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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....MAY 8, 1886.

GEN. FRANK A. BOND, late superintendent of the House of Correction, has been appointed an index clerk in the land office in Annapolis.

THE butchers of Baltimore had a grand parade and picnic on Wednesday. It was intended as a demonstration against Chicago embalmed beef and was also the occasion of their annual May festival.

THE argument for a new trial for Samuel Johnson, recently convicted of the Sharpless murder at Media, Pa., was postponed till next October; Johnson's counsel claim to have new and startling evidence.

JAMES M. WOOTERS, of Talbot county, has been appointed a special agent of the Treasury Department. Mr. Wooters will be remembered as the handsome gentleman who accompanied Hon. H. Gibson in his canvass of this congressional ...rict in 1884.

...LECTOR GROOME has been advised by the ...ervice board at Washington that the ex... on at Baltimore for places in the custom... ...ill take place on May 19, 20 and 21. ... to be examined must file their applica... ...a days previous.

...AIN ALFRED BROTHERTON, of Baltimore, ...ted of conspiracy to cast away the brig O. ...illman, was on Monday sentenced to one ... in jail at hard labor, and to pay a fine of ...00; Brown, the mate, who pleaded guilty, ... fined $100 and sent to jail for six months.

THE Court of Appeals of Virginia, by a vote of four to one, has refused a new trial in the case of Thos. J. Cluverius, convicted in the Hustings Court of Richmond of the murder of Miss Fannie Lilian Madison. He will be hung unless executive clemency is interposed.

IN Charlotte Co., Va., Wednesday, a young colored man named Dick Walker attempted to assault a respectable white girl. He was foiled in his purpose, arrested and put in jail, from which he was taken by a number of indignant citizens and hanged.

EX-STATE SENATOR THOMAS F. GAREY died suddenly of apoplexy at his home in Caroline county about seven o'clock last Sunday morning aged 65 years. He was a native of Caroline and had lived all his life in that county. From a poor boy by economy, and careful attention to business, he had become, it is said, the heaviest landholder in the county. His wealth is estimated at $100,000.

IN accordance with the act passed at the last session of the Legislature, Gov. Lloyd has appointed the commissions on taxes and agricultural experimental station. James A. Pearce, Esq., of this town, Prof. Richard T. Ely, of the Johns Hopkins University, John P. Poe, of Baltimore city, and James McSherry, of Frederick city, compose the tax commission. Isaac L. Adkins, of Talbot, and Howard Griffith, of Montgomery, are appointed State members of the commission on agricultural experimental station.

POSTMASTER I. PARKER VEAZEY has resigned the postmastership of Baltimore and Mr. Frank Brown has been appointed in his place. Mr. Veazey's reason for resigning was that he might devote more attention to his law practice. The *Sun* says that Mr. Veazey has made an excellent, conscientious and hard-working postmaster. Mr. Brown, like Mr. Veazey, is young, energetic and ambitious. He has had the management of a large personal estate of his own and has experience in public affairs.

Labor Demonstration in Baltimore.

A great labor demonstration took place in Baltimore on Monday simultaneously with the beginning of the eight-hour system by some of the trades. The demonstration was an imposing and interesting event. The procession was the greatest display ever made by the toiling masses in Baltimore city. The parade was under the auspices of the Canmakers' Mutual Protective Association, which is local Assembly 1384, Knights of Labor. The *Sun* says: They represented the strong arm and the busy hands of the multitudes that struggle in the varied industries of the city of Baltimore. The compact body of men moving without a jar, made a striking effect. Though less brilliant than some parades that have marched along Baltimore street, it was a striking pageant. It was an army of fifteen thousand men, dressed in the plain clothes of every-day life, moving along the principal streets of the city, representing the great heart of the work and the toil of the industrial classes. So great was the interest taken in the event that the city assumed the aspect of a holiday. Baltimore street, from Fremont to Broadway, was one mass of struggling people, each doing his or her best to secure a commanding position. Both pavements of the street were packed, and large crowds filled the space from the curbstones to the car-tracks. Windows, balconies, and every conceivable spot where a human being could ...feir perch, were utilized, and the route of ...ch was taxed to its utmost to allow the pub... ...pay its tribute of presence to the parade of ... As a further homage to the occasion ... of the houses along the route were decora... ...flags. From some floated the full-sized ...nd stripes" and from others the little, ..., white and blue." The main streets ...y leading to the streets along which the ...oved presented an animated appearance. ...en and children huddled along, eager ...asto to get a good show. The memb... ...e police force were utilized to good ad... ...a keeping clear the line of march. The ...ation had the favoring influence of ... May weather and vast throngs of look... ...ong the streets. The procession massed ...schuetzen Park, where, in the evening, ...as speaking and such merrymaking as ...ppropriate to a May day. The large ma... ...of the participants were Knights of Labor, ... the aggregate membership of all the associa... ...ns represented in the procession is stated to be ...21,000.

THE general labor movement for shorter working days continues to increase throughout the country.

THE Baltimore carpenters remain out for eight hours and the master-builders refuse to grant their demands.

MRS. BRINDLE, wife of Rev. J. A. Brindle, of the M. E. Conference, stationed at Lewes, Del., died April 25, aged 55 years.

FOSTER'S steam saw-mill, four miles north of Federalsburg, Md., was burned on Saturday evening. Loss $2,000; no insurance.

THE first peaches of the season were sold in New York this week for thirty cents each. In the meantime the crop over on the peninsula is showing that it has not been killed.

THE saying that murder will out is again illustrated in the arrest of an Alabama man, aged seventy-four, in an obscure Georgia town for killing his wife thirty-four years ago.

AN effort will be made to have Congress refund to Mrs. Hancock $6,800, expended by her late husband, Gen. W. S. Hancock, in his military capacity at the Yorktown celebration.

THE vote on Chincoteague Island last Saturday on the liquor question resulted as follows: For prohibition, 265; against, 38; the majority for prohibition being 226.

THE congressional committee has prevailed upon the Knights of Labor in the interest of the people of the country and business generally to declare the strike on the Gould Southwestern lines at an end.

A LEADING newspaper man of Baltimore city remarked a few days since, that after having traveled over the larger part of the United States, he had come to the conclusion that the section of country comprising Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties was ahead of anything he had seen.

PHILADELPHIA is progressing. The grand jury there has recommended the legislature to provide the whipping-post as a punishment for wife-beaters. Maryland's experience with this useful institution has won it hosts of friends in all parts of this country, and its general adoption is only a question of time. It is the only adequate punishment for the brute who will beat his wife.

MR. LEWIS MAYER, a well known member of the Baltimore bar, died Tuesday morning of typhoid pneumonia. He was sick but a few days, and his death was a great shock to a large circle of acquaintances and friends. Mr. Mayer was the son of the late Charles F. Mayer, one of the foremost lawyers of his day at the Baltimore bar, and was in the fifty-first year of his age. He was best known as a codifier of laws and law writer.

BLOODSHED IN CHICAGO.—There were conflicts in Chicago on Monday between anarchists and the police. Many persons were killed or wounded. Though ostensibly in the interest of striking workmen, the disturbance probably owes its origin largely to the efforts of political agitators, who, for a long time, have been advocating doctrines of murder and confiscation, and who now, by setting an example of violence, hope to make converts to their views. A feature of the riot was an address from an orator who urged his hearers to quit the Knights of Labor and join the Central Labor Union. "Anarchy," said this speaker, who of course was not an American, "anarchy is the only way for the workingmen to break the chains of slavery in which they are bound. With revolver in one hand and your knife in the other and bombs in your pockets, march on to revolution and freedom!" It is a compliment, of course, to the Knights of Labor, to be denounced by such a blatherskite, and it is not to be assumed hastily that the Central Labor Union, or any labor organization was responsible for his utterances. Certainly nothing can be more injurious to any cause than to be associated in men's minds with acts of lawlessness and violence. A just cause presented to the impartial public with persistence and in a lawful and peaceful manner, must ultimately obtain a fair hearing, but the moment violence is employed the attitude of the public changes, and there is an almost universal demand for the forcible repression of the disturbers of the peace, be their cause what it may.

POWDERLY'S STRONG PROTEST.

A Vigorous Denunciation of the Bloody Work of the Anarchists.

A special dispatch to the Philadelphia *Times*, dated Scranton, Pa., May 5, says:

In speaking of the turbulent scenes in Chicago this evening General Master Workman Powderly appeared to be deeply moved and said: "The public should make a marked distinction between the destructionists and the workingmen of America." He denounced the doings of the rioters and their ringleaders in vigorous terms and added: "The scenes of bloodshed and disorder which have taken place in Chicago are disgraceful, uncalled for and deserving of the severest condemnation and punishment. The men who march under any flag but the Stars and Stripes are not American workingmen, either native or naturalized. Honest labor is not represented in the ranks of those who array themselves under the emblem of blood and destruction—the red flag of Socialism and anarchy. I have no sympathy with the men who have instigated such deeds as have been perpetrated in Chicago. It is the duty of every organization of workingmen in the United States to condemn the outrages committed in the name of labor. I believe the man who comes to this country and who refuses to become a citizen of the United States after having sufficient time to do so has no more right to be here than the alien land-grabber who takes possession of the acres of the West. The workingmen of America have a more powerful weapon than the bullet in the ballot and if they use their lawful rights as citizens judiciously they will never have occasion to resort to violence."

"Do you recognize any Knights of Labor among the leaders of the Chicago riots?"

"No, and if Knights of Labor have taken part in these murderous proceedings they should be promptly expelled from the order. Our organization means no antagonism to necessary capital nor have we any conflict with legitimate enterprise, and when we have occasion to take issue with illegitimate enterprise we will do so under the law, which protects rich and poor alike. It is the duty of every Knight of Labor to support laws made to harmonize the interests of labor and capital."

When asked if he could speak with any authority as to the attitude of the trades unions towards the turbulence in Chicago Mr. Powderly said:

"I can. There is not a trades union in America that will countenance wrong-doing or uphold those men who have been engaged in scenes of bloodshed and the destruction of property. The aim of the trades unions is to elevate labor and not to degrade and destroy it, as the Anarchists have attempted to do."

Mr. Powderly was earnest and emphatic in declaring that the Knights of Labor have no sympathy with the wild work of the Chicago Anarchists.

INOPERATIVE RELIGIOUS BEQUESTS.—Judge Fisher, in the Circuit Court of Baltimore on Tuesday, heard the bill in equity of John H. Eagleston, of Salem, Mass., seeking to set aside certain bequests of the will of his sister, Mrs. Rebecca V. Gooding, who died in Baltimore August 8, 1882. Mrs. Gooding bequeathed a house and lot in Chesterville, Kent county, Md., to the trustees of Emmanuel M. E. Church South, Chesterville, provided an annuity of $125 be paid to the complainant, John H. Eagleston. She also bequeathed the dwelling house No. 248 East Biddle street, Baltimore city, to the trustees of the Bond Street M. E. Church South, in Baltimore, provided they pay an annuity of $125 to complainant. The residuary clause of the will bequeaths the remainder of the estate to the Bond Street Church. The Rev. L. W. Haslup was granted letters of administration. The complainant has died since the filing of the bill. The Methodist Episcopal Church South, not being incorporated, cannot take the bequest. It was agreed between Mr. Thomas S. Baer, counsel for the complainant, and ex-Judge Henry F. Garey, who appeared for the defendant, that the leasehold property in Baltimore would go to the Bond Street Church under the residuary clause, and the Chesterville real estate to Hannah Eagleston, Edward L. Eagleston, Allen P. Eagleston, Mary E. Eagleston, James V. Eagleston and Edward L. Eagleston, nephews and nieces of the complainant, who reside in Massachusetts. Judge Fisher reserved his decision.—*Sun.*

REPORTED ELOPEMENT.—It has been rumored for several days that Mrs. James Cecil, who has been residing with her husband, on the farm of Mr. George DeRochbrune, between Centreville and Queenstown, eloped on Tuesday with Hezekiah Dill. Mr. Dill is also married. Reports say that on Tuesday morning Dill left Centreville on the early train, and stopped over at Townsend until the arrival of the afternoon train. Mrs. Cecil came into town on Tuesday, and after making a number of purchases, left on the afternoon train. She was joined at Townsend by Dill and the two went to Philadelphia. Mrs. Cecil is a good-looking woman of about 30 years. Dill is about the same age. It is said that Mrs. Cecil, who was entrusted by her husband with all his money, took with her about $350. She had $100 when she came to town and had a check for $250 cashed at the Centreville National Bank. The money had been invested by Mr. Cecil, but Mrs. Cecil drew it. Mr. Cecil denies that his wife has eloped with Dill.—*Cent. Rec.*

ON Tuesday morning Henry Miller, employed by Selby Smith, near Queen Anne Station, expressed to Mrs. Smith a desire for an early breakfast, as business of importance called him away. He got his breakfast and next Mrs. Smith saw him making a break for the woods, when she suspected something was wrong. She went to her room where she had $65 hidden between two beds, and found the money missing. Miller walked to Ridgely, where he hired a team to Clayton, Del. In the meantime Mr. Smith had telegraphed to Clayton and Miller was arrested upon his arrival. He is now in Easton jail.—*Centreville Record.*

DEATH OF A FAMOUS TROTTER.—Maxey Cobb, the champion trotting stallion of the world, died on Monday afternoon of inflammation of the bowels at Belmont Driving Park, near Philadelphia. He was owned by Isidore Cohnfeld, of New York, and arrived at Belmont from New York only the day previous. It is said Mr. Cohnfield recently refused $40,000 for the stallion. Maxey Cobb's record of 2:12½, made at the Narragansett track at Providence, R. I., September 30, 1884, has never been equalled.

ABOUT seven o'clock on Friday evening of last week a most disastrous fire, the largest, probably, in Baltimore since the Clay-street fire of July 25, 1873, broke out in the wholesale notion warehouse of S. W. Floss & Co., 318 West Baltimore street, between Liberty and Howard streets, and burned for over four hours, extending to surrounding property, involving eleven firms, and entailing a loss of about $500,000, of which $160,000 was upon real estate and the rest on stocks.

SENATOR WILSON, of Maryland, promises to become and expert on pension law, for since his assignment to the pension committee most of his time has been occupied in the consideration of pension cases. Such a pressure has been made upon him by the persons interested in the various claims that he has transferred to his residence the papers in several hundred cases, and in the quietness of his own home he plods away at pension matters to expedite consideration before the Senate.—*Corr. Balt. Sun.*

ALTHOUGH the Rev. A. W. Milby of Dover district is mending slowly his friends fear that he will not be able to do effective work this year. Some of the preachers of the district and the presiding elder himself, it is said, have spoken of the Rev. W. E. England as his successor.

SECRETARY MANNING'S health is being rapidly restored. There are contradictory reports about his intentions in regard to resigning, but those who ought to know best say he will feel obliged, in justice to himself, to give up his post.

THE men who insist on eight hours' work and ten hours' pay are very likely in the end to be without either work or pay.—*Phila. Times.*

Circuit Court Proceedings.

The case of Mrs. Hannah Hogeland against the P. W. & B. Railroad for $10,000 damages for injuries sustained by the plaintiff in a collision on said road near Elkton on the 13th of August, 1884, was brought to a close on Monday evening after a five days' trial. The testimony was closed on Saturday and Monday's session was occupied by the argument of counsel. H. W. Vickers, Esq., led off in an hour's speech for the plaintiff, and when he took his seat there was a decided expression of sympathy for that side by applause, which the court promptly rebuked. R. Hynson and J. Donaldson, Esqs., delivered able arguments in behalf of the defendant, and Mr. Constable closed in a strong speech for the plaintiff. Mr. W. J. Jones, of counsel for defense, did not speak. A somewhat rare incident of the day was the presence of quite a number of ladies to hear the arguments. The jury retired about 4 o'clock and at 8.30 returned verdict for the plaintiff, assessing the damages at $5,833.34.

There was no court on Tuesday, the other business of the session having been adjourned over to Wednesday morning to allow an opportunity for counsel to visit Queen Anne's court.

WEDNESDAY, May 5.—Judge Wickes on the bench. Mr. Wilson Capps, of Massey's, who was charged with selling goods without license, made his statement before the court on Wednesday, and it being clear that he was innocent of any intentional wrong the case against him was stetted. Mr. Capps has been doing business at Masseys for several years and had never before failed to procure his license. In this instance he overlooked the matter until his attention was called to the fact when making application for a renewal of his license.

The court ordered attachment to Baltimore city for James A. Ray for not attending as a witness in the case of Parrott vs. Clayton.

Nicholas Drear against Capt. Geo. H. Bacon. This was a suit to recover wages, which the plaintiff claimed were due him from his having hired to defendant for the year 1885 and gave up a situation at Shallcross' wharf for that reason. He did not get work with the defendant for the year named. Jury trial. J. A. Pearce and Sherman T. Wickes for plaintiff; H. H. Barroll for defendant. Verdict for plaintiff for $40. This was Mr. Wickes' first case and in it he made his maiden speech before a jury. His argument was short, to the point, and delivered in an easy and graceful manner.

State vs. Theodore Hodges, colored—indicted for larceny of meat from Frederick Niecke. Tried before the court. Smith for State; Barroll for defendant. Guilty.

THURSDAY.—State vs. Levi Lively, colored—indicted for larceny of a coat from J. Cantorwitz. Jury trial. Smith for State; Vickers for def. The jury returned a verdict of guilty with a special recommendation to the mercy of the court.

State vs. Charles B. Scott, colored—charged with burglary in connection with Alexander Corse, colored, by breaking into the store of George W. Harper in Still Pond on the night of Nov. 11, 1885. Tried before the court. A dozen witnesses testified for the State, and the evidence against the prisoner was conclusive. He was traced from Chestertown through Worton Station to Still Pond on the day before the burglary and in that village on that night. He was tracked to Kennedyville next morning, found asleep in a stackyard near that place with the goods in possession. A half-dozen revolvers were spread out upon the sheriff's desk during the trial, together with seven watches, a lot of tools, jewelry, &c. Smith for State; Slay for def. Judgment of the court, guilty.

State vs. Alexander Corse—indicted same as in Scott's case. He was arraigned and plead guilty. Hynson for defense.

FRIDAY.—State vs. E. L. Price—indicted for bigamy. Tried before the court. Smith for State; Pearcefor defence. Verdict not rendered.

State vs. John Barrett, presentment for assaulting Thomas Mason on the public highway with intent to rob. Jury trial. Smith for State; Hynson, Wickes and Urie for defense. Not concluded at the time of going to press.

The present has been the longest term of court known in this county for many years. The petit jurymen, the most of whom are farmers, are completely tired out.

The session will probably be concluded today.

The Chester River Fish Law.

The Centreville *Observer* publishes our reference to the fish law and says:

"The object of the promoters of the law, as we understand it, was to keep foreign fishermen and seine-haulers from using the waters of Chester river in which to take fish, and this object we believe to have been a worthy one inasmuch that it will give better opportunities for the fishermen of the two counties to obtain a livelihood. It is true that there are some objectionable features in the act, which the *News* points out, but it is hardly fair to charge by inuendo that our representatives did not act in good faith. They were sent to Annapolis for the purpose of looking after the interest of Queen Anne's county, and those of Kent were supposed to have been sent for the same purpose. We presume our representatives understand the law as it passed and our columns are open for explanations from them in order that they may relieve themselves of the charge of bad faith, which we believe to be unjust."

Our cotemporary misunderstands both the letter and the spirit of our article. There was nothing in it to reflect upon our sister county's worthy representatives nor was it by inuendo intended so to reflect. We thought it possible, and so intimated, that the law had been changed from the understood purpose by some mistake; how this was done was the mystery. The *Observer*, while acknowledging some objectionable features in the act, believes "it will give better opportunities for the fishermen of the two counties to obtain a livelihood," and thinks that county's representatives understood the act as passed.

THE WORTON SHOOTING CLUB.—A glass ball Shooting Club has been organized in Worton with the following named gentlemen for officers: Thomas Gale, president; Dr. W. B. Turner, vice-president; A. Diehl, secretary; Dr. J. B. Merritt, treasurer; M. M. Rasin, orderly. A trial match was held on the farm of W. B. Stephens on Thursday afternoon of last week. Several first-class shots from Baltimore were present, among whom may be mentioned Mr. C. S. Wertsner, the well-known gun manufacturer; Wm. Fiele, N. Paca st., and Harry Ducker, Reisterstown, Md. The wind was blowing rather too lively to make the shooting a success, but taking the wind and weather into consideration there was a remarkable display of good marksmanship. The following is the score out of 18 pigeons each:

TEAM A.		TEAM B.	
Thomas Gale	16	Dr. W. B. Turner...	8
C. S. Wertsner	12	Wm. Fieles,.....	14
A. Diehl.....	15	W. R. Gale	7
Dr. Merritt..	11	H. Pimsanocy	8
John Gale.....	8	W. B. Stephens.....	7
H. Ducker	9	Jos. R. Usilton	8

IMPORTANT TO FRUIT GROWERS.—We learn that Mr. A. N. Brown, secretary of the Delaware Fruit Exchange at Wyoming, Del., will meet the fruit growers of this county at the hall in Still Pond on next Saturday, May 15th at 2 o'clock, P. M., to explain fully the workings of the exchange, the great financial benefits to be derived by those becoming members of the organization and to make arrangements for establishing branch exchanges on the Kent county railroad and at the wharves on our waters. No fruit grower should neglect to avail himself of this opportunity, as the establishment of some such system cannot but redound to the interest of our people. Prof. W. Webb, formerly of the Delaware College, will also be in attendance and will address the meeting on the importance of establishing an agricultural and horticultural society on the Peninsula.

MR. WIST MARRIED.—We stated last week that Mr. John S. Wirt, of the Cecil bar, who was in Chestertown several days engaged in the trial of railroad cases, left before the conclusion of one of them, but did not give the reason therefor. We are now at liberty to do so. He went from here to take a bride. He was married at Pocomoke City, on the 28th ult., to Miss Nannie R. Pearce, a daughter of Mr. B. B. Pearce of that place. The wedding was very private, only the parents of the bride being present at the ceremony. The wedding tour will include St. Paul, Minn., where Mr. Wirt has a brother living.

IMPORTANT MEETING.—At the regular meeting of the Kent County Agricultural Club at Worton Station next Monday the question of the establishment of a peach exchange and other important matters will be discussed. All the members are urged to be present.

THE long spring drouth, which was becoming fearful in its consequences to vegetation and caused a dusty condition of the public highways akin to August weather, was broken by light showers last Wednesday night and a heavy gust and rain early Thursday morning.

THE LAWS DELAYED.—We expected to have received the public general laws in time for publication this week, but have been disappointed. They will certainly be along in time for our next issue.

The Orchestra Concert.

This community enjoyed a musical treat last Thursday evening. It consisted of a vocal and instrumental concert by the Chestertown Orchestra, an organization under the instruction and leadership of Prof. F. L. Bardeen, of Washington College. The orchestra is composed of twelve performers, embracing the best musical talent among the young men of Chestertown, and upon this occasion they were assisted by the following city talent:

Miss Belle Bump ..... Soprano
Mr. Sol. Frank..... Barytone
Mr. Edw. Boeckner..... Pianist
Mr. George Charles ..... Clarionetist

The program was as follows:

PART FIRST.

Overture—Home Circle..... Orchestra
Barytone Solo—Thy Sentinel Am I..... S. Frank
Piano Solo—Caprice..... Edw. Boeckner
Gavotte—Vergissmeinnicht..... Orchestra
Soprano Solo—The Daisy..... Miss Belle Bump
Waltz—Fantastique..... Orchestra

PART SECOND.

Overture—Alleian ..... Orchestra
Soprano Solo—The Message.... Miss Belle Bump
Piano Solo—Polacco Brilliante..... E. Boeckner
Song and Chorus—"We're More Like New York Every Day."... Miss Bump, and Messrs. Brown, ... McFeely and Frank
Joujoux et Bonbons... A Musical Smash-Up... Orc
Operatic March—Boccaclo..... Orchestra

In addition to the above the audience was favored with the "Cuckoo Song," by Mr. Bernard Friel, of Queen Anne's. He was discovered in the audience by some who knew of his vocal abilities and responded to the persistent calls. His singing was greatly enjoyed.

The barytone solo "Thy Sentinel Am I," by Mr. Sol. Frank, was so highly appreciated that he was compelled to reappear and sang even better in a second popular selection.

Miss Bump, the star of the evening, was greeted with rapturous applause upon her first appearance on the stage and she was repeatedly encored. This lady is a fine vocalist; her voice is smooth, strong and sweet, and with the absence of any effort at display she secures at once the sympathy and admiration of all her hearers. She is above medium size, has a small mouth, and on this occasion was dressed in plain black without ornament or flower. She is not a professional singer but a leading soprano in one of the large city churches.

Among the orchestral pieces probably the most appreciated were the three pieces written by Prof. Bardeen—the overture in second part, the song and chorus "We're More Like New York Every Day," and the "Musical Smash-Up." In the song and chorus Mr. J. W. Bordley took the leading part in place of Miss Bump, and the piece "brought down the house" with its local hits. The whole program was well carried out, and our community will gladly hail the announcement of the "second grand concert" by the Chestertown Orchestra when it shall be made. The court-house was filled to its utmost capacity on Thursday evening and most of the best seats were sold several days before. A handsome sum no doubt was realized.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE, &c.—Mr. Joel R. Clements, of Chestertown, purchased at public sale last Tuesday, of Thomas Hill, of Sudlersville the Pierce farm, containing 240 acres, situated near Sudlersville, for $13,000. He gets possession immediately and the present year's crops. The farm is said to be very productive and highly improved.

John D. Urie, Esq., as attorney for E. L. Meginness, on Tuesday last offered for sale in Centreville the Pierce farm, on Chester river just above Chestertown, in Queen Anne's county. A number of bidders were present and after going up to $50 per acre the place was withdrawn. On Wednesday Mr. Thos. J. Tucker, of Queen Anne's, came to Chestertown and purchased the farm at private sale at an advance of the sum above named, the amount not being made public. The farm contains 164 acres and the purchaser gets possession at the end of the year. His son now lives upon it.

Dr. T. H. Cooper, of this town, recently purchased a farm in Kent county, Del., containing 320 acres. Price not stated. The farm adjoins the lands of the doctor's father, and he intends to engage largely in peach culture.

J. A. Pearce, Esq., sold at the Voshell House last Saturday College lot No. 30, containing three acres, to Mr. John Bell, for $610.

Hope H. Barroll, Esq., trustee, sold in front of the court-house on Saturday a Nichols, Shepard & Co. steam engine, thresher and separator, to Mr. P. A. M. Brooks, for $825.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—During the heavy thunder storm of Thursday morning two mules were killed by lightning on the premises of Mrs. Wm. J. Sennett, near Chester bridge, in Queen Anne's. The lightning struck the roof of the stable, in the loft of which was stored about 1500 bundles of blades, descended through the fodder and loft floor without setting either on fire, and killed the mules in their stalls below. The hole through the blades was clean cut and clearly defined by the ashes left in the track of the fluid. The mules were valued at $300.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—During the heavy thunder storm last Thursday morning the lightning struck the chimney on the back building of the residence of Mr. Wm. F. Blackway, in the upper part of High street, Chestertown. The cap of the chimney was torn away and the bricks thrown into an adjoining yard; a lot of shingles were torn from the roof and the sheathing pried up. Inside, the fluid passed down the chimney to the stove-pipe hole, thence through the pipe and into the chamber-room, where it scattered fire and made things lively for a time. The carpet upon the floor was soon in a blaze, a clock on the mantel was thrown down and smashed, and a picture upon the wall had the glass torn from the frame. The lightning then passed out of an open window. Two of Mr. Blackway's sons, James and Joshua, were sleeping in the room at the time, but escaped unhurt except a little shocked. Mr. B. says he had no trouble in awaking "the boys" that morning.

Two telegraph poles on the main road at Baker's woods were struck and badly split up during the same storm.

"CHOCOLATAIRE."—One of these popular affairs will be inaugurated at the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, May 25, and continue several evenings, by the "Young People's Association." Strawberries, ice-cream, &c., will be served, and in addition to the usual attractive festival features, the "Chocolataire" is promised. The ladies are already practising for the latter.

ANOTHER UPTOWN IMPROVEMENT.—Mr. N. C. Crow is making a handsome improvement on the corner of High and Kent streets. The old store-house and dwelling is to give place to a new frame structure of two and a-half stories containing a fine storeroom on the corner and dwelling adjoining. The work is already commenced by Messrs. Frank and Jesse Duyer, contractors and builders. Mr. Crow has removed his store goods to the room a few doors farther up and offers bargains to purchasers in order to close out his stock.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—The full board of commissioners met on Tuesday.

The official bonds of Stephen Lecates and Jas. T. Lamb, collectors of county and State taxes for fourth and fifth districts respectively, were approved by the board and directed to be filed with the clerk of the circuit court for record.

The official bond of Chas. H. Davis, constable of the fourth district, was approved, and by order of board directed to be filed with the clerk of the circuit court for record.

Daniel E. Jewell, trustee to finish collection of taxes in third district, reported list of new assessments, which were approved and accepted.

Sundry accounts were examined and passed, and sundry transfers and abatements ordered.

The board, acting as a board of health, ex-officio, under the provisions of the act of Assembly, 1886, met and appointed J. Charles Wheatley president and Dr. W. Frank Hines health officer for Kent county.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, May 4.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

Sarah M. Usilton and John W. Corey, adm'rs of John N. Usilton, filed account of sales of personal estate.

A HANDSOME AWNING.—Hope H. Barroll, Esq., has had a new and handsome awning put up in front of his law office on Court street. The frame is of iron, painted red, and the canvas is striped. It presents a very neat and attractive appearance.

MR. WM. KIRBY, our town florist, advertises thousands of sweet potato and other plants for sale. Call at his greenhouses on Front street.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEPHONE LOCALS

REPORTED FOR THE KENT NEWS.

LAMBSON'S—A shooting affair took place here yesterday afternoon between F. N. Redding and George Davis. Several shots were fired by each party, one taking effect in Redding's stomach, inflicting an ugly, but it is thought not a dangerous wound. Dr. Dulaney, who was telephoned for, probed for the ball, but was unable to find it or trace its course. The shooting was the result of some old trouble between the two. The several witnesses were too much engaged trying to keep out of range of the pistols to interfere. Davis went to Millington and surrendered himself to Squire Johnson.

GALENA—We understand that the two new bridges in the 1st election district in course of erection, one at Frazier's and the other near Galena, both have to be plied in order to make substantial foundations.

GEORGETOWN—A new and substantial iron railing has been placed on the draw-bridge here in place of the barbed wire that has caused so much contention.

PERSONAL NOTES.—Mr. James C. Wickes, connected with the *Delawarean* at Dover, Del., was in Chestertown on Monday, on a visit to friends here, and made a call on the NEWS.

Messrs. Hardcastle and Jones, of Smyrna, Del., who were large peach buyers at Worton Station last year, are now in Kent taking a look at the peach orchards. They expect to be buyers on the Kent road this season and on a much more extensive scale than last year. They either have made or will make arrangements for shipping to a large number of points at which the crop can be advantageously disposed of.

In passing the store of Mr. J. K. Aldridge the other day we noticed a cucumber pump ready for shipment and addressed to "S. P. Thomas, Plant City, Florida." Mr. A. informed us that he had received several orders lately from that distant State. The KENT NEWS has subscribers down there and Mr. A. is an advertiser.

In noting the recent death of Mr. George Kennedy, near Sassafras, the Cecil *News* says: Mr. Kennedy was a son of James Kennedy and was born in the vicinity of Newark, where his parents lived for some time during the early part of his life. He was a great lover of a good horse. Some ten or twelve years ago he purchased the Sassafras mill property of his father, upon which he died. He was a man of energetic and stirring character. He was, from its inception, very active in the ship-canal project to unite the two bays, and last year sold his mill property to the canal people for the reported good round sum of $25,000, of which he received $2,500 cash.

The Misses Mary and Nannie Archer, daughters of Henry W. Archer, Esq., of Harford, and Miss Martha Wasbington, of Philadelphia, have been on a visit to W. S. Walker, Esq.

Mrs. Nora, Lizzie and Joseph Wickes and Mr. Eugene Wickes, of Dover, Mrs. Eliza Lund, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Newnam Chapman, of Felton, attended the funeral of the late Mrs. J. W. Chapman, and spent several days in town.

Miss Ada Roberts, a niece of Hon. Thos. J. Keating, and sisters to Messrs. T. S. and G. C. Roberts of the Centreville *Observer*, is visiting Miss Madge Slaughter, of Chestertown.

Rev. J. France, P. E., spent Thursday night with Rev. J. D. Kemp in Chestertown and left per steamer Ford yesterday morning for his quarterly appointments at Queenstown and Kent Island.

We are under continued obligation to Capt. Russell, of the Tolchester hack line, for Balto. papers. Yesterday's was received at 10.40 A. M.

SLIGHT ACCIDENT.—Miss Maggie Plummer, daughter of ex-sheriff Plummer, was driving up High street Tuesday morning, and when opposite Mr. Burchinal's store one of the traces broke, when the horse became unmanageable and tried to run away. The animal got as far as the pavement on Bordley's corner, when some gentlemen came to the assistance of the young lady and helped her from the carriage. The harness was badly broken, but no other damage was done.

THE TOWN SEWER.—The sewer now being constructed in our Main street is nearly finished from the wharf to the Voshell House. It is to be run up to the brow of the hill opposite the Catholic Church, thus draining almost the entire length of High street. A branch sewer has been run up Cross street, thus giving drainage to the jail and court-house premises. Messrs. Clements & York expect to complete the work next week.

THE A. M. E. Conference which has been in session in Annapolis ended its work on Wednesday night. Appointments in Kent are as follows: Chestertown, Arthur Jones; Edesville and Butlertown, J. H. Ballard.

THE big blaze that was seen across the river from Chestertown on Wednesday evening, and which was thought to be a house on fire, was caused by burning brush on the Chambers farm.

THE April term of the Queen Anne's county court commenced on Monday last with Chief Judge Robinson and Associate Judge Stump on the bench.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, April 28, by Rev. B. F. Clarkson, E. F. KIRWAN, of Baltimore, to MISS PAMELIA GREENWOOD, of Elk Neck, Cecil county, Md.

DIED.

At the residence of his son, G. H. Clogg, 268 Maryland avenue, Baltimore, Monday, May 3, GEO. S. CLOGG, in the 64th year of his age.

THE PUBLIC SERVICES at I. U. Church for Sunday next, (May 9th,) will be at 3½ P. M.; Sunday School at 3 instead of the usual A. M. services. REV. J. MARTIN.

MONEY TO LOAN on MORTGAGE in sums of $1,000, and a FARM of about 150 acres wanted. m8-3t. C. H. BAKER, ATT'Y.

LOST—Between my lawn gate and Chestertown, a Lady's Light-Colored Leather HAND-SATCHEL, containing between seven and eight dollars. A suitable reward will be paid for its return with contents. m8-3t. GEO. S. BIDDLE.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Kennedyville Hall Company will be held on THURSDAY, the 20th day of May, 1886, at 2 o'clock P. M. By order, m8-3t*. D. U. DEWEES, SEC'Y.

PLANTS! PLANTS!

Sweet Potato, Late Cabbage and Tomatoes, all you want of them and of the best quality. Call and you will be surprised at quantity and low prices. THOMAS VANDYKE, near Shrewsbury Church, between Kennedyville and Locust Grove. m-8-4t.

NOTICE.

A meeting of the Kent County Agricultural Club No. 1, will be held MONDAY, May 10th, at 2 o'clock P. M., at their club room, Worton Station. The subject of forming a Peach Exchange and other important subjects will be discussed. All are invited to attend.

W. P. NORRIS, PRESIDENT.
H. T. MASSEY, Secretary. 1t.

COMMISSIONS RECEIVED.

The commissions for the newly appointed Magistrates, Coroners and Registers of Voters for Kent county, were received at the Clerk's office on the 24th of April, and the said officers are hereby notified to qualify before the expiration of thirty days from that date. m8-2t. SAMUEL BECK, CLERK.

TO THE LADIES OF ROCK HALL and Surrounding Country: I have secured the service of Miss M. E. KNIGHT, of Baltimore, an accomplished and competent DRESSMAKER, and invite you to give us a call at my residence, Rock Hall, where we will show you the Latest Spring Fashions and assure you satisfaction. ap24-3t* MISS MAMIE RICH.

SITUATION WANTED

For a BOY 16 years old, quiet and steady in his habits and attentive to his duties. A position in a store or office preferred. a24-3t. Address R., Still Pond P. O.

LIME! LIME! LIME!

Best Alum-Stone, Wood-Burnt, slakes more than any other to the barrel. Whitewashers and builders would do well to observe this fact. m8. R. F. PARKS.

BARGAINS in Chewing Tobacco! B. F. Gravely & Co.'s, Congress Coil reduced from 75c. to 55c. per pound. m8. R. F. PARKS.

SUMMER SILKS! SUMMER SILKS! After this date will offer our 50c. quality at 40c. per yard, net cash. m8. R. F. PARKS.

CHOCOLATAIRE! CHOCOLATAIRE!

A Grand Affair by the "Young People's Association" of Chestertown will be held in the Town Hall on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS, May 25, 26 and 27. Strawberries, Ice-Cream and other festival luxuries in addition to the Choc-o-la-taire! Be sure you are present in time to see the last named feature which will open the exercises. m8-3t.

SHAD-SUPPER and FESTIVAL.

The Ladies of the Betterton M. E. Sunday School will hold a SHAD-SUPPER and FESTIVAL on the Church Green, on the Evenings of May 21st and 22d. Supper 25 cents. m1-3t. BY ORDER.

Headquarters for Binder Twine!

AT THOS. H. HORSEY'S, Galena, Maryland.

Standard Goods, ⅔ Sisal, ⅓ Manilla, guaranteed, for 12½ cts. per pound. Will deliver twine at any station on Kent County Railroad. Mr. GEORGE W. JACOB