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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....Dec. 11, 1886.

The Fiftieth Congress.

General John B. Clark, clerk of the House of Representatives, has completed and caused to be printed an unofficial list of members of the House of the Fiftieth Congress. He classifies them as 168 democrats, 152 republicans and 4 independents, with one vacancy (Rhode Island) to be filled, probably by a republican. One hundred and ninety-five of the number are old members, being ten more than the number of old members in the present Congress. Of the old members one hundred are democrats and ninety-five republicans. If the independents divide, as they are expected to do, equally between the two sides, it will give the democrats a majority of fourteen in a full House.

The Farmers in Motion.

Col. Robert Beverley, president, has called the Farmers' National Congress to meet in Washington, on the 11th of next January. In a circular received by Col. John Carroll Walsh, delegate from Maryland, Col. Beverley urges every member to be present, in order to enforce upon the attention of both Houses of Congress "measures deemed by you and by all agriculturists indispensably necessary for the relief of our business from the ruinous exactions of arrogant and irresponsible and defiant corporate power; for the suppression of perils in the face of which we are helpless without the effective aid of our Government, and for the rightful recognition of the importance of our calling and the exercise of its proper influence in the great councils of the nation. In the present industrial and political crisis the voice of agriculture, the great conservative reserve power of the nation, should not be silent, her influence unfelt, her power unrespected, her rights disregarded, her necessities unrelieved."

General News Notes.

John E. Owens, the comedian, is dead.

Judge Wm. A. Fisher, of the Baltimore Supreme Bench, has sent his resignation to Gov. Lloyd, to take effect Jan. 3, 1887.

Capt. John R. Emory, of Queen Anne's county, has been appointed to a $1,000 position in the sub-treasurer's office at Baltimore.

John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant, has purchased property to be used as a boarding-house for his female employes.

Representative George D. Wise says that two of the Virginia members elected to the Fiftieth Congress, and claimed by the republicans, will vote with the democrats.

Gov. Lee, of Virginia, has respited Cluverius until the 14th of January next. But for this respite he would have been hanged yesterday. The governor says he cannot see anything in the case that calls for the exercise of the pardoning power or commutation of the sentence.

The subject before the Deer Creek Farmers' Club of Harford county for discussion today is, "How can we give employment to farm labor during the winter months?" An important question truly and one which perhaps might be profitably considered by our own county club.

The trial of John Burke, Jr., and James Kennedy for the killing of John J. Curran, removed from Baltimore to Westminster, was concluded on Friday of last week with a verdict of murder in the second degree, and the prisoners were sentenced to seventeen years and six months in the penitentiary. The trial lasted nearly two weeks.

There is a young lady in Louisville, Ky., who is evidently fitted for a great career. Her name is Miss Bertie McDonald. She made her debut on the stage, and scored a success. She responded to a recall, and bore away a huge basket of flowers. Then she at once eloped with a rich young man by the stage door, crossed the Ohio river, was married, and returned in time to get the family blessings before she and her husband left for Cuba to spend their honeymoon.

The will of the late ex-President Arthur has been offered for probate. He leaves an estate worth about $200,000, which he divides into two parts, one to go to his son when he becomes 30 years old, and the other to go to his daughter when she becomes 23 years old. Bridget Smith, a servant, gets $500. Mrs. Mary E. McElroy, the ex-President's sister, is by the will made guardian of Miss Nellie Arthur during minority, and Chas. E. Miller, Dan'l G. Rollins and Seth B. French are made executors.

The old Philadelphia postoffice building and lot on Chestnut street, below Fifth, was sold last Saturday. There was spirited bidding from the start, and the property was finally knocked down to a representative of A. J. Drexel for $413,000. The price at which the property was knocked down is the highest for which Chestnut street real estate has ever been sold, representing $7,159 per front foot, and it is in a part of the city from which business houses have been removing for years.

The Supreme Bench of Baltimore passed an order on Monday disbarring I. Parker Veazey from practicing law in that city. The charge against him was the misappropriation of $28,000 of trust funds, which he admitted, but said it was done when his mind was confused by overwhelming financial embarrassments. The effect of the order of disbarment is to prohibit his practicing the law in Baltimore. It does not affect his standing elsewhere, except morally. Mr. Veazey is said to be in Minneapolis, Minn.

The second session of the Forty-Ninth Congress opened at noon on Monday with a good attendance of members. In both houses committees were appointed to wait on the President, who sent his congratulations to Senators and Representatives on their safe return to the Capitol. A few minutes later the President's message was sent in and read before both bodies. In the Senate the death of Mr. Pike, of New Hampshire, was announced, and in the House announcement was made of the deaths of Representatives Reach and Arnot, of New York, and Price, of Wisconsin.

Gen. George B. McClellan's book has made its appearance. He gives some interesting particulars as to his connection with the war between the States. These relate particularly to Gen. McClellan's troubles with the radical leaders and Secretary of War Stanton. He asserts that the real object of the radical leaders "was not the permanent restoration of the Union, but the permanent ascendency of the party, even at the sacrifice of the Union." He further asserts that Secretary Stanton was "in the treasonable conspiracy," and acted toward him in a treacherous manner.

Labor and Capital.

The following is that portion of President Cleveland's message relating to labor and capital, and the views which he entertains appear to us to be eminently wise and proper:

The relations of labor to capital and of laboring men to their employers are of the utmost concern to every patriotic citizen. When these are strained and distorted unjustifiable claims are apt to be insisted upon by both interests, and in the controversy which results the welfare of all and the prosperity of the country are jeopardized. Any intervention of the general government, within the limits of its constitutional authority, to avert such a condition should be willingly accorded.

In a special message transmitted to the Congress at its last session I suggested the enlargement of our present labor bureau and adding to its present functions the power of arbitration in cases where differences arise between employer and employed. When these differences reach such a stage as to result in the interruption of commerce between the States the application of this remedy by the general government might be regarded as entirely within its constitutional powers. And I think we might reasonably hope that such arbitrators, if carefully selected and if entitled to the confidence of the parties to be affected, would be voluntarily called to the settlement of the controversies of less extent and not necessarily within the domain of federal regulation. I am of the opinion that this suggestion is worthy the attention of Congress.

But after all has been done by the passage of laws, either federal or State, to relieve a situation full of solicitude, much more remains to be accomplished by the reinstatement and cultivation of a true American sentiment which recognizes the equality of American citizenship. This, in the light of our traditions and in the loyalty to the spirit of our institutions, would teach that a hearty co-operation on the part of all interests is the surest path to national greatness and the happiness of all our people; that capital should, in recognition of the brotherhood of our citizenship and in a spirit of American fairness, generously accord to labor its just compensation and consideration, and that contented labor is capital's best protection and faithful ally. It would teach, too, that the diverse situations of our people are inseparable from our civilization; that every citizen should, in his sphere, be a contributor to the general good; that capital does not necessarily tend to the oppression of labor, and that violent disturbances and disorders alienate from their promoters true American sympathy and kindly feeling.

WINTRY WEATHER.

A Great Snow Storm and Heavy Drifts — Trains Delayed and No Mails for Three Days—The Sleighing Carnival at Its Height.

A clever fall of snow last Saturday and disagreeable weather on Sunday and Monday, was followed at night by one of the heaviest wind and snow storms that has visited this section for many years. It commenced snowing between nine and ten o'clock and fell so rapidly that at daylight Tuesday morning at least twelve inches of snow covered the ground on a level. The storm was accompanied by fierce westerly winds, which caused heavy drifts in exposed places, especially in the deep cuts on the railroad. The train which left Chestertown Tuesday morning, by the herculean efforts of a large force of men and all the road appliances at command, succeeded by night in getting as far as Mr. Wm. H. Stewart's, about two and a-half miles from town. The effort was renewed early Wednesday morning, and after a hard day's work with increased force, Lambson's was reached by night. When it was learned on Wednesday afternoon that the train had passed the cut just above Kennedyville it was confidently expected that no further serious obstacle would interpose to its progress, but a drift of unexpected magnitude was encountered before reaching Black's station and another necessary delay experienced. — Another hard day's work on Thursday brought them through to Massey's, where they took the Queen Anne's road to Townsend, and taking on board the three days' mail accumulation, returned to Chestertown, reaching here about three o'clock Friday morning. The train left here on schedule time yesterday morning. Mr. Fleming, the superintendent, and Mr. Strattner, the chief engineer, with all the road employes and a large force of men employed for the occasion, spent nearly their whole time on the road until the blockade was raised and did all that it was possible for men to do with the appliances at command to open up mail communication with the outside world. It is to be hoped that many winters may elapse before it will be necessary to encounter another storm of such magnitude.

The snow has afforded excellent sleighing, and a regular carnival has been enjoyed in town for several days and nights. Everything was favorable for the sport—warm sun during the day and bright moonlight at night, with our wide streets for a race track. The scenes in "the square" have been as usual of the most enlivening character, and crowds continually lined the walks to witness the fine turnouts and the numerous trials of speed.

Capt. Wm. I. Rasin Retained.

Mr. Joseph K. Roberts, the new Maryland collector of internal revenue, has retained Capt. W. I. Rasin as permanent cashier. He could not have done better. Captain Rasin increased his bond to $50,000. In three years and a half he received $9,500,000 in money, and disbursed the same amount in stamps, thus handling values to the sum of $19,000,000, and when the accounts were settled they agreed to a cent. Capt. Rasin was warmly congratulated by callers at his office on his reappointment. He is a native Kent countian and his numerous friends here are highly gratified at his good fortune.

Not a Candidate.

State Comptroller J. Frank Turner, whose name has been connected with the talk of the selection of a democratic candidate for Governor next year, says "he is not a candidate for Governor." He says he is glad that his administration of the office of comptroller has been commended, and "if his preferences were to be consulted in the matter, he would prefer to remain in his present position, and continue the financial policy which has been indorsed by the people of the State."

A LAW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.—On September 9, 1886, Thomas B. Driscoll was indicted for being the father of the illegitimate child of Sarah E. Clinton, No. 1 Castle street. Both are white. The law under which the proceeding was had is article 55 of the Revised Code, providing that any white woman who is the mother of an illegitimate child may be arrested and imprisoned until she discloses the name of the father or gives security to the city or county for the child's support. If the name of the father is disclosed, he is arrested and required to give security. Mr. Thos. C. Butler, counsel for the accused, demurred to the indictment on the ground that the law is in violation of the provision of the constitution of the United States that no State shall pass a law bearing unequally upon the white and colored races. Judge Duffy on Saturday decided that the State law is unconstitutional, because it is unequal as to the white woman, as it provides for her arrest and not for the arrest of the colored woman; that it is unequal as to the colored woman, because it gives the white woman the right to have her child supported by the father and denies that right to the colored woman; that while the law operates upon all men alike, yet inasmuch as that portion of the law is for the purpose of enforcing the unconstitutional provisions giving to the white woman a right denied to the colored woman it must itself be unconstitutional. The State will carry the case to the Court of Appeals in order to have the matter settled. Some months ago the Supreme Bench refused to strike out the word "white" so that the law might apply to colored women.—*Balt. Sun.*

SECRETARY ENDICOTT'S REPORT.—The annual report of the secretary of war makes a pamphlet of 48 pages. The army at the last date of consolidated returns consisted of 2,103 officers and 23,946 enlisted men. The secretary alludes in terms of regret to the death of Gen. Hancock. Attention is called to the "absolute inefficiency" of the fortifications and armaments in the department of the Atlantic. With reference to frontier operations, the hope is expressed that Congress will take the necessary action to settle the troubles in the Oklahoma country of the Indian Territory. The campaigns of Crook and Miles against the Apaches are described, and the fact is stated that Geronimo and the other hostiles surrendered on the condition that their lives should be spared and that they should be sent out of their country. The transfer of the dangerous Apaches to Florida is also described and the reasons given therefor. "It is hoped," says the Secretary, "that the Apache wars and raids that have devastated Arizona and New Mexico and the adjacent States of Mexico for so many years are ended by the permanent removal of the fiercest and most dangerous of the Apache tribes."

LOUIS K. STAM says he will have his Christmas advertisement in the NEWS next week. He is so busy opening his new goods— furniture, lamps, children's wagons, etc.— that he has not had time to prepare his advertisement for this issue.

AN OPPORTUNITY not to be lost sight of. Before the end of the year take a trip to Acme Hall, the Glass of Fashion, 209 West Baltimore street, now 17 East Baltimore Street, near Charles, and inspect the first-class stock they are offering for the balance of the year at the prices cheap stock is sold for everywhere. No more suitable or useful present could be made than one of our Suits, Overcoats or Trowsers for Men, Boys and Children, nor could you find a more appropriate gift at this season. †

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY EXTEND THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

In pursuance of its annual custom the Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that Christmas and New Year excursion tickets will be sold between all the principal ticket stations on the main line and branches. The holiday season is the one period of the year most exclusively devoted to the interchange of social visits and the enjoyment of pleasure trips. In order to encourage this custom and offer all possible benefit to those who desire to indulge in holiday pleasures and festivities, the company reduces the rates during the favored period. Excursion tickets will be sold on December 23d, 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st, 1886, and January 1st, 1887, good to return until January 4th, inclusive.

SENATOR EDMUNDS is quoted as saying that the presidential candidate of the Republican party for 1888 will be a man conspicuous for personal and political integrity. Mr. Blaine thought proper to make this remark a reason for publicly refusing to shake hands with Mr. Edmunds, which seems to us rather significant.—*Civil Service Reformer.*

MISS LOUISA CARROLL, daughter of Ex-Gov. John Lee Carroll, of Maryland, who is now residing in Paris, and Count Jean de Kergorlay, a young French army officer, were married in Paris on Saturday. Minister Robert M. McLane and other Americans in the French capital were at the wedding.

OBITUARY.—Captain William Scoone died at his residence, Pomona, in this county, at eight o'clock last Sunday evening, after a lingering illness, aged about seventy years. The captain was well known to all the older residents of this section of the county as the commander of various vessels between this port and Baltimore. For twenty years or more he has resided in Quaker Neck and for some time past he has been postmaster at Pomona. His wife died about three years ago and the captain never fully recovered from the shock occasioned by her death. He was a good citizen and dies universally lamented.

Mr. John B. Parrott died suddenly, of paralysis of the brain, about five o'clock last Saturday morning, at his residence in the village of Still Pond, aged about 60 years. He was in Chestertown on the Tuesday previous to his death and renewed his subscription to the NEWS, and spoke of feeling in better health than he had for a long time. Mr. Parrott was elected a county commissioner in 1883 and served the full term of two years, making an attentive and efficient member of the board. He was one of the best known men in the second district, and was universally respected for his uprightness of character.

Mr. Thomas Massey died at his residence near Chestertown on Thursday last, after a long illness, in his 77th year. The deceased was a native of Philadelphia, but lived in Delaware a number of years, and in 1876 removed to this county, having previously purchased the farm to which he moved and where he resided until his death. He enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best farmers in the county, and brought up his farm to a high state of cultivation. During his residence among us he made a large circle of warm friends, by whom his death will be sincerely lamented. He leaves three children —one son and two daughters. The funeral services will take place at the family residence on Monday evening next at seven o'clock, to which his friends are invited, and the remains will be taken by rail on the following morning to Middletown, Del., for interment.

Mrs. Elizabeth Spear, relict of James Spear, of this county, died suddenly from the effects of a stroke of paralysis at the residence of Dr. S. C. Dudley, in Centreville, on Monday. Mrs. Spear was sitting in a rocking chair in the parlor in company with her daughter, Mrs. Dudley, and without warning fell back. Mrs. Spear was a daughter of the late George Hazel, of Delaware, and was 77 years of age at the time of her death. She leaves four children surviving her, Dewitt C., E. W., and Henry Spear and Mrs. S. C. Dudley. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Millington on Wednesday.

Rev. David A. Shermer, M. D., a well-known minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, died on Saturday at Vienna, Dorchester county, Md. He was a native of Philadelphia, where he was graduated in medicine. He was 66 years old and leaves a widow and two children.

Col. Samuel Hambleton died at his residence, in Easton, at 7.12 o'clock on Thursday evening, in the 75th year of his age. He had been in feeble health for several months, and his death has been expected for several days. He was elected to Congress from this district in 1870.

THE FIRE PLUGS.—Nearly all of the fire plugs in Chestertown are covered with snow several feet deep and in case of fire, which may break out at any time, they would be practically useless, for several hours at least. After a heavy snow, like that now upon the ground, instead of covering the plugs with snow from the pavements, prudence would dictate that they should be immediately cleared of all obstruction and rendered available for present use. While it is important that the street crossings should be cleared and pedestrianism made comparatively easy, it seems to us that the plugs should have the *first* consideration. In the present condition of affairs they could only be definitely located by the use of the chart, and that possibly might not be available when needed. The attention of the town authorities is respectfully called to the subject, which is certainly one of great importance. A citizen, with a practical turn of mind, suggests that, in clearing the crossings, instead of piling up the snow on either side and thus rendering a serious obstruction to travel, it would be better to roll and pack the snow. He says the walking would be better and slush obviated when the melting season comes on. We doubt not that he is right.

STEAMBOAT NAVIGATION NOT SUSPENDED.—The Chester River Steamboat Company deserve praise for keeping their steamers on the line during this season of storm and ice, thereby accommodating our people with traveling facilities and communication with the "outside world" when other means were utterly futile. Chester river was frozen solidly over at this point for the first time this winter on Tuesday night, but for a week past heavy ice has lined the flats and shut up the creeks. The steamer Ford arrived here much earlier than usual on Thursday in consequence of not being able to go into Queenstown and Grey's Inn, and left yesterday morning at her usual hour. She was compelled to break her way through the ice all the way up from the mouth of the river.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Dr. J. L. Mills, of Washington, was in town on Thursday and paid us a call. He was snowbound in Kent. He expected to take the Ford at Grey's Inn Wednesday but the ice prevented her making that landing and the doctor says he had the extreme aggravation of watching the steamer battling with the ice for an hour and a-half trying to get in, and finally to make Harris' wharf, a short distance out. He hoped for better luck by rail, but coming to town found no outlet that way, and so had to wait and take the Chester river boat yesterday morning. To add to his discomfort he received a telegram informing him of the illness of his wife and requiring his presence home.

Hon. Michael Bannon was in town this week on business. He is looking hale and hearty.

The Rev. D. J. Rigg, of Sudlersville, has been ill for a week with typhoid pneumonia, and is now in a critical condition.

YOU SEE IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.—The largest case of clothing ever shipped to Chestertown was brought over from Baltimore last Saturday by the steamer Corsica and consigned to Thos. S. Bordley. The case was so large that it had to be opened in the street. It was filled with overcoats and suit goods. It says that since his *cash* advertisement appeared in the KENT NEWS his trade has increased so much that he was compelled to buy another large stock of clothing to more thoroughly satisfy the wants of his cash customers. He says that he bought this last stock so late in the season and so extremely cheap that he can do even a little better than he advertised. Read his advertisement in this issue.

Sales to Take Place.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 — personal property of Mrs. Sarah B. Nicholson, near Hanesville.

Friday, Dec. 17—personal property of Maria Sutton, near Kennedyville.

Saturday, December 18—personal property of the late Oliver P. Beck at Hanesville.

Monday, December 20—personal property by Tilghman Shafer.

Monday, December 20 — household goods of the late Wm. F. Roeder, Kennedyville.

Monday, Dec. 27—personal property of John C. Davis near Connelly's mill.

Tuesday, January 4 — Jas. A. Pearce, Esq., as attorney, will sell the farm known as the "Gebhardt or Lusby farm," containing 335 acres, situated in second election district.

A DOUBT REMOVED!—A good many people have read the *spot cash* advertisement of T. S. Bordley's clothing with some doubt, simply because they never heard of such low prices before; but, after going to his store and examining his suits and overcoats together with the extremely low price that he is now asking for them, their doubts are instantly dispelled and they buy at once. Read his advertisement and go to his store to prove it. *

LARGE YIELD OF CORN.—Probably the largest yield of corn per acre, this year, is that of Hon. Henry W. Archer, on his home place, "Shamrock," near Bel Air. From a lot of six acres Mr. Archer lofted 123 barrels of corn, or an average of 20½ barrels per acre. Part of the lot yielded at the rate of 28 barrels per acre. The land was fertilized, last fall, with a compost of barnyard manure, bone dust and plaster. Where the largest yield was made the ground was top-dressed, last spring, with stable manure.—*Harford County Aegis and Intelligencer.*

BRIEF LOCALS.

Two weeks from today will be Christmas.

County commissioners will meet next Tuesday.

The Rev. Enoch Stubbs, of Philadelphia, will preach in the M. E. Church at Millington tomorrow.

Harry Wally, colored, well known as a hostler for Mr. C. H. Davis for many years, died of consumption last Sunday night.

The snow storm prevented the meeting of the Orphans' Court on Tuesday. There were very few country people in town that day.

Mr. Thomas S. Dodd's sale, near Turner's creek, was postponed on account of the weather, and will take place next Thursday, Dec. 16.

The thermometer stood at 11° Thursday morning at 7 o'clock — the lowest yet reached this winter. Yesterday morning it marked 14°.

Capt. Russell will accept our thanks for a Baltimore paper of yesterday, via Tolchester, at 11 A. M. Considering the condition of the roads for staging the time made is exceedingly good.

Capt. Scoone's funeral did not take place on Tuesday, as was intended, on account of the storm, but was attended on Wednesday by many of his neighbors and friends, who greatly lament his death.

Rev. W. J. Scott was thrown from his sleigh into a thorn hedge, between Massey's and Galena, on Tuesday. He sustained a few scratches, but escaped further injuries. He reports that traveling on the road to Galena is not blockaded by the drifts.

Some of the collectors are complaining of the tardiness of many tax-payers. The latter should remember that all levies are due and payable on the first of January and that it will be impossible for the collectors to meet their obligations unless the taxes are paid in time.

Mr. Joseph Turner received a telegram on Monday from Capt. Hampton stating that his schooner, the "A. & M. Ella," was ice-logged in Queenstown creek. Mr. T. went down on Wednesday and got her off, and she arrived in Baltimore yesterday safe and sound.

Henry Miller, colored, aged about 50 years, was assisting in putting up some curtains to the windows in the kitchen of Mrs. E. N. Melvin's boarding house last Monday morning, when he fell to the floor dead. Dr. Catlin pronounced it a case of apoplexy of the lungs.

Wm. R. Pippin, architect and builder, has just completed a handsome and convenient dwelling for Mr. Thos. G. Wroth on College avenue. Folding doors separate the dining-room from the parlor. The mantels are of marble and were furnished by Mr. Chas. H. Moore. The house is papered throughout. Mr. Wroth will occupy it next week.

Mr. B. F. Legg, the Rock Hall stage driver, arrived as usual on good time last Tuesday, and says he had to break the track a good part of the way. The route is twenty-one miles. Mr. Legg certainly deserves credit for his pluck, but he understands the importance of having "Uncle Sam's" mail on time and has never yet missed a connection.

Mr. L. C. Justis, Jr., started for town last Thursday morning in company with Mr. Wm. Shallcross, driving a double team to a cutter. At Goose Hill one of the horses began to kick and didn't stop until the sleigh was demolished. The occupants were not seriously hurt, and a friend coming along took them in and brought them to town.

Mr. Clint. Moody on Wednesday killed a wild goose on the Queen Anne's side of the river, nearly opposite Chestertown, which weighed upwards of eight pounds. He winged it with a bird gun and, falling on the ground, he had quite an adventure before the bird was finally captured. It is seldom that a wild goose is killed so far up the river.

Mr. Edward Lusby's fine mare was struck in the neck by the shafts of Mr. Tom Blackiston's sleigh last Wednesday afternoon and two ugly skin embrasures made. Mr. Lusby had his wife with him and the collision occurred in the uptown turn where sometimes as many as a dozen sleighs are bunched in a short space. "Doctor Russell" attended the injured animal.

Mr. Jas. S. Bradley had an unprofitable customer last Monday night. A pane of glass was broken from his store window and a pair of boots stolen. In his haste or ignorance the thief blundered to his own disadvantage as well as to Mr. Bradley's—he got odd numbers, a seven and a nine. Mr. Bradley says if the thief will bring one back he will give him the fellow to the other. It is not likely he will do so!

John W. Morgan, Esq., who has resigned the postmastership at Galena on account of advancing years and feeble health, was for a long time a Justice of the Peace in Cecil county, and many years ago represented that county in the Legislature, and sat on the bench of the Orphans' Court for four years. The Washington correspondent of the *American* says that Mr. Morgan recommends E. L. Benny, of Galena, as his successor.

The members of Wesley Chapel Meth. Protestant Church have been very unfortunate in their re-opening. After one or two postponements for various causes the day finally fixed for the services, last Sunday, was one of the most unpropitious imaginable, and consequently very few persons were present. Rev. Dr. Mills, of Washington, preached both morning and evening. Another day of special services will be held in the near future.

Mr. J. N. Dodd, undertaker, had a rough experience last Tuesday in attempting to reach Still Pond to bury Mr. J. B. Parrott. He left town at ten o'clock with his pair of able-bodied blacks to the hearse and after floundering in the unbroken tracks and snow-drifts, finally came to a dead halt near Mr. J. H. Hossinger's, and had to call upon that gentleman for help, which was kindly rendered. Beyond Lynch's a number of horsemen met him and assisted him in reaching Still Pond by two o'clock.

A prominent young gentleman of this town met with a sore disappointment last Tuesday. He had secured at pretty heavy cost a couple of tickets for the Patti concert in Baltimore that night, intending to take the train in the morning and meet his fair one in the city and together enjoy the famous singer's farewell concert. But Tuesday morning found the railroad blockaded, with no possible hope of getting through, while by water there was no boat that day. Our young friend then concluded to make Price's Station, on the Queen Anne's road, but was persuaded that this was impracticable, and so had to enjoy himself as best he could in speeding his horse and cutter in the sports of Chestertown.

During the sleighing sports this week there have been numerous mishaps but no serious accidents. A turnover now and then would be enjoyed by the lookers-on, if none of the "fair sex" were involved. Our jovial bank teller had a little experience in that line Thursday afternoon. He was enjoying it with the other flyers on "the track," and immediately after the turn found himself in a strait betwixt a collision with another team and a snow bank. His wife was with him. He had but a moment to decide; he chose the snow bank and found himself and wife pretty well rolled together and mixed up with the snow, but neither much hurt. The team was captured a short distance from the spot by Mr. L. B. Russell, who returned it and Mr. and Mrs. Rickey jumped in and were ready to continue the sport.

Mr. M. A. Toulson, druggist, is opening his large assortment of Christmas presents and invites buyers to call.

Prof. Theodore Ascherfeld, agent for William Knabe & Co., will receive orders for tuning and repairing at the Chestertown postoffice.

A fair and festival for the benefit of the Catholic Church will be held at the Armory in Chestertown beginning Monday, December 13, and continuing one week.

J. A. Pearce, Esq., will sell on the 4th of January the Gebhardt or Lusby farm, situated on the public road leading from Still Pond to Urieville, containing 308 acres and 26 perches.

Mr. E. W. F. Simpers invites buyers to inspect his stock of goods. He keeps a full line of very excellent family groceries and will deal fairly with all who will try his store— opposite Stam's Hall.

A PRETTY XMAS PRESENT.—In the large clothing case that T. S. Bordley received last Saturday were 63 beautifully-trimmed boys' overcoats, which he is selling for the very low price of $2.35. This is done so that the little folks can have a pretty and useful Xmas present without much cost. *

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's father, near Rock Hall, Dec. 2, 1886, by Rev. N. McQuay, JOHN DIEHL and JOSEPHINE PORTER, both of this county.

At the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, Rock Hall, Dec. 7, by Rev. N. McQuay, BENJAMIN F. SEWELL and ANNIE E. KERR, both of this county.

At the M. P. parsonage, Chestertown, on the 9th instant, by Rev. W. R. Graham, GEORGE WILLIAM LONG and Miss EMMA JANE COOPER, both of this county.

In Washington, D. C., on the 8th instant, by Rev R. N. Bear, VACHEL BURGESS, of Edesville, this county, to Miss MARY E. BOYCE, of Washington, D. C.

DIED.

Near Chestertown, Dec. 9, 1886, THOMAS MASSEY, in the 77th year of his age.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence Monday, Dec. 13, at 7 o'clock P. M. Interment will take place the following day at Middletown, Del.

Suddenly, at his residence in the village of Still Pond, on Saturday morning, Dec. 4, 1886, JOHN B. PARROTT, aged about 60 years.

At Pomona, in this county, at 8 o'clock on Sunday evening, Dec. 5, 1886, CAPT. WILLIAM SCOONE, aged about 70 years.

In Centreville, Dec. 6, of paralysis, Mrs. ELIZABETH SPEAR, relict of James Spear, of this county.

In Millington, Dec. 5th, 1886, Mrs. LOUISA A. F. MOFFETT, widow of Richard Moffett, in the 81st year of her age.

FOR SALE—TWO DRUMS, in good condition. Will be sold cheap.
Apply to T. B. ELLIOTT,
d11-2t. Chestertown.

CO. COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet at their office on TUESDAY NEXT, the 14th instant, for transaction of general business.
By order of Pres't.
1t. T. WATERS RUSSELL, Clerk.

NOTICE.

CRUMPTON, Md., Dec. 1st, 1886.
Intending to make a change in our business on January 1st, 1887, we will until that time offer our very LARGE STOCK OF GOODS at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.
d11-4t. BENJ. D. QUIMBY & CO.

AGENT WANTED.

A MAN who can furnish a horse and harness and give a bond to act as Agent for the celebrated Singer Sewing Machine in Kent County. For particulars address
THE SINGER SEWING MACHINE CO.,
d11-3t. 14 North Charles St., Balto., Md.

FAIR and FESTIVAL!

FOR BENEFIT OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
will be held during the week
BEGINNING DEC. 13, AT THE ARMORY, IN CHESTERTOWN.
Shooting Gallery, and a prize given to the best marksman each Wednesday and Saturday.
d11-2t.

For Sale and Rent.

FOR RENT for the year 1887:
Two finely located STORE-ROOMS in this town, a commodious Dwelling attached to one of them. Apply to
WICKES & BROTHER.
Chestertown, December 8th, 1886.—3t.

FOR RENT for 1887:
A Small DWELLING HOUSE, in Kennedyville. A carriage Painter could get plenty of work here and this dwelling would suit him.
Apply to SHAFER & MEDDERS,
d11-3t. Kennedyville.

FOR RENT for next year.
The COMFORTABLE DWELLING adjoining the residence of Mr. W. B. Usilton on High Street. Apply to H. W. VICKERS,
d4-3t. ATTORNEY.

FOR RENT FOR 1887:
The TWO-STORY DWELLING, Stable, &c., with Large Lot at Worton Station, now occupied at J. A. Miller. Apply to
ISAAC PARSONS,
d4-3t® or C. H. BAKER.

FOR RENT.
The STORE-HOUSE and DWELLING at Smithville, now occupied by E. Wilson, at a low figure for the year 1887.
Apply to WM. M. SLAY,
n28-3t. Attorney.

FOR RENT for 1887:
THE STORE on Main street now occupied by M. T. Goslee, next to Chestertown National Bank. For terms address
MRS. J. N. USILTON,
n27-3t. Chestertown, Md.

FOR RENT:
The LARGE BRICK DWELLING on the corner of Front and High Streets, Chestertown, formerly occupied by W. N. E. Wickes, Esq. It has recently been put in thorough repair. Apply to HIRAM M. BROWN,
n020-tf. Chestertown.

FOR RENT—For the Next Year,
THE STORE ROOM
Under the Masonic Hall now occupied by the undersigned. Apply to
n6-tf. A. FRIEDMAN.

FOR SALE OR RENT.
A COMFORTABLE RESIDENCE in Galena, Kent county, Md. Possession given at once. For particulars address
DR. J. L. DULANEY,
926 I. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
or G. W. JACOBY,
oc30-3m. Galena, Kent county, Md.

ESTRAY.
Strayed to the premises of the undersigned, near Kennedyville, Dec. 4, 1886, one BAY HORSE, lame in left fore shoulder. The owner is notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away.
d11-3t.* W. T. MONEY.

SHOATS FOR SALE.
TWENTY HEAD of SHOATS in fine order, for sale. No disease has ever been among them, or on the farm. L. J. USILTON,
n27-3t. near Kennedyville.

LOST COW.
Strayed from the yard of the County Jail on the 13th of November, a COW, red and white color; one horn broken off short and one hip out of place. A liberal reward will be paid for any information leading to her recovery.
n27-3t. JAS. P. HATCHERSON, SHERIFF.

FOR SALE:
One good bay HORSE, 11 years old, perfectly safe, will work anywhere; 1 COLT, 3 years old and well-broken; 3 JERSEY COWS, now giving milk, on a credit of ten months with approved security. S. VANSANT,
oc2-tf. Chestertown.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

The TAX-PAYERS of the FOURTH DISTRICT are hereby notified that all levies are due and payable on the first of January and they will see the necessity of making payment on or before that day.

For the convenience of tax-payers I will be at the Court House in Chestertown every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 11 o'clock A. M. until 4 o'clock P. M., until further notice.

STEPHEN LECATES,
Dec. 11-tf. Collector 4th District.

A FAIR AND FESTIVAL
For the benefit of
ST. DENNIS' CHURCH, GALENA, MD.,
will be held
IN ODD FELLOWS' HALL, GALENA, MD.,
Opening DECEMBER 3d,
to continue two weeks. A number of useful and handsome articles to be disposed of and OYSTERS and REFRESHMENTS served every night.
no20-4t.

AUCTIONEERING.

THE subscriber having had considerable experience in this line of business and feeling himself competent to give entire satisfaction, will CALL SALES in any part of Kent county.
Address W. R. MILLER,
n13-3m. Galena.

E. W. F. SIMPERS,
Opposite Stam's Hall
OUR SPECIALTY:
Choice Family Groceries
ALWAYS A NICE FRESH STOCK
All kinds of standard Canned Goods, a nice stock of Package Goods, only a few things we have room to mention. Plum Pudding, Fruit Cake, Graham Wafers, Oat Meal, Leggett's Oat Flakes, Leggett's Wheaten Grits, Hominy, Grits, Coraline, Gelatine, Cocoa, Chocolate, Corn Starch, Chowchow, Pickles, Cheese, Boston Baked Beans, Raisins, Currants, Citron, Spices, Powdered Sugar, Lamps and Lamp Goods, Glassware, Plain and Fancy Crockery, Lea & Sons Co.'s Flour, all grades.
Full Stock of Domestic Dry Goods
AND NOTIONS.
All of our stock was bought at CASH prices. Come and see us, it will pay you.
E. W. F. SIMPERS,
Dec. 11, 1886. Chestertown.

SHINGLES!
A Bonanza in Shingles
that were never offered LOWER.
ALL KINDS of SHINGLES
Another lot of CHEAP NORTH CAROLINA CULLINGS received; WHITE PINE CULLINGS, etc.
Buy Where We Sell on Low Cash Figures
Small, fair profits and large sales.
We do business to the advantage of our customers as well as ourselves and when we can't we will try another clime.
JOSEPH TURNER,
SCOTT'S POINT LUMBER-YARD, Dec. 11.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS!
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
—FOR—
YOUNG, MIDDLE-AGED AND OLD PEOPLE. A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT.
JUVENILE BOOKS
all the Novelties in this line.
Suitable Presents for Ladies and Gentlemen. Christmas Cards, Bibles and Hymn Books.
I extend to all a cordial welcome. No trouble to show goods.
M. A. TOULSON,
Dec. 11. DRUGGIST.

A Card to the Public.
I respectfully announce to this community that I have opened a
NEW CLOTHING HOUSE
IN CHESTERTOWN,
adjoining Toulson's Drug Store, and in so doing I am fully aware that in order to succeed, my prices MUST NOT be higher than those who are engaged in the same business, with this fact plainly before me my first duty is the interest of those who favor me with their trade, consequently those who deal at the New Clothing House, may feel assured that they will get the advantage of the LOW PRICES prevailing at this establishment.
This line of Clothing comprising
SUITS and OVERCOATS
OF ALL KINDS,
were bought direct from the manufacturer late this season for the CASH, as a result they were bought low and will be sold low. Do not buy until you have examined my stock and prices.
Respectfully, &c.,
JNO. W. BORDLEY,
d4-4t. Chestertown.

A CARD OF THANKS.

GUIDING STAR LODGE, No. 216, I. O. G. T.

Tenders expressions of sincere thanks to the citizens of Still Pond and vicinity, for the very generous spirit manifested—abundantly so—in supplying conveyances, homes and entertainment, of the most satisfactory character, to officers and members of The Dual Grand Lodge, I. O. G. T. of Maryland, during the annual session held in this place, 24th and 25th instant. This body was represented by gentlemen and ladies from all sections of our State. In supplementing words of thanks our Lodge will ever cherish the remembrance of this kind heartedness and benevolence of our citizens and feel assured that the object for which we work has the cordial support of true friends. To all we extend a broad invitation to come into our Lodge. We have a plank in which you can rest in the full assurance of being elevated in principles far reaching for good. Join hands with us in the temperance work. The needs of the times in this exciting work is direct personal effort.

G. W. COVINGTON,
C. B. KRUSEN,
MRS. W. S. MAXWELL.
Committee appointed by the Lodge.
Still Pond, Nov. 29, 1886. d4-3t.

Money Notice.
IMPORTANT TO ALL INTERESTED!
PLEASE take notice that we must close up our accounts; necessity compels this course. We went to the expense last summer of hiring a man and called in person on a great many who did make promises to settle but failed