodist Protestant Parsonage, on Thursday, March 25, 1886, after an illness of near three weeks from a stroke of paralysis, Mrs. CARRIE A. MATHER, wife of Rev. A. W. Mather, formerly of Baltimore county. Funeral on Sunday, at 10½ at St. James' Church. Interment at Trenton, Baltimore county.

OBITUARY.—Miss FANNY MAY VANSANT, the only daughter of Mr. Joshua Vansant, departed this life on the 21st instant, after a long and lingering spell of sickness, at her grandmother's residence in Philadelphia, where she had been recently taken for medical treatment, aged 5 years and 11 months. Her remains were brought to Kennedyville on the 23d instant and were buried in the cemetery of Waters Chapel M. P. Church. [Smyrna *Times* will please copy.]

It is hard to give thee up dear Fanny, sweet, amiable child, but we know thou hast passed from earth's polluted soil to fairer and brighter regions on high. We hope to meet thee again in the "Sweet By and-By."

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'ershaded,
Sweetly her soul shall rest."

REV. S. B. SOUTHERLAND, D. D., will preach in the Methodist Protestant Church, Chestertown, tomorrow (Sunday) morning and evening. 1t.

RELIGIOUS.—The M. E. Church at Masseys will be re-opened for Divine Worship on SUNDAY, April 4th, (D. V.) Several ministers are expected to be present on the occasion. Service in afternoon at 3 o'clock and in evening at 7½. Welcome to all.
m27-2t. C. K. MORRIS, PASTOR.

FOR RENT.

For the present year a SMALL FARM suitable for Trucking, situated at Head of Still Pond Creek; has 600 or 800 Peach Trees in full bearing. Apply to
MRS. ANNIE E. BOSTIC,
m27-3t. Worton Station.

LEFT his mother's home in Chestertown, March 12, 1886, CHARLES HARRIS, aged 10 years next August. He left Chestertown in company with a strange white man who gave his name as Charles Duhurst, who said he lived at Chesterville, in this county. Charles is a very light mulatto and quite intelligent for his age. Any information as to his whereabouts will be thankfully received by his mother.
m27-3t. LOUISA HARRIS.

A GRAND BALL.

There will be a GRAND BALL in the Piney Neck Hall over D. W. Crosby's Store, THURSDAY NIGHT, April 1st., if fair, if not, then the first fair night thereafter. Ice-Cream, Confectionery and Oysters in abundance. No intoxicating liquor allowed on the ground. Admittance for lady and gentleman 50 cents. The best of Baltimore music. All are cordially invited.
m27-1t. COMMITTEE.

SEED OATS---400 bus. Superior Seed Oats

FOR SALE by the undersigned, near Locust Grove. I grew last year 1,508 bus. (cleaned) on thirty acres, and I attribute the good yield to the fine quality of this Western seed.
mh27-tf. J. W. BOGGS.

Private Sale.

THE undersigned having concluded to move to Washington, D. C., will sell his RESIDENCE in Galena, Kent county, Md., on very reasonable terms and low, with practice thrown in. It is a very desirable property for a physician or private citizen who wishes a comfortable home in complete order. Call on or address DR. J. L. DULANEY,
mh27-4t. Galena, Kent Co., Md.

The Cooley Creamers

IN FOUR STYLES,

Senior, Junior, Elevator and Cabinet.

The Cooley system possesses a two-fold advantage; it is submerged and water-sealed, which is of the very greatest benefit, increasing the cooling surface and keeping the cream from oxodizing, thus allowing all gases or odors to penetrate it, and be absorbed by the water. The above Creamers guaranteed and for sale at manufacturer's prices
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March 27-tf. Chestertown.

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among the many Fertilizers that have been from time to time offered to Farmers and Planters.

W. N. E. WICKES,

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offers their Various Preparations for the

Spring Crops,

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AND FRUIT TREES.

Orders left at WICKES & BRO.'S will be promptly attended to.
March 25-2m.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

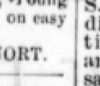
REBECCA R. COHEE,

late of Kent county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, on or before the 30th day of November, 1886, or they will be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate.

Given under my hand this 23d day of March, 1886.
VICTOR HENDRICKSON,
m27-4t. Administrator.

FOR SALE or Exchange.



TWO YOUNG MARES, 7 and 8 years old, in foal; Two Large and Superior Sorrel GELDINGS, 7 and 10 years old; Young Driving MARE, Brunette, will be sold on easy terms. Apply to
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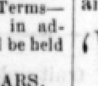
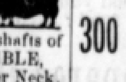


I will stand my Horse at my farm at Worton Station this Season. Terms—$10 to insure or $5 for the season; $2.50 in advance. Persons parting with mares will be held responsible for the insurance.
mh20-3t* P. H. GEARS.

FOR SALE.



A fine size HOLSTEIN BULL, 3 years old, gentle and works to the shafts of the cart. JAMES BRAMBLE,
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ENGINE AND BOILER and Power Gearing, Hauling Chain, Back Chain, and almost the entire outfit of a MARINE RAILWAY capable of taking out of the water a vessel of 1,000 tons. The Railway can be taken up and transported anywhere at a very small cost.
Apply to ABRAHAMS BROS.,
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A Card to Our Friends and Patrons.

CERTAIN malicious persons interested in the manufacture and sale of Fertilizers in Kent county, have endeavored to make various parties (customers of ours) believe that we are no longer in the Fertilizer business. At present we will not mention the names of said falsifiers. We therefore wish to notify our friends, patrons and customers that we are in the Fertilizer Business, have never *gone out* of the business and *intend to stay* in the business as long as we can. We have removed our office to the corner of the Voshell House and will always be pleased to have any interested in Fertilizers, or not, call upon us. C. W. KENNARD & CO.
March 20, 1886—3t.

WANTED.

A HOUSEKEEPER to take charge of a house where there are three children. One who has been used to residing on a farm preferred. Apply personally or by letter to
W. B. GINNODO,
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FOR SALE.

SITTINGS of PURE BRED PEKIN DUCKS. Also, a lot of SHOATS, entirely free from disease. HIRAM BROWN,
m13-3t.* Pomona, Md.

PURCHASE YOUR SEED POTATOES at the Hardware Store of
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SEED POTATOES—
For Sale by
W. A. WHEATLEY

Executors' Sale

OF VALUABLE

PERSONAL PROPERTY

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Kent County, Maryland, the undersigned executors of ROBERT NICHOLSON, late of said county deceased, will offer at PUBLIC SALE at the late residence of said deceased, near Hanesville, about five miles from Chestertown,

On WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st, 1886

At Ten o'clock A. M.,

THE PERSONAL PROPERTY of said deceased consisting in part of

NINE HEAD of HORSES

ONE ODD MULE,

1 Very Fine Stallion,

TEN YEARS OLD;

8 GOOD MILCH COWS,

including Three Extra Milkers:

ONE BROOD SOW and TEN SHOATS.

1 two-horse Carriage, and 1 small do.
2 Farm Wagons and Harness, one nearly new; 1 Peach Wagon;
1 Dearborn, good as new;
1 Horse Cart and Harness;
1 McCormick Mower, new last Spring;
1 Wheat Rake, 1 Drill, in good order,
Little Giant Feed Mill and Cutting Box,
Corn Dray, lot of old Iron and Springs.
1 Large Sleigh and Tongue,
Plows, Harrows, Cultivators,
1 Hyland Roller, Spades, Forks, Shovels, Hoes, Bramble Scythes, half bushel and peck Measures; 1 Farm Bell, Slop Barrel on wheels, 1 Wheelbarrow, several Asparagus Bunchers, 80 good Sugar Barrels, lot Berry Crates and Baskets, also, about 1,000 lbs. Meat, lot of Irish Potatoes, Peas, Onion Sets, &c.

Lot of GOOD HAY AND BLADES,

and a collection of other things too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE:—All sums of Ten Dollars and under cash; all over $10 a credit of Eight Months, on note with approved security, payable at Chestertown National Bank of Chestertown. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with.
JOHN P. NICHOLSON,
ROB'T G. NICHOLSON,
WM. T. NICHOLSON,
Executors of Robert Nicholson, dec'd.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auc'r. m20-ts.

Tax Collector's Sale.

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

Lot in Chestertown,

near Railroad Depot, on the new street that crosses Calvert st. extended, fronting 20 feet on said new street; thence at right angles 64 feet to C. H. Davis' lot; thence with said Davis lot 20 feet; thence at right angles 64 feet to the beginning, forming a parallelogram 20x64 feet.

It is Improved by a

TWO-STORY FRAME BUILDING.

Will be sold at the Court-House door on

SATURDAY, March 27th, 1886,

AT THREE O'CLOCK P. M.,

to pay taxes due from said Alexander Scott—for 1883, $1.37; 1884, 98c., and for 1885, 98c., together with interest and costs due and to become due thereon.
JOS. N. WHEATLEY,
mh6-ts. CORPORATION COLLECTOR.

Late Sheriff's Sale.

BY virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Md., at the suit of Fedderman & Clash, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of Virmadella S. Massey and Rob't B. M. Massey, to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim, interest and estate at law and in equity, of the said V. S. Massey and R. B. M. Massey, in and to all that farm, tract or part of a tract of land near the village of Masseys, in Kent county, in the State of Maryland, and known as

'WHITE HOUSE FARM'

CONTAINING

300 ACRES and 2 ROODS of LAND

MORE OR LESS,

being the same tract of land which was sold and conveyed by James A. Pearce, Trustee, to said V. S. Massey, by deed dated March 26, 1879, duly recorded among the land records for Kent county, aforesaid, in Liber D. C. B., No. 5.

And I hereby give notice, that

On TUESDAY, 13th day of April, 1886,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.,

at the Court House door, in Chestertown, county and State aforesaid, I will offer for sale the said property so seized and taken in execution, at Public Auction, to the highest bidder for cash.
JOHN W. PARSONS,
LATE SHERIFF,
By WM. J. VANNORT, Att'y in fact.
mh20-ts.

BLACK RESIDUUM

WILL KEEP YOUR CORN FROM FRENCHING and will prevent its burning during drouth.

When used with a first class fertilizer on low heavy lands it makes the best and most economical application known.

For sale by
Mar. 6—8t. T. W. ELIASON, JR.

LANDRETH'S GARDEN SEED

of every description, by the paper, ounce, pint, quart or gallon at
m20-3t.* J. F. LEARY'S PHARMACY.

FASHIONABLE DRESS-MAKING.

I am prepared to do PLAIN and FASHIONABLE DRESS-MAKING work, at short notice and on reasonable terms. Give me a trial.
MRS. JAS. P. HATCHERSON,
m13-3t. Chestertown.

CORPORATION TAXES!

I must have the money by the FIRST DAY of APRIL, therefore to avoid trouble, all persons had better settle by that time.
JOS. N. WHEATLEY,
m13-3t. Collector.

Important Public Announcement!

Everything to be Sold for the CASH ONLY!

THEREFORE EVERYTHING TO BE SOLD AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE!

BORDLEY BROS.

Have purchased for their Spring Trade the Handsomest Line of CLOTHING ever offered to the public, and are selling it at such prices as to defy competition.

We Keep NO MORE BOOKS—we no longer sell goods on time, but upon the contrary every suit sold will be sold for the cash, and cash only, thereby giving every customer the full benefit of his money.

We have bought our entire SPRING AND SUMMER STOCK for the SPOT CASH. We can sell you Splendid Cassimere Suits, all wool, for $6, $7 and $8. These suits formerly sold for 8, 10 and $12.

Our MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARMENT is complete in every particular. We have over One Thousand New Samples from which you can select a suit MADE TO ORDER and we GUARATEE TO FIT YOU OR NO SALE.

We have all the latest styles in STIFF and SOFT HATS, and Gents Furnishing Goods just received direct from New York. Remember we are now selling strictly for the SPOT CASH ONLY, and we are now determined to sell you if EXTREMELY LOW PRICES will do it.

BORDLEY BROS.,
March 27, 1885. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

FENCING

—AND—

Barbed Wire.

Fencing { WHITE PINE, HEMLOCK, CYPRESS

2x4 WHITE PINE, 2x4 VA. PINE, 2x3 GA. PINE, } Railing

Barbed Wire { Direct from Manufacturer at lowest prices, cash.

WHITE PINE, No. 1, HEMLOCK, No. 1, } Pickets

Write for our prices.

TURNER BROS.

Mar. 20, 1886.

Flour by the Barrel!

—AT—

MELITOTA

Having just received a large consignment of

FLOUR

will sell the same at MANUFACTURERS' PRICES.

All FLOUR delivered FREE OF CHARGE to any part of the county. Call or write for prices.

Respectfully,
N. LIEBERMAN,
Telephone call, 36. Melitota, Md.

GLENCOE, JR.

Spring Season of 1886.

I will stand my Stallion, GLENCOE, JR., at our home farm, near Still Pond, at $7.50 for the Season. I would take a few Mares from a distance and they will receive the best of attention, but they will be at the risk of the owner in case of accident. This horse (Glencoe, Jr.) is a very pretty dark-bay with long, flowing mane, and weighs about 1200 pounds. He is from the Glencoe stock by Ben Boldt; he by Glencoe; he by Bailey Peyton, and from a Keystone Patchen mare. He is good stock on the sire's side for running and on the dam's side for trotting—having good stock on both sides. He is a good stepper.

If the owners of Mares have not the money at the end of the Season I will take note, with good security, payable in Bank three months from end of season.
G. W. ROUSE,
STILL POND,
mh20-3t. Kent Co., Md.

Flowering PLANTS,

For 1886,

Grown by WILLIAM KIRBY, Chestertown.

MY collection of FLOWERS is larger and in finer and healthier condition than heretofore. They are the best suited for bedding purposes and house culture. Having abandoned the trucking I can give my Flower Department better and closer attention. PRICES LOW.

I grow VEGETABLE PLANTS in large quantities. Prices given on application.

Twelve Assorted Ever-Blooming Roses for $1. A fine lot of Flower Seed, 5 cents per paper. Send for price list of flowers.
WM. KIRBY,
m20-6t Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.

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MRS. KATE GILL has just opened

A New and Beautiful Stock of

MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS,

Newest Styles in

HATS, BONNETS, &c.

At Lowest Prices!

An early call is respectfully solicited. I will do my best to please.

BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS for sale.
KATE GILL,
mh25. Two doors below the Post-office.

—150,000—

PEACH TREES!

GROWN FROM

Natural Virginia Stones!

AND BUDDED FROM

Fruiting Trees Only.

In addition to the well-known standard canning and shipping varieties, I have all the promising new varieties, including Schumaker, Wheatland, Lord Palmerton, Wager, Ford's Late, &c.

Circulars sent on application.
J. B. MERRITT,
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Peach Trees!

30,000 FOR SALE!

As Healthy and Choice selection and true to name as can be obtained in the State. All the Leading Varieties, also Mammoth kinds. For circulars and prices address or call and examine stock.
WM. K. JUDEFIND & CO.,
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A CARGO WILL BE READY for Distribution in April.

Orders taken in advance will save freight from Scott's Point to landing of purchaser.

These Posts are being cut this winter especially to suit our Kent and Queen Anne's county fencing.

Orders given now for Cypress Fencing will be to the advantage of the purchaser.

Enter your orders now for spring delivery. Mail me lumber bills for estimates. We only want a chance to compete for your orders.

Apply to the office of
JOSEPH TURNER.
Feb. 20, 1886.

HARDWARE!

SHOVELS, FORKS, SPADES, GRUB HOES, HATCHETS, AXES, BRACES and BITS, CHAIN and ROPE TRACES, WAGON and PLOW HAMES, BACKBANDS, PLOW LINES, &c., &c., Farm Bells! Farm Bells! Table and Pocket Cutlery, Locks, Bolts, Hinges, Curry Combs, Horse Brushes, Scrub Brushes, &c., for sale by

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CUCUMBER WOOD PUMPS, lined and unlined, for wells of almost any depth and cheaper than ever, and for sale by W. A. WHEATLEY.

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A CHOICE FRESH LOT FROM THE SEED FARMS OF THE WELL KNOWN

LANDRETH & SONS,

PHILADELPHIA.

Many years of experience have established the worth of their seed. We do not hesitate to recommend them.

Peas, Beans, Radishes,

LETTUCE, CUCUMBERS,

CABBAGE

all varieties, in quantities to suit the purchaser. Prices low.

COLIN F. STAM,
March 13, 1886. DRUGGIST.

New Establishment

—OF—

HARNESS!

Collars, Saddles, Whips

—AND—

HORSE GOODS of ALL KINDS!

AFTER an experience of nearly twelve years in the practical HARNESS BUSINESS I now feel thoroughly competent of giving satisfaction in every particular. My special attention will be directed to

HAND-MADE WORK

OF ALL KINDS

AND REPAIRING!

All Orders will receive my prompt and personal attention. Hoping to receive a liberal share of your patronage, I remain yours most respectfully,
D. P. JONES, AGT.,
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Up town, below the office of C. W. C. Johnson, Esq. j23-y.

HORSE-SHOEING A SPECIALTY!

SAMUEL HICKS

Has taken the Shop near the M. P. Church, adjoining Thomas' coal-yard, Chestertown, and will do all kinds Blacksmith work, especially

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Cutting and grabbing prevented and the horse's foot preserved. Long experience and personal attention will enable me to do first-class work at lowest prices. jan16-3m*