Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING..........Dec. 18, 1886.

Collector Groome a Civil Service Officer.

The Baltimore *American* states that Collector Groome "has paid the greatest attention to the civil-service law, and has become quite a civil-service officer." He has only removed three or four a month, and quite a number of Republicans still retain good places under him. They will not resign and the collector will not remove them. This is mighty good policy for the "ins" but very discouraging to the "outs." How many of these Republican office-holders under Collector Groome would treat *him* with the same consideration he is showing to them?

Senator Wilson's Great Speech.

The Crescent Club of Baltimore had a brilliant opening and banquet on Wednesday night last. Many noted men outside of the State were present, including Speaker Carlisle and other congressmen and Senators. The most important feature of the ceremonies was the speech of United States Senator E. K. Wilson. It occupies five columns of the *Sun*. The speech was evidently prepared with care, as it discusses the political issues of the day with consummate ability, and fairly and squarely advocates the soundest Democratic doctrines.

A Just Rebuke.

The course adopted by the Secretary of State in sending the fisheries correspondence to the House of Representatives instead of to the Senate, as is usual, was in reproof of senatorial discourtesy to the State department. Last summer, without gathering facts, the Senate committee on foreign relations assumed hostile attitude to Mr. Bayard, and proceeded to investigate the fisheries trouble on the assumption that he was not doing his duty in the matter. Now the correspondence proves that Mr. Bayard was closely attentive to it, and zealous in maintaining every just claim of the United States. All of this the Senate committee could have learned had it not been more anxious to find political capital than to be just and courteous to a democratic Secretary of State.

The Maryland State Grange met in annual session in Baltimore last Tuesday afternoon, with from 80 to 100 representatives present, including a number of ladies. Mr. John W. Corey, of Kent, holds the office of overseer, and Mrs. M. Corey, lady assistant steward. There are about 80 subordinate granges on the Maryland list, and between 3,000 and 4,000 members. The past year has shown an increase, and the Grange business agency in Baltimore has been operated successfully.

The announcement has been made at the Baltimore postoffice that all republican employes who are remaining over from previous administrations will be given a sufficient time to resign, in default of which they will be dropped. Better late than never! This does not apply to the carriers, who are appointed under a special law, and cannot be removed except for cause.

The steamboat J. M. White, from Vicksburg for New Orleans, was burned at ten o'clock last Monday night at Blue Store, Point Coupee, thirty miles above Baton Rouge. About sixty lives were lost.

Gen. Bradley T. Johnson and a number of Washington county politicians are moving for a reorganization of the Democratic party of Maryland. A demonstration on the eighth of January is talked of.

Governor Lloyd has written a letter to Judge Fisher expressing regret at the latter's resignation. The Governor will move to Annapolis in January.

Hereafter in Wisconsin wo-men can vote on school matters. The next man elected superintendent of public instruction in that State will probably be a wo-man.

Wm. T. Iglehart, Esq., postmaster at Annapolis and editor of the *Advertiser*, died on Wednesday. His disease was gangrene.

A. N. Brown, Esq., of Wyoming, has been elected master of the Delaware State Grange.

Robert G. Ingersoll, it is said, is willing to bet one thousand dollars against one hundred that Cleveland will not be re-elected President. —*Cecil Whig.*

He also professes to be willing to bet that there is no hell in the future state. Both are disagreeable possibilities to Ingersoll!

MURDER MOST FOUL.

An Aged Woman Killed For Only Fifteen Dollars.

About 6 o'clock Friday evening of last week a negro took to the Maryland University on Lombard street the body of a white woman and left it with Anderson Perry, the colored janitor, saying he would call again for the $15, the price agreed upon. The body was taken to be prepared for keeping until needed for dissection, but it was found that the head was horribly crushed and that there were two wounds in the left breast, and the police were at once notified. A post mortem examination of the body was made and the physicians stated positively that the wounds were made after death, leaving the inference that it was simply a case of body snatching and that the work had been done by a novice. The body was identified as that of Emily Brown, a woman 60 years of age, who for the past six months had been boarding with a colored family in the western section of the city. She was of dissipated habits and lived on what she could beg. She was at her home three hours before her body was brought to the university, and it was evident that she was brutally murdered for the price her body would bring for use on the dissecting table. Perry, the janitor, who received the body, denied that he had ever saw the woman, but he is known to have been a boarder at the same house and to have eaten breakfast with her on the day of her murder. He was arrested as accessory to the crime and at a late hour John Ross and Albert Hawkins, both colored men, were arrested. Ross is about 28 years old, and the history of the crime as he gave it to Marshal Frey was as follows: "Two weeks ago Perry said to me, 'If I was you I would make $15. You only have work now and then, and you can make that much easily if you want to.' I asked how, and Uncle Perry said, 'That old white woman at your house—you could get $15 for her body.' I said, 'I don't understand; I can't do that;' but I met Uncle Perry that night on King street and talked it over again, and we had frequent talks afterwards. I spoke to Albert Hawkins about it and we agreed to do it. On Friday we went to the house and Hawkins staid outside and watched for the return of Mary Blockson while I went inside holding a brick hid in my hand. I said not a word to alarm the old woman, and while she was suspecting nothing I suddenly struck a blow on her head, crushing in her skull. I then went out and took Hawkins' place while he went in and stabbed her to make sure of it. We put the body under a mattress in the yard and went to the infirmary, and Uncle Perry asked, 'Have you done it?' We told him what we had done, and he gave us a bag to put the body in. At 6 o'clock we borrowed a wheelbarrow at 'Joe's' coal place, on Pig alley. We put the body in the bag, laid it in the wheelbarrow, and in that way carried it along Dover, Paca, Lombard and Greene streets, and up Cider alley to the infirmary, where Uncle Perry took charge of it."

The three parties were arraigned in the criminal court of Baltimore last Tuesday and the grand jury promptly indicted them for murder. The trial will take place at the January term. The body of the murdered woman was buried by the city in the Western Public Cemetery. The colored people in the southern and southwestern parts of the city have not overcome the fears created in them by the old woman's horrible death, and if they are compelled to go out after dark now they walk in couples or in crowds.

There is a widespread belief that Emily Brown was not the first case of "burking" in Baltimore. Andrew T. Nord, of 246 Light street, informed Lieut. Bruchy that Clara Nord, his wife, had been missing from home since last Friday, and he feared she had been murdered and her body sold for dissecting purposes.

Mrs. Mills, an aged lady, who left her home, 477 Saratoga street, early last month, has not been heard of since. Inquiries have been made by the police, her family and friends, but the slightest clue to her whereabouts, dead or alive, cannot be obtained.

STAM'S HALL INAUGURAL.

A BRILLIANT PROGRAMME FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK.

In another column will be found the announcement of the inaugural performances at Stam's Hall. These performances will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Dec. 28, 29 and 30. The splendid comedy "Our Boys" will be presented on Tuesday evening by the Ideal Company of Baltimore; Wednesday evening, Robertson's beautiful comedy "Caste" will be presented, and on Thursday evening a grand farewell performance.

This company has been engaged at heavy expense to insure first-class entertainments in every respect for the inauguration of this new town hall enterprise, and the community can patronize them with the assurance of highest enjoyment.

The plays announced have been presented in the leading cities of the country with wonderful success, and Mr. Stam is fortunate in being able to secure such an attraction here.

Raising Horses for Profit.

In conversation the other day with a gentleman of practical thought and intelligent observation he expressed the opinion that more money could be made in raising horses than in anything the farmer could now turn his attention to. There is little profit in growing wheat or corn and the fruit business is also somewhat uncertain. A horse could be grown to five years of age for one hundred dollars, and then would readily bring from two to three hundred dollars. The breeds he thinks most profitable would be the half Percherons and half Clydesdales. In connection with horse raising might, of course, be added other stock, as the preparation and care of the one would lessen the cost of the other. It would require considerable capital to inaugurate the business as the first five years would be one of continuous outlay, but after that the profits would be enormous. The subject is certainly worthy of consideration.

The Early Freeze Up.—The moderate weather of the latter part of last week unlocked the river and creeks so that sail vessels could resume their trips to Baltimore, but the cold snap this week again shut up the creeks. The early freeze has greatly inconvenienced farmers and if the present cold spell should continue much embarrassment will ensue. A considerable part of the corn crop is yet unmarketed and much of it is still out in the open fields. The "freeze up" is the earliest for a great many years. The nearest approach to it in our recollection was in 1867, when the river was closed on the 9th of December and remained closed until the 11th of January, after which date it remained open. On Wednesday, January 2, 1867, the thermometer in our office marked 10° below zero! It is to be hoped we shall not have any such extreme cold the coming January.

A funeral at night is a novelty in this county. In consequence of the distance to the place of interment the funeral services in respect to the memory of Thomas Massey were held at his late residence near Worton Station last Monday evening, and the remains taken to Middletown the following morning. Mrs. Jones, a daughter, from Ohio, and Mr. Massey, of Smyrna, the eldest son, were both present in addition to other relatives and friends. The pall-bearers were Wm. H. Stewart, Stewart Matthews, John Bell, H. E. Cooper and Walter T. Morris. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dewing, of the Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. J. D. Kemp, of the M. E. Church, and consisted of Scripture readings and address by the former and prayer by the latter.

Change of Officers on the Chester River Line.—There has been a number of changes among the subordinate officers of the Chester River Steamboat Company recently. Mr. Philip Barnes, formerly receiving agent at the wharf in Baltimore, has resigned his position and opened a restaurant on West Baltimore street. Mr. O. F. Godwin, formerly purser of the Emma A. Ford, has been promoted to the position vacated by Mr. Barnes; Mr. Allan Harris, purser of the Corsica, to Mr. Godwin's former position, and Mr. Percy McFeely, formerly purchasing agent on the Ford, becomes purser of the Corsica.

The Stamped Envelope.—It is not perhaps generally known that the stamped envelope enjoys certain very practical advantages over an envelope with an adhesive stamp. The latter can be sent by mail, whereas a letter contained in a stamped envelope may be carried "outside of the mails by railroads, steamboats, express, stages and other means of conveyance." The privileges of the stamped envelope may be turned to good account at times by business men.

Postmasters Appointed.—Mr. Henry Parr has been appointed postmaster at Galena to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Postmaster Morgan, and Harry B. Woodall, at Lankford, vice Geo. E. Noland. The Galena office pays about $400 per annum.

Jacob Moore, Esq., of Georgetown, Del., the leading lawyer of the Sussex county bar and leading jury lawyer in the State outside of Wilmington, died suddenly at his home last Monday evening of gastric fever, aged 57 years.

The Centreville *Observer* states that the trains on the Queen Anne's and Kent railroad made their regular trips and were the only trains on branch roads on the peninsula to connect with the Delaware road on the Tuesday morning of the great storm.

Cleveland in Eighty-Eight.—The New York *Times* says the statement may be made on the authority of representative members of both organizations that Mr. Cleveland is to receive the full support of the city and State of New York in the next democratic national convention in so far as Tammany and the County Democracy can have influence to that end.

A Young Kent Countian in Tears.

ARRESTED FOR WALKING IN BALTIMORE WITH HIS BOOTS IN HIS HAND.

From the Baltimore Sun.

Patrolman Scully, of the central district, walked into the station-house early yesterday morning, having in custody a young man, who was weeping bitterly. Lieutenant Frazier, who was in charge of the station, heard the sobs and after reassuring the young man, the following conversation took place:

Young Man.—"I'm not guilty, captain; no, I will swear I'm not. The officer saw me walking around without my boots and took hold of me and brought me here."

Lieut. Frazier.—"Walking about without boots? Why, what was the matter?"

Young Man.—"My feet were too small for my boots." [This announcement was accompanied by a big flood of tears.]

Lieut. Frazier.—"Hold on there, young man. Where are you from?"

Young Man.—"Why, I'm from —— ——, Kent county, and I'm a blacksmith. You can telephone down there to the register of wills and get my character. I don't care."

Lieut. Frazier.—"That's all right, but you ought to get boots small enough for your feet, and then you would not get into trouble."

Young Man.—"My boots are too small now, and that is the reason I took them off."

Lieut. Frazier.—"You said your feet were too small for your boots. What made you buy big boots?"

Young Man.—"I didn't say anything of the kind, and you know it."

Lieut. Frazier.—"Yes, you did."

Young Man.—"No, I didn't."

Lieut. Frazier.—"See what he has about him."

As the turnkey thrust his hands down into the young man's pockets a wail resounded through the station-house that almost made the telephone bell ring. From the young man's clothing there were brought to light a number of articles, including a powder flask and a brand-new silk handkerchief and neck scarf.

"Look here," said the young man, "you can do what you please with me; I can stand it if you can. I have plenty of money and plenty of friends. Now search me and see what there is about me. You can have all I've got." Having finished his little speech, the young man proudly followed the turnkey to the prison cell. Policeman Scully stated that he found the young man wandering about the streets with his boots in his hands. Before Justice Hobbs the case was explained, and the young man was allowed to depart in peace.

BRIEF LOCALS.

One week from today the Christmas bells of '86 will be ringing.

Don't fail to secure seats for the first entertainments in the new hall.

An interesting letter from Still Pond, which was received too late for our last issue, will be found on the 4th page.

The columns of the News will as usual tell you where to buy your Christmas presents. Read the invitations in our advertising columns.

The Chestertown public school will close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday next with an entertainment by the scholars consisting of music, charades, &c.

C. W. C. Johnson, Esq., as agent, has sold two houses, on Kent street in Chestertown, to Mrs. H. M. Shriver; also one situated on Cannon street to other parties.

The frame building on the public square, used for several months past by Mr. C. F. Stam for his drug business during the erection of his new building, is now being torn down and removed.

Mr. Samuel H. Crawford, we understand, has rented Hall's Hotel for the ensuing year, and will take charge on the first of January. Mr. Hall will retire from business and has rented a house in another part of the town.

In our obituary column is chronicled the death of Joshua Simmonds in Kansas. Mr. S. lived in Quaker Neck for several years—on the "Saltbox" farm, now owned by Mr. J. W. Hines—and left this county in '75. He leaves no family.

There will be no service in the Catholic Church tomorrow (Sunday) evening. Father Scott wishes to remind—especially the members of his own congregation—that a fair is now going on for the benefit of the Catholic Church.

Thursday morning gave us another taste of extreme winter weather. The thermometer stood at 13° and a fierce snow storm was accompanied by biting winds from the northwest. The fall of snow, however, was light and before noon the sun was shining.

Rt. Rev. Alfred A. Curtis, D. D., will administer the sacrament of confirmation at St. Dennis' Church Sunday (tomorrow) and will the same day open the forty hours' devotion in connection with the jubilee mission, which will continue Monday and Tuesday. The bishop will preach at all the exercises, to which all are invited.

"Our Boys" and "Caste" will be the inaugural entertainments at Stam's Hall. Read the announcement in another column and secure tickets at once. These two plays are first-class in every respect and cannot fail to please the popular taste, as the company which Mr. Stam has secured to render them is composed of the best professional talent.

The Baltimore papers announce the marriage of Miss Nannie M. Smith, daughter of Mr. Wm. O. Smith, formerly of Chestertown, to Mr. Harry P. Monroe, which took place in Grace M. E. Church at 6.30 P. M. last Wednesday evening. The bride was attired in a handsome dark-green traveling dress. The couple took an early train for a Northern bridal tour.

Mr. John S. Vandegrift, our popular barber, is having the building, recently purchased by him on Cross street, thoroughly remodelled and fitted up for his business, and says he will have one of the most complete establishments in the State when he has finished it. Mr. V. is an industrious and enterprising young gentleman—a first-class artist in his line—and eminently deserves the success he has achieved.

Wash. Hudgins says "Old Kris" will arrive today by train sure, and that the old fellow has informed him that he would be on time whether the train is or not. He'll come in a balloon if he can get here no other way. So look out.

Mr. E. C. Crow, wholesale commission merchant, No. 6. Vine street, Philadelphia, invites shippers to consign to him, guaranteeing the best market prices for all farm products.

Messrs. G. T. Perkins and Wm. M. Slay, as adm'rs, advertise the remainder of personalty of the late G. W. T. Perkins.

The sale of Mr. Thomas S. Dodd's personal property will take place Wednesday, Dec. 22, at his residence near Turner's creek.

C. H. Baker, Esq., as attorney, advertises in this issue a valuable farm at mortgagee's sale.

Wheatley Bros. uptown advertise a large stock of goods suitable for the holiday season.

Mr. Jos. Turner has an important notice to farmers in another column.

Personal.—Mr. George S. Vickers has been on a visit to relatives and friends here this week, accompanied by his stepson. He has been living in Chicago for some time past, and has a responsible situation in the large publishing house of Rand, McNally & Co.

Mr. Adam Diehl, of Worton district, in the freeze up at the beginning of last week, rescued five sailors in a small boat who were ice-logged on a schooner off Plum point. The schooner carried 175 tons of coal. Mr. Diehl made the rescue at no little danger to himself. The captain of the rescued crew is now ill with pneumonia.

Mr. C. W. Kennard left town last Tuesday for a trip to Sandusky, Ohio, on business. He will return next week.

Mr. Thomas Ellis, our Cross street merchant, who had been under medical treatment at his father's in Baltimore for four weeks, returned on Tuesday last, not fully restored to health, but much improved.

Big Porkers.—Mr. John Brice killed last Saturday a pen of twelve hogs, weighing 4,329 lbs. the heaviest 443 and the lightest 290 lbs. Mr. John W. Hall's weighed 577½ and 436 lbs.—total 1,013½. Mr. Louis C. Hayes, on one of Capt. Andrew Woodall's farms, killed thirteen hogs, the aggregate weight of which was 5,081 lbs.—the largest weighed 476 and the smallest 307 lbs. These pens are hard to beat.

The Centreville *Observer* reports that Mr. J. W. Hammond killed a few days ago eight Jersey red shoats eight and a-half months old, which weighed 1,344 lbs., an average of 168 lbs. each. He also slaughtered two hogs of the same breed which weighed 1,025 lbs., one weighing 524 lbs. and the other 501 lbs.

Events for 1887.—The almanac for 1887 gives a few items of general interest: New Year's day comes on Saturday; Washington's birthday on Tuesday; St. Valentine's day on Monday; April Fool's day on Friday; Memorial day on Monday; Fourth of July on Monday; Christmas on Sunday; Easter Sunday will be the 10th of April; Lent begins March 2. There will be four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon. One, February 8, visible as a partial eclipse in the United States.

Commendable for Chestertown. — The clothing stock of T. S. Bordley (corner store) is now pronounced by everyone to be the largest, handsomest and most complete of any clothing house south of Wilmington. He is making special sales of children's suits and overcoats for the Xmas holidays at the extremely low price of only $2.25, and they are beautifully trimmed, too. Read his advertisement and profit by it. *

A Donation Party at Rock Hall.— Rev. N. McQuay, of the Rock Hall M. E. Church, was the recipient of a donation visit at the parsonage on Thursday evening of last week. A large company was present and the gifts were numerous. All enjoyed a delightful social time, and pastor and people alike parted with warm hearts and glowing purpose.

Sales to Take Place.

Saturday, Dec. 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.

Wednesday, Dec. 22—Vendue of T. S. Dodd, near Turner's creek.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 29—personalty of the late G. W. T. Perkins, at Hopewell, near Chestertown.

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.

Thursday, Jan 6—Mortgagee's sale of S. H. Crawford's farm.

VERY ENCOURAGING.—We can plainly see the new enterprise of one of our young clothing merchants, Mr. J. W. Bordley, adjoining Toulson's drug store, is a decided success. From the number of suits and overcoats being constantly bought from his store is a pretty good indication that purchasers are getting tired of paying high city prices and have at last discovered this one important fact, viz: That his store, though not large, contains a very pretty assortment of goods and the prices are lower than we have ever seen before. For the past month he has sold more suits and overcoats than all the other clothing houses combined and it is with the greatest pleasure that we can recommend our readers to examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere. To parties contemplating buying clothing we advise them to give him a call. His stock is new—only having bought them one month ago—consequently there are no shelf-worn goods. One beauty about his mode of doing business is this: That he does not ask $22 for an article and sell it for $10. While he only has one price yet his goods are marked so low as to astonish those who visit his place. As Christmas is near at hand he has also a beautiful line of neckwear, gloves, silk handkerchiefs and mufflers, which are very tempting to all who see them. Be sure and not mistake his place. *

A Millington Replevin Case. — A replevin case was tried before A. B. Wheatley, Esq., on Tuesday last. It appeared that Jerome Hopkins during the latter part of 1885 was negotiating the sale of a house and lot of land in the town of Millington to Mrs. Moses Clow and J. V. Clow, but the contract of sale was never signed by the Clows. Shortly before New Year's Moses Clow agreed to rent the house for 1886 at one dollar per week, and after moving into the house paid several weeks' rent. Clow paid no more rent until during the past fall, but had a bill against Hopkins for work done and material furnished, which Hopkins agreed should be taken in part payment of rent. About one week ago Hopkins distrained for rent. Clow came to Chestertown and sued out a writ of replevin, and at the hearing on Tuesday contended that he was the purchaser of the house. He admitted that he had refused to sign the contract of sale, but never leased the house. Hopkins served notice on Clow in June last to quit his tenancy at the end of the year, and Clow made no claim of ownership. Mr. Moore testified that Clow had told him that Hopkins had given him notice to quit and he had no house for next year. Squire Wheatley reserved his decision. M. deK. Smith, Esq., appeared for Hopkins, and S. T. Wickes, Esq., for Clow.

Three Young Men in Trouble.—Eugene Kennard, James Cummings and Joseph Castle— the latter colored—all three under 22 years of age, living in Worton, were arrested last Wednesday upon the complaint of Benj. Worrell, col'd, who charged them with assault and trespass, and also with stealing a duck—worth about twenty-five cents—from him. Justice Beck, at Worton Station, heard the case and sentenced each of the parties to the House of Correction for four months, and Constable T. J. Parsons brought them to town on Thursday and lodged them in jail preparatory to the execution of the sentence. In the meantime friends of the parties secured the services of J. D. Urie, Esq., who got them out under a writ of habeas corpus for a hearing yesterday afternoon before his honor, Judge Wickes. The case was not concluded at the time of going to press.

In Selecting your Christmas presents do not fail to call at C. M. Lucas' jewelry store. Mr. Lucas cannot, of course, keep on hand as large a stock as the large city dealers do, but what he does keep is good, and he will not misrepresent his goods. Call and see him and you may be sure of fair treatment. He has on exhibition a beautiful display of jewelry for the holidays, consisting of a very large stock of watches; fine selections of very small gold watches for ladies, some as low as $35; small silver watches for boys, these are very fine; also small nickel watches. A nice lot of Rhinestone pins, ear-rings and finger-rings; new style watch-chains for ladies; 18-karat wedding rings; a most beautiful assortment of Rogers & Bro's best silverware and clocks, and other beautiful articles too numerous to name. 2

County Commissioners.—County commissioners met Tuesday, Dec. 14th. Full board present.

Samuel Comegys, collector of taxes for second district for years 1884 and 1885, presented a list of insolvencies, &c., for said years, which were allowed as county taxes, and ordered to be certified as to State taxes, and settled in full with the board of commissioners for said years by payment of balance due, by check.

The case of Wilbur W. Hubbard vs. Walter Morris in matter of private road through lands of said Morris was presented to the county commissioners by James A. Pearce, counsel for Morris, and H. H. Barroll, counsel for Hubbard. The counsel for Morris presented the two following points: First, that the report of commissioners to lay down the road was illegal, in that it did not assess the whole damages in money; and, second, that the act under which this road was laid down is unconstitutional. The board declined to pass upon the constitutionality of the law in question, but passed an order rejecting report of the examiners and referring it back to the commissioners to assess the whole damages at a money value to said Walter Morris and to William Morris, without making said Hubbard responsible to erect one fence and maintain both.

A large number of road, bridge and other accounts were passed, and ordered to be paid by orders on different collectors.

MARRIED.

At the residence of Marion Downey, Rock Hall, Dec. 12, 1886, by the Rev. N. McQuay, OVILLA STEVENS and SUSAN R. DAVIS, both of this county.

At Galena M. E. Parsonage, by Rev. T. L. Tomkinson, FRANK VANSANT to Miss ELLA S. VANSANT, both of this county.

At the M. E. Parsonage, Pomona, Dec. 15, 1886, by Rev. J. M. Lindale, JACOB SNYDER and DEBORAH A. HADAWAY, both of this county.

DIED.

At his residence, near Kennedyville, on Wednesday night last, JAMES H. RAYMOND, aged about 66 years. Funeral at St. Dennis', Galena, Monday morning next.

At the residence of her parents near Masseys, Dec. 3, 1886, of diabetes, MARY E. SMITH, daughter of Charles H. and Emma Smith, aged 14 years, 10 months and 26 days.

In Pleasanton, Kansas, on the 10th of October last, JOSHUA SIMMONDS, aged 79 years.

OBITUARY.— Died on Saturday morning, the 4th instant, Mr. JOHN B. PARROTT, in the 61st year of his age. Mr. Parrott had been under the medical treatment of Dr. Allan Smith, of Baltimore, for nearly two months, and we thought him better. Even on the Friday before his death he seemed cheerful, but was suddenly seized with paralysis, which only lasted a few hours and terminated in death. The subject of this notice was a man of all the goodness and genuineness that any man could possess. His traits of character could not be excelled by any-one. He was an exceedingly kind father and loving husband; one of the very best neighbors and friends. Always open to do a kindness to his friend and acquaintance; ever genial, cheerful and kind. In 1884-85 he filled the office of county commissioner discreetly and intelligently. In him we have lost one of the very best men in our county. The one who pens these lines has known Mr. Parrott for fifty years.

TRUE FRIEND.

ESTRAY DUCKS.

Came to the premises of the undersigned on the ice on Thursday, Dec. 9, 1886, a flock of DUCKS. The owner or owners are hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take them away.

JOHN W. KELLEY, Edesville P. O.
d18-3t*

NOTICE.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county will be held at the Court-house in Chestertown on MONDAY, January 3, 1887, at 11 o'clock A. M.

N. G. WESTCOTT, SECRETARY.
Dec. 18, 1886.

NOTICE

Having received a good many letters from parties asking about a low rate to New York, will say all Poultry consigned to me should be shipped RELEASED

WALTER S. HILL, 180 Reade and 206 Duane sts., New York.
Dec. 18-3t.

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., 14 North Charles St., Balto., Md.
d11-3t.

25 FINE SHOATS FOR SALE.

No Hog Cholera or other disease has been among them. Price, 6c. per pound, live.

THOS. J. WILLIS, Fairlee Neck, Melitota P. O., Md.
d18-3t*

R. R. NOTICE.

On and after Monday, Dec. 20, 1886, until further notice the train will leave Chestertown at 6.15 A. M., and all other stations ten minutes earlier than regular schedule time. Schedule in next issue.

FRED. GERKER.

Notice to Farmers:

Whereas, it has pleased the Ruler of the weather to snow-up our Farmers and Ice-up our vessels, parties having CORN on hand can arrange with the undersigned to hold it until spring.

JOSEPH TURNER, Chestertown.
d18-3t.

Fair and Festival!

FOR BENEFIT OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH will be held during TWO WEEKS, BEGINNING DEC. 13, AT THE ARMORY, IN CHESTERTOWN.

☞Shooting Gallery, and a prize given to the best marksman each Wednesday and Saturday.
d11-2t.

E. C. CROW,
No. 6 VINE STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
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ALL KINDS OF FARM PRODUCE.
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VASES—Silesian, Faience, Chantilly, Russian Terra Cotta, Terra Romano, finished in a high order of art, and handsomer than any goods ever before displayed in Chestertown. We can sell you these goods at lower prices than you can get them for in the city.

Dec. 18. COLIN F. STAM.

PRETTY AND USEFUL
Christmas Presents!
MAY BE FOUND AT
WM. A. WHEATLEY'S
HARDWARE STORE BELOW THE BANK.

☞Give me a call before making your purchases for Christmas, and I think you will find it greatly to your advantage.

A beautiful and full line of goods—useful and fancy — and all selling unusually low. d18.

Extraordinary Notice
—IS CALLED TO THE—
IMPERIAL BURNER!
ABROAD AND AT HOME.

IT is acknowledged by wisest minds to be the MOST PERFECT in material and construction and satisfactory in results of any known Coal Oil Burner. Nothing can be added to it. It is perfect.

The Nearest Approach to Solar Light Ever Achieved.

The Wick never requires cutting. The Burner cannot get out of order and is easily managed by any person of ordinary intelligence.

Certain Lamps and Burners are advertised to give 60-candle power; in comparison with such the

Imperial Burner
GIVES 75-CANDLE POWER!
☞Refers to the Editors of this paper.

A LARGE STOCK OF
Lamps and Lamp Goods!
of every description.
BURNERS, CHIMNEYS, WICKS, &c., &c., constantly on hand.
LOUIS K. STAM,
Dec. 18, 1886. *CHESTERTOWN.*

School Notice.

At a meeting of the School Commissioners, held on the 14th inst., it was resolved, That after this date pupils shall not be admitted to the FIRST GRADE of any public school in Kent county where the average attendance exceeds fifteen, except during the first ten days in September and February of each year; but in schools where the average attendance does not exceed fifteen such pupils may be admitted after such dates in the discretion of the teacher. This not to apply to schools which are not opened in September.

In compliance with the law requiring Physiology to be taught in the schools, the board has selected "How to Keep Well," by Albert F. Blaisdel, adapted to the Schools of Maryland by Thos. C. Bruff, to be used in the 5th and 6th grades, and "Martin's Human Body," to be used in the second-seventh grade in place of Brown's.

EBEN F. PERKINS, Secretary.
d18-3t.

Holiday Goods.

Christmas Presents!

New Year Tokens!

SUITABLE FOR ALL. FINE ASSORTMENT.

STAM'S DRUG STORE.

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.

BENJ. D. QUIMBY & CO.
d11-4t.

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

PROCLAMATION!

WHEREAS, the 25th day of December is celebrated throughout the World as CHRISTMAS, and, whereas, it is usual, customary and befitting, that all Nations throughout the world should join in the celebration and good cheer reigning that day, and, whereas, it is a day specially set apart for making Presents, now therefore, I, LOUIS K. STAM, Merchant, of Chestertown, Md., knowing of this custom, and wishing to please and accommodate my customers, have made extensive preparations for above-named celebration, and am prepared to furnish many Useful and Desirable PRESENTS for both old and young, consisting of Rattan, Reed and Carpet Chairs, Plain Rockers, Beautiful Lamps, Pictures, Wall Pockets, &c., Children's Sleds, Wagons, Shoo Fly's, Tables, and many other articles too numerous to mention. I have also received a full line of FURNITURE, consisting of Suits, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Mattresses, Lounges, Extension Tables, &c., &c., and I furthermore proclaim that these goods will be sold LOW and you will wrong yourself if you do not call to see them, next door to STAM'S HALL.

LOUIS K. STAM.
CHESTERTOWN, Dec. 18, 1886.

—FOR THE—
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
We have the largest and finest line of
Pocket and Table Cutlery
ever seen in Kent County. Our Stock of SCISSORS, SHEARS and Razors is complete. Call and see.
at J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.'S.

—OUR—
TIN TOILET and CHAMBER SETS
ARE VERY PRETTY,
and in many cases suitable Presents,
J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

YOU OUGHT TO SEE AT
J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.'S
Hardware Store, the line of both
HEATING and COOKING STOVES,
it embraces numerous styles, sizes and qualities. Their prices are as LOW as can be given by any dealer, and they take pleasure in showing their stock. d18.

For Sale and Rent.

FOR RENT for 1887.

Fine property in the village of Fairlee. DWELLING and OUTBUILDINGS, occupied this year by Mr. Samuel H. Crawford. Rent moderate. Apply at once to A. M. KENDALL, Fairlee, Kent County, Md.
d18-3t.

FOR RENT for next year.

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

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, Kennedyville.
d11-3t.

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, or C. H. BAKER.
d4-3t*

FOR RENT:

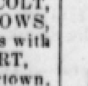
The LARGE BRICK DWELLING on the corner of Front and High Streets, Chestertown, formerly occupied by W. N. E. Wickes, Esq. It has recently been put in thorough repair. Apply to HIRAM M. BROWN, Chestertown.
no20-tf.

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

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, Galena, Kent county, Md.
oc30-3m.

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.

W. T. MONEY.
d11-3t.*

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. VANNORT, Chestertown.
oc2-tf.

WM. T. RANDLE,
Wholesale Liquor Dealer
[SUCCESSOR TO B. STRAUSS & CO]
124 Light Street, New Number 330.

I HAVE OPENED on Light street, opposite Pier 7, where I will be pleased to meet all parties using my goods, guaranteeing to do my utmost in pleasing and giving satisfaction. I am making a specialty of FINE LIQUORS AND WINES at LOW FIGURES for CASH. All orders by mail promptly attended to.

N. B.— MR. W. H. COPPER is my agent in Chestertown and all orders given him will be promptly attended to. Old friend, CHAS. T. WYATT, is still with the concern and will be pleased to meet his old acquaintances. d18.

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

UNDERWEAR.

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Vests, Gent's Undershirts in large variety, prices right.

sep18 J. H. SIMPERS.

Town Hall
THE SIGN:
STAM'S DRUG STORE
THE PLACE:
To Buy Christmas Goods
—AND—
Holiday Novelties!

WE have everything new: New Building, New Store, New Goods, and we are now making a bid for your trade. We have made store and building attractive for our customers, and now we want to show you our goods. So come today. Come Monday. Come every day next week. We mean this for a standing invitation. Store is large and roomy, plenty of things to see.

We cannot advertise specialties, we have too many, but we have something you want; something you will enjoy when you get it. Don't miss coming in this season; don't be afraid of prices; we are LOW, LOW DOWN this year, because we want to give our store a boom; we want to make you remember it when you go home. And now we will close with a Merry Christmas to all.

COLIN F. STAM, Druggist, Under Town Hall.
Dec. 18.

Christmas Up Town!

WHEATLEY BROS.

Have opened a Full Stock of Goods suited to the

Christmas Season,

consisting in part as follows:
CURRANTS, RAISINS, FIGS,
CITRON, CRANBERRIES,
NUTS OF ALL KINDS,
MINCEMEAT, ORANGES,
CRANBERRY SAUCE,
CHAMPAGNE CIDER,
APPLE & PEACH BUTTER, &c.
A Large Assortment of
Plain and French Candies.

☞Give us a call, get our prices and be convinced that we can offer you as good inducements as any place in town.

WHEATLEY BROS.
Corner High and Kent Sts., up town.
Dec. 18, 1886.

HOLIDAY OPENING
—OF—
FANCY GOODS
Silverware,
Books,
Christmas and
New Year Cards

IN OUR NEW STORE, UNDER TOWN HALL. PRICES LOW.

COLIN F. STAM, DRUGGIST.
Dec. 18.

Ratification Notice.

In the Orphans' Court for Kent County, Maryland, Dec. 14, 1886.

ORDERED, that the sale of the Real Estate of Margaret Leatherberry, late of Kent county, deceased, made and reported by W. N. E. WICKES, Executor of the said deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 15th day of February, next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks prior to the 14th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $300.

W. S. WALKER,
W. A. HYLAND,
WM. STEVENS,
Judges of the Orphans' Court.
Dec. 18, 1886—4t.

Ratification Notice.

In the Orphans' Court for Kent County, Maryland, Dec. 14th, 1886.

ORDERED, that the sale of the Real Estate of Robert Wilson, made and reported by ISAAC L. LEARY, Executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof, be shown on or before the 15th day of February, 1887;—Provided, a copy of this order be printed in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks prior to the 14th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $132.

W. S. WALKER,
W. A. HYLAND,
WM. STEVENS,
Judges of the Orphans' Court.
Dec. 18, 1886—4t.

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

WILLAM SCONE,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of June, 1887, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 14th day of November, 1886.

WILLIAM S. SCONE, Administrator.
d18-4t.

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 to do so. A great many bankable notes given us are long over-due and we have been protecting long enough. They must now be paid. Some have been owing us two and three years—others are strangers to us—all alike should feel it about time to settle. We, therefore, give this notice, and mean what we say: that settlements *must be made by the first of the year.*

CHAPMAN & LAMBERT.
d4-5t.

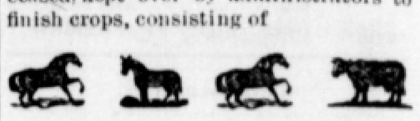
ADMINISTRATORS' SALE
—OF—
Personal Property

THE undersigned as administrators of G. W. T. Perkins, deceased, will sell at Hopewell, near Chestertown, on the road to Morgan's creek, on

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29th, 1886,

at Ten and a-half o'clock A. M.,

the remaining Personal Property of deceased, kept over by administrators to finish crops, consisting of



6 Head of Horses
THREE MULES,
all gentle and good workers;
THREE COWS

3 Large Farm Wagons;
3 Sets of Wagon Harness;
1 McCormick Binder, nearly new;
1 Engine and Thresher, both in first-class order, never having been used off of Mr. Perkins' land;
A lot of Locust and Chestnut Posts,
Over 100 Bushels of Potatoes.

Household and Kitchen Furniture.

TERMS:—All sums under $10 cash; for sums over that amount a credit of Nine Months, on Note, with approved security will be given.

GEO. T. PERKINS,
WM. M. SLAY,
Administrators.
Dec. 18-ts.

Mortgagee's Sale
—OF A—
VALUABLE
—AND—
DESIRABLE FARM

UNDER and by virtue of a power contained in a mortgage from Samuel H. Crawford and wife to Charles H. Baker, attorney, of date the 5th day of July, 1883, and recorded in Liber S. B., No. 4, Folio 432, &c., one of the land records of Kent County, the undersigned as assignee of said mortgage, will offer at Public Auction, at the Voshell House in Chestertown, on

THURSDAY,

the 6th day of January, 1887,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.,

ALL THAT FARM,

lying and being the in Third Election District in said county, at or near the head of Fairlee creek, adjoining the lands of W. S. Walker and others, and containing

412 ACRES

OF LAND, MORE OR LESS,

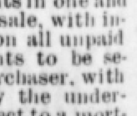
the most of which is arable and well-improved. There are on this farm about

3500 PEACH TREES,
5500 Pear Trees,
AND 200 APPLE TREES,

all selected with care, and mostly in bearing.

The Farm is well and conveniently located on the public road and said creek; a desirable residence, and an opportunity for a good investment.

THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE A
TWO-STORY
Frame Dwelling



with KITCHEN attached, and necessary OUT-BUILDINGS.

TERMS OF SALE:

Are $1,600 in cash and the balance in two equal annual installments in one and two years from the day of sale, with interest from the day of sale on all unpaid moneys. Deferred payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser, with security to be approved by the undersigned; and will be sold subject to a mortgage for $7,000, and accrued interest.

For further information apply to the undersigned, or to C. H. BAKER, his attorney.

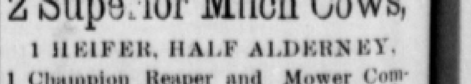
ALFRED LEE BAKER,
Assignee of Mortgagee named in Mortgage.
Dec. 18, 1886—ts.

Public Sale!

INTENDING to discontinue farming the undersigned will sell at his residence, near Connelly's Mill,

On MONDAY, Dec. 27th, 1886,

The Following Property:



4 HEAD GOOD HORSES
true to all harness;
2 Superior Milch Cows,
1 HEIFER, HALF ALDERNEY,

1 Champion Reaper and Mower Combined; 1 Bickford and Huffman Grain and Phosphate Drill, 1 Hyland Horse-Power and Corn Sheller, 1 Peach Wagon, nearly new with rigging for baskets; 1 Horse Cart and Harness; 1 light Dearborn, 1 Wheat Rake, 1 Sleigh and Bells, 1 Wood Sled, 1 Good Set Wagon Harness; Lot of Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Forks, Shovels and Plow Gears, 200 lbs. Corn Blades, 1 Ton Timothy Hay.

ALSO, LOT HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

☞If very stormy the sale will take place on the first fair day thereafter.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

TERMS:—All purchases of $10 or under cash; all over that amount a credit of Nine Months on Negotiable Note with approved security, interest added. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with.

JOHN C. DAVIS, Ag't.
U. A. C. Garrett, Auc'r. d11-ts.