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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....JAN. 15, 1887.

General News Notes.

W. T. Johnson has been appointed postmaster at Cambridge, Maryland.

The total loss by fire in Baltimore during the year 1886 was $804,402.36.

Robert Garrett, T. Harrison Garrett and Miss Mary E. Garrett, of Baltimore, have given $3,000 for the relief of the poor.

The House of Representatives on Tuesday by a vote of 222 to 26 passed the bill creating a department of agriculture and labor. The bill fixes the salary of the commissioner of labor at $5,000.

Joseph Perry, a rich miser, and Richard Price, his cousin, both aged men, were found a few days ago frozen to death in their miserable abode, at 1025 Locust street, Philadelphia. Perry, it is said, leaves an estate worth $100,000.

Mr. Samuel P. Thompson, city collector of Baltimore died last Saturday morning at his residence, northwest corner of St. Paul and Eager streets. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, and he had been very ill but a very few days. Lewis N. Hopkins has been appointed and confirmed to fill the vacancy.

Gen. S. B. Buckner is the leading candidate for Governor of Kentucky thus far mentioned on the democratic side, and his nomination is generally conceded. Gen. Woolford, who served on the Union side in the late war, will probably be the democratic nominee for Lieutenant-Governor. As they served on opposite sides during the war, they ought to catch the fighters "both coming and going."

Mr. Albert K. Fulton, son of the late Chas. C. Fulton, by Samuel Snowden, attorney, filed a bill in the Circuit Court on Saturday against Felix Agnus, trustee and manager of the *Baltimore American*, charging mismanagement of the trust and asking the appointment of a receiver. The matter was set by Judge Dennis for a hearing February 2, with leave to the parties to take testimony in the meantime.

Sheriff Robert R. Carman, of Harford county, died at his home in Belair Wednesday of congestion of the kidneys and uremic poisoning. He was taken sick with a severe cold last Sunday, but no apprehensions were felt until Wednesday morning, when he was seized with convulsions. Mr. Carman was a popular and efficient sheriff, and his sudden death is a shock to the community.

The Rev. Dr. J. Houston Eccleston, rector of Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, and Miss Helen M. Whitridge, the niece and adopted daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Whitridge, were married Tuesday morning, at 9 o'clock, at Emmanuel Church, Read and Cathedral streets, by the brother of the groom, the Rev. Jno. C. Eccleston, Staten Island. The Rev. Dr. Eccleston and his wife left Baltimore for a Southern trip. The groom is a son of the late Judge John B. Eccleston, and a native of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrett gave a ball Tuesday night in honor of the completion of their new palatial residence on Mt. Vernon Place, Baltimore. About 600 invitations were accepted, and nearly everybody who accepted was present. The guests were from Washington, New York, Philadelphia and from different parts of Maryland. In dazzling brilliancy, says the *Sun*, the ball compared favorably with the great Vanderbilt ball in New York several years ago.

One hundred and forty-four dynamite cartridges exploded in a shanty on the vacant lots at Twenty-ninth and Stiles streets, Philadelphia, shortly after eight o'clock Sunday night. One man was blown fifty feet and killed. The cause of the explosion is unknown. Thousands of window sashes were shattered and a panic followed among the people living in the neighborhood. The shock was felt in Germantown, Manayunk, Norristown, Frankfort and adjoining towns.

Brevet Brigadier-General Thos. Duncan died in Washington on the 7th instant. His case was one of the most remarkable in the annals of war, presenting an instance heretofore almost, if not altogether, unknown, that of survival after being struck by a cannon ball. Gen. Duncan was struck in the head, and a portion of his skull carried off. Trepanning was resorted to, and he has worn for twenty years the silver plate which replaced the abstracted portions of his shattered skull.

The Democratic Mass Meeting.

A large meeting of dissatisfied Maryland democrats was held Wednesday night in Oratorio Hall, Baltimore, for the purpose of starting a movement antagonistic to the present management of the party. The audience, says the *Sun*, was composed mostly of farmers and business men from the counties, who had come to the city with a view to accomplishing two objects in one day; namely, to discuss agricultural subjects in convention during the morning and afternoon and to listen to political speeches in the evening. No one is mentioned as present from Kent and in the list of vice-presidents our county is overlooked. An address to the people condemning the present party management, and suggesting remedies for alleged political abuses, was adopted, and speeches were made by ex-Governor Hamilton, of Washington county; James U. Dennis, of Somerset county, and John K. Cowen, of Baltimore city.

Maryland Farmers' Convention.

A LARGE GATHERING IN BALTIMORE — EX-GOVERNOR HAMILTON PRESIDES, &C.

The Maryland Farmers' Convention met at Wilson Post Hall, corner Holliday and Second sts., Baltimore, on Wednesday, and was attended by about 300 delegates and others who had gathered to watch the proceedings. The decorations of the Grand Army people were added to by a number of agricultural implements, making a mixture of ploughs, drills, hoes, rakes, pitchforks, churns, cannon, guns, swords, &c., a combination of the agricultural and the military. Most of the Maryland counties were represented, the attendance from Washington county being most numerous, there being from there fully fifty people, including the delegates. Ex-Gov. Wm. T. Hamilton, of Washington county, presided Wm. B. Sands was secretary.

Gov. Hamilton being called on for an address said that nothing he could say would promote the cause or enlighten the audience. He did not come prepared to make any formal address, and more information might be derived from the general discussion. He was gratified to see so many present. The organization was extending and would continue, not as a thing of a year but of successive years. Last year was bad enough for the agricultural interests, and they were probably worse off today. No class was so much depressed as the agricultural and mechanical interests. There were no prices for wheat, corn and tobacco, and cattle were threatened with disease, being high to buy and low to sell. "It is not encouraging, but we can't afford to give up. You don't suppose that this government can afford to make you all office-holders, with high pay and nothing to do. We must depend on our land and try to make both ends meet. We must measure our coat by the length and breadth of our cloth. We must encourage labor and economy. If the agriculturists and mechanics look to the government to give them a living, they will go down and the government will go down with them."

We have only the first day's proceedings, made up mainly of reports from various committees.

Dr. F. W. Patterson, of Baltimore county, reported on the condition of live stock outside of Baltimore city and county. He said he had been in nearly all the counties of the Eastern Shore. He spoke particularly of hog cholera, and of how it affected animals. In Somerset, in ten years, the loss has been nearly $15,000. In Worcester it was about $1,000. In Dorchester it was fearful—about $25,000. In Talbot, $36,500; Caroline, $3,000, and Queen Anne's 66 per cent., or nearly $45,000. In Cecil the loss was not so great as heretofore. For the eight Eastern Shore counties the loss is over $165,000, or an average of over $20,000 to a county. If the loss is as great in the other counties, it will reach in the State over $460,000.

A committee on fruit culture, to report at the next meeting, was asked for by Mr. Thos. A. Huime, of Kent.

The standing committees to report at the next meeting were appointed, with Capt. A. L. Corey on Fertilizers and Mr. T. A. Huime on wheat production.

Ex-Gov. Curtin, of Pennsylvania, who was interviewed in New York recently, said President Cleveland is becoming stronger with the democratic masses every day. "He is," said Mr. Curtin, "honest, and is obeying the civil-service law, and that makes him some enemies among the office-holders, but this only makes him stronger with the people. He has to rely largely upon the advice of others, and naturally has made some mistakes. It would be utterly impossible not to make some with such a large patronage at his disposal. As far as Pennsylvania is concerned, it will favor his renomination. There is little question in my mind but that Cleveland and Blaine will be the candidates of their respective parties."

COMPTROLLER TURNER'S REPORT.

Some Local Figures.

From the annual report of the Comptroller of the Treasury we glean the following items of local interest:

Kent county paid into the State treasury for 1886 on account of public schools and other funds $14,203.65, on an assessment of $7,575,272. The assessed value of property for State levy in 1887 is $7,448,301. In Queen Anne's it is $6,585,383. Cecil county comes first on the Eastern Shore, in value of her property, Talbot second with eight millions, and Kent third. Caroline is the lowest, with $3,757,157. Baltimore county is the highest in the State with fifty millions.

Receipts from tax on incorporated institutions: Chester River Steamboat Company for '78 to '85 $813.57; Chestertown Strawboard Company for '86 $35.45; Chestertown National Bank $97.57.

From C. Estes for tax on protests $373.00.

Balances due by incorporated institutions are as follows: Kent Mutual Building Association $452.61; Kent National Bank $272.78; Millington Mutual Loan Association $63.36; Mutual Benefit Loan Association of Kent County $64.29; Kent County Fire Insurance Company $14,43.

The account of Dr. Beck, clerk, is squared to Sept. 30, last, and nothing is due by him to the State. The total receipts of the office were $3,440.44; of this amount $1,061.61, went for salaries, leaving a balance of $2,378.83 on account of salary.

J. C. Slaughter, one year to Dec. 1, 1885, shows total receipts of register's office $1,214.33.

From State's Attorney Marion deK. Smith for year ending Sept 1, 1886, $591.23.

Receipts into the treasury for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1886: From Samuel Beck, clerk, for marriage license, $2,508.47; hawkers and pedlers, $228.78; exhibition, $241.75; tax on civil commissions $195.70; fines and forfeitures, $19.00—total, $3,708.15. From J. C. Slaughter, register of wills, tax on commissions, $597.12; from T. Romie Strong, do., $266.04. From tax collectors for State taxes: N. Voshell for '83-4, $876.73; Jas. T. Lamb '85-6, $540-70; John N. Dodd '81, $391.15; W. L. Meredith '85-6, $5,332.52. The balances due from collectors for 1886 is given in the report as follows, much of which doubtless has been paid: W. L. Meredith, $43.78; John P. Hendrickson, $606.-94; M. M. Rasin, $1,846.29; S. Lecates, $1,983,-88; J. T. Lamb, $2,602.17. Balances due by collectors, exclusive of interest, from 1845 to 1885, are reported as follows; Edwin Crouch, $1,097.96; J. W. Duyer, $43.07; W. L. Meredith, $17.12; J. S. Gemmill, $2,121.63; Geo. S. Biddle, $2,958.76; J. T. Lamb, $1,784.04.

Amount received by Washington College and Shrewsbury Academies, $5,675.

We Think He's Wrong!

One of our Still Pond republican friends was in to see us the other day and after indulging in a little lecture on various political points, struck the tariff, and struck it heavy. He thoroughly believed in the protection doctrine and advocated it with his characteristic zeal and good nature. Well, we couldn't agree with him and the discussion grew a little warm, when the following singular annunciation closed the subject:

He—If you had the power would you tax whiskey?

We—[Not exactly understanding what he was driving at and knowing him to be a red-hot temperance man replied]—Why, of course we would. We should put it in the list with the luxuries and tax it heavily.

He—Well, there's where we differ again.

We—Why, wouldn't you tax whiskey at all?

He—No, sir, not at all!

We—[astonished]—Why not? Is it so essential to the majority as to necessitate its being cheapened to the reach of all?

He—No, no, not that. But if I voted to levy such a tax *I would be favoring a partnership with crime!*

We have been meditating a little since the interview and have concluded that our friend's whole tariff structure wants remodeling. He is like the man who starved himself to death because he couldn't eat from the whole loaf!

Personal Notes.—Mr. H. C. Penington, whose illness, at the residence of his sister near Chesterville, was mentioned last week, we are glad to learn is convalescing. Dr. Sheppard thinks that with care he is now out of danger.

Dr. J. W. Latimer and wife had a narrow escape from severe injury by the upsetting of their vehicle last Thursday near Lambson's Station. Only good nerve on the part of the doctor enabled him to control his horse and save his equipage. He was dragged some distance.

Dr. Wm. F. Taylor, who has been for several years a very successful physician at Rock Hall, has removed to Earleville, Cecil county, and takes charge of the large and lucrative practice of the late Dr. S. E. Wills.

C. H. Morris, express agent on the Kent county railroad, was married at Easton recently to Miss Emma Mowbray. They have taken up their residence in Chestertown.

Postmaster L. S. Fowler has been confined to his room by sickness for a week—no doubt the result of overwork. He is out of bed at this writing and hopes to be in the office to-day. His daughter Mary has been quite ill for ten days past, but is now improving.

C. H. Baker, Esq., was taken quite ill last week and has been kept at home for most of the time since. He is now able to be at his office.

Messrs. Wm. J. Vannort, Thos. A. Hulme and S. Vannort attended the farmers' convention in Baltimore this week. They had to make the trip by rail as there is no water communication now with the city.

Information was received here yesterday of the extreme illness of Mrs. Arianna Greenwood, mother of Mrs. J. W. Collins, at Union Bridge. "Aunt Annie's" numerous friends here are much concerned at the intelligence. She is quite advanced in years—her age being about 82.

Horse Notes.—Mr. Fred. Fountain has one of the prettiest horses on the street, but not the fastest.

Mr. W. C. A. Thompson's little gray pacer is attaining wonderful speed. If Mr. A. J. H. don't look out he'll take him down yet. Only give him a chance and don't turn too far in the lead!

A looker-on at the "races" during sleighing time thinks the town commissioners ought to charge an "entrance fee" for each racer in order to accumulate a fund to pay damages that may result to some street pedestrian. We have escaped such casualties so far; may we not continue thus fortunate?

A valuable horse belonging to Mr. Walter S. Trew, of Quaker Neck, died of lockjaw the first of this week, superinduced by sticking a nail in his foot.

Mr. S. B. Richardson, of Masseys, who is largely engaged in stock farming, went to Smyrna last Saturday and bought the fine driving horses of S. G. Wilds and E. H. Beck. It is thought that he had to pay fancy prices, as it is not likely that the owners would part with such good steppers for anything short of a fancy price.

Officers Elected.—The Knights of Pythias of Rock Hall still have a thriving organization. The following officers have been elected and installed for the current term: C. C., Geo. Coleman; V. C., F. Shreck; P., James Davis; M. E., F. M. Satterfield, 10th term; R. F., A. Urie; K. of R and S., J. Dickinson, 10th term; M. A., J. Urie; I. G., C. W. Ayres; O. G., Peter Reynolds; Trustee, F. Shreck; Representative to Grand Lodge, J. R. Ryan.

The storeroom on Queenstown wharf was broken open on Monday night and robbed of an overcoat, a demijohn of whiskey and $4 in money. The whiskey was a fearful loss in consequence of closed navigation. How can we account for such a precious article being left in a storeroom over night?

The managers of the House of Correction have found it necessary to reduce expenses in order to keep within the State appropriation, and after the first of February will drop some of their employes, Charles Brown, of this county, being among the number.

Bank Officers Elected.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chestertown National Bank was held last Tuesday and the following board of directors re-elected: G. B. Westcott, N. G. Westcott, R. Hynson, T. W. Eliason, Jr., C. T. Westcott. The officers of the bank remain unchanged as follows: President, G. B. Westcott; cashier, Joseph Peterson; teller, H. Rickey; book-keeper, W. W. Chapman; assistant do., R. Snowden Thomas.

The stockholders of the Fruit Growers' National Bank of Smyrna held their annual meeting on Tuesday. The old board was re-elected as follows: R. C. Johnson, F. H. Harper, Wm. Eliason, G. H. Raymond, Samuel Roberts, A. L. Hudson, Thomas James, John H. Hoffecker and N. F. Wilds. The following are officers of the bank: President, G. H. Raymond; cashier, N. F. Wilds; teller, S. G. Wilds; book-keeper, C. M. Fowler.

An English Document.—The copy of the will of Frederick William Wilder Smith, of Liverpool, England, was filed in the Register's office, Chestertown, last Tuesday, by James A. Pearce, Esq. It is said to be the first document of the kind ever filed in our courts. It is handsomely engrossed upon parchment, and bears the seal of her majesty's government. The will bequeaths a property in England, valued at only £10, but the deceased had inherited, by bequest, a property in this county, valued at about $5,000. The bequest was the proceeds of the estate — a small peach farm in Still Pond Neck—of the late William P. Smith, commonly known as "Doc" Smith, who died about eighteen months ago at Hall's Hotel, Chestertown. It is devised by the will of the last testator to Thomas Wilding, of Liverpool, England.

A Church Site Paid For.—The committee of the Methodist Protestant congregation, Chestertown, in charge of the new church-lot fund, made the last payment on their new site last Tuesday, the total sum paid being $3,153. The congregation has thus secured a most desirable and beautiful location for their contemplated new church. They have refused to discuss plans for the new edifice until the site was fully acquired and paid for, and now that this is done it is presumed there will be a movement soon relative to the erection of the building.

A Questionable Law.—The fifty-cent hawks' head law bids fair to prove expensive to this county. From all sections we hear of parties gunning and trapping for hawks for the profit under the law. A half-dollar for each hawk is a pretty good price for the bird, and gunners with nothing else to do this dull weather, will make it pay along this line. If we are not mistaken our tax commissioners will find many levies offset by hawks' head claims. The Easton *Star* urges the repeal of the law. It says if hawks didn't come here from other counties it would be well enough to put a price on their heads. But they come here from abroad as fast as our gunners shoot them. The result is, we may have to pay for the extermination of all the hawks of Maryland and Delaware that come here in search of prey.

With the Wild West Show.—Jesse K. Hines, Jr., son of Jesse K. Hines, Esq., insurance commissioner, has been engaged with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Combination Company for a year, and has signed with them for a three years' tour through Europe, remaining six months in each of the largest cities. He goes as an assistant to Major Burke, the chief manager, leaving with Major Burke in March — about two months in advance of the enterprise. Jesse's friends in Chestertown are expecting him to pay a visit here before he leaves on his long tour.

Sunday-School Officers.—The M. E. Sunday-school of Chestertown has elected the following officers for the present year: C. H. Baker, superintendent; Jas. E. Mirch and Mrs. Jas. Brice, assistants; W. Bradford Copper, secretary; E. W. F. Simpers, treasurer; H. M. Thomas, librarian; J. R. Clements, assistant; Miss Annie Lambert, organist; George Twilley, assistant; Irving T. Twilley, cornetist.

The teachers of the Methodist Protestant Sunday-school held their annual meeting last Wednesday evening when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, W. B. Usilton; assistant, J. K. Aldridge; librarian, Wm. Archibald, Jr.; assistant, T. D. Bowers; secretary, Jos. N. Wheatley; treasurer, Miss Mary Davis; organist, Mrs. Lulie Bacchus; cornetist, J. N. Dodd; chorister, W. A. Biscoe.

Supposed Cause of Hog Disease.—A dispatch from Ellicott City, Md., to the Baltimore *Sun* says: "The disease which prevailed during last fall among the hogs in different sections of Howard county, and which was supposed to be cholera, has been, it is believed, satisfactorily traced to the eating of phosphate used on the land by the farmers as a fertilizer. Investigation is being made by the farmers in localities where hogs have been affected." We heard this theory advanced long ago by persons in Kent who had tried to solve the difficulty, and many of our farmers believe the phosphate theory to be correct, while others argue differently. The disease still prevails in this county and many farmers are now losing the shoats they were trying to carry through the winter.

A Man With a History.—Rev. J. J. Kelley, the Indian lecturer and preacher, has been spending a week in Chestertown, and was announced to lecture at the Armory Hall last evening. He has visited some of the churches and schools and his talks have been listened to with great interest. His reference to his youth and changed life—his recollections of parents and friends among the Mohawks—all are told with touching pathos. He was the child of a chief of his tribe and at the age of eight years a wealthy gentleman of Western New York applied to his parents for him, promising him education and all the advantages of the white man's civilization. The request was granted. He remembered the last interview with his mother—the tears of her sorrowful farewell, as she pressed him for the last time to her bosom. He never saw her after that leave-taking. Three months after, in his new home, he received the fearful intelligence that his mother, father and sister had been killed by the white people! His new-found friends were true to all their promises—he had all the advantages of church and school; for years he constituted a class of *one* taught by a young lady in a Methodist Sunday-school, and he became a Methodist preacher, and went as a missionary to the tribes of his fathers. He has since been on the frontier, served many churches and delivered numerous lectures. He says he believes in the old time Peter Cartwright Methodism—the kind that is not afraid to say "amen" when you feel like it. He is about fifty years old.

A Mill Thief Foiled.—Mr. J. W. Beachamp, who has charge of Connelly's mill, had occasion to enter his mill — which is detached from his dwelling—one night last week, when a colored man hastily departed therefrom, leaving behind a bag of chop-stuff and a bag of flour which he had filled to carry off. Mr. B. took out after the thief, but was outrun. He thinks he knows his visitor and may yet secure his arrest.

The Baltimore *Sun* Almanac for 1887 has been received. It is published and distributed free of cost to all subscribers to the *Sun*, weekly and daily. It is a valuable book of reference, both to the business man and politician, and contains an amazing amount of statistical and other information in a small compass.

Bill for Divorce Filed.—Mrs. Florence J. Sparks, daughter of the late Rev. E. B. Newnam, has filed in the circuit court of Baltimore city, a bill for divorce *a vinculo matrimonii* from her husband, John N. Sparks. Both parties are well known here.

The Centreville *Record* publishes the interesting address delivered by Rev. T. O. Crouse before the Chesterfield Literary Society, on "Self-Culture."

A Terrible Accident.—Irving Wells, a colored man about forty years old, in the employ of Mr. W. Eliason, at the Strawboard Mill, met with a fearful accident last Wednesday afternoon by which he loses his right arm if not his life. He was feeding the straw cutter, and noticing a lump of ice and straw approaching the knives he reached for it with his right hand, when the revolving blades caught his arm, and in an instant it was off above the elbow and carried up the shaft, where it was afterwards found in the straw! Mr. Wm. T. Matthews, book-keeper and paymaster at the mill, fortunately had his sleigh at the door for a trip to town, and lost no time in securing medical aid; with remarkable presence of mind he wound a rawhide string tightly about the haggled stump, thereby stopping the flow of blood, and then telephoned to Dr. W. F. Hines for treatment. Placing the man in the sleigh he was soon at his home in town and his fearful wound dressed by Drs. Hines and Perkins. At this writing the man is doing as well as could be expected, but it is too soon to tell what the final outcome will be.

Our Agricultural Society.

A correspondent in another column reports the proceedings of the Kent County Agricultural Association at the meeting held last Monday. As is usually the case much difficulty was experienced in securing a president, most of the members eligible always declining to assume the responsibilities of that position. Jos. H. Hossinger, Esq., the gentleman elected to this office for the ensuing year, refused positively to accept it at first, but was persuaded to do so after knowing the wish of the association. He is one of our most intelligent citizens and a successful farmer, and will no doubt make a wise and active executive officer. Mr. W. J. Vannort, the vice-president, is also largely engaged in farming and is an active business man; he will do his share in pushing the interests of the association. He says he promised Mr. H. to do all the talking required of him if nothing else! The secretaries, Messrs. Stephens and Massey, are specially well adapted to the positions for which they were selected, as are also the other officers elected. The association was fortunate in securing such an admirable list of officers for the ensuing year, and if they are sustained by the members there will be no question of the continued success of the society.

Matrimonial.

Mr. Percy T. McFeely and Miss Minnie F. Usilton were married last Thursday at 1 P. M. in the M. P. Church, Chestertown. The church was full to overflowing and the ceremony was performed by Rev. W. R. Graham, the pastor. Mrs. Lulie Bacchus presided at the organ and Messrs. Wm. B. Usilton, Jr., Wm. Archibald, Jr., C. L. Dodd and W. W. Chapman were the ushers. The bride was dressed in heliotrope camels'-hair serge and hat to match, and wore neither flowers or ornaments except ear-rings and pin, the gift of the groom. The groom wore black dress suit. After the marriage the couple proceeded at once to the station and took the 1.35 train for Baltimore, where they will reside for the present. The couple were the recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents. In addition to the highly prized gifts from relatives and friends in Kent and Queen Anne's, the school companions of the bride in Frederick, Carroll and Talbot sent tokens of remembrance, and business associates of the groom in Baltimore substantially evidenced their esteem. Altogether the young couple step out upon the new life with everything to cheer and bless them. Mr. McFeely, the groom, is a son of Mr. W. J. McFeely, one of our town merchants, and the purser of the steamer Corsica, and the bride the eldest daughter of W. B. Usilton, of the NEWS.

A QUIET PRIVATE WEDDING

"The silken cord that binds
Two willing hearts in one."

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, 1887, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Sarah A. Anderson, at Worton Station, Miss Sadie W. Copper was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Mr. Charles R. Brown, in the presence of a few select friends. The ceremony was gracefully yet impressively performed by Rev. J. M. Lindale, pastor of Pomona circuit M. E. Church, of which both bride and groom are members. The bride was modestly and appropriately attired, no meretricious ornaments of jewels and dress to enhance her innate beauty. The fashionable folly of ushers and attendants was dispensed with, to give place to the quiet joy of "wedded bliss."

To a husband a virtuous woman is a crown:
So may it be to you, dear Brown;
To her of love a constant token
That "the silken cord" shall ne'er be broken.
AMICUS.

LOUD—SMYTH.

Mr. Robert H. Loud and Miss Hattie E. Smyth were married on Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. W. Mather, pastor of St. James. The groom is a son of Mr. John W. Loud, of Quaker Neck, and the bride a daughter of Mr. Richard C. Smyth, near Fairlee. After the ceremony a nice little collation was partaken of by the company present and the happy couple repaired to the residence of the groom, the late Thos. Baker farm in Quaker Neck. The young pair have our best wishes for a long and happy life.

Col. Sanford's Lecture.—The audience was not large at Stam's Hall last Tuesday evening, but the lecture on "Old Things and New," by Col. J. P. Sanford, of Iowa, was attentively listened to and highly appreciated. The speaker was introduced by C. F. Stam, Esq., who, in doing so, explained his purpose in part relative to the future of the hall. He said it was his desire to inaugurate a series of lectures for the winter months, by the ablest platform orators, which could not be otherwise than highly instructive, while now and then dramatic entertainments would be given for the amusement of the people. Col. Sanford spoke for an hour and three-quarters—picturing the old things of the Old World—the wonders and curiosities he had seen with his own eyes and touched with his own hands; then, coming back to modern times, he rehearsed the new inventions and the improved order of things in the present practical age, closing with an eloquent peroration to the great American nation in which we live, whose matchless worth he said cannot be appreciated by those who have never crossed the seas. The lecture was freely interspersed with wit and anecdote and his audience kept in a continual good humor, while the general interest in his instructive theme was not once abated during the delivery. Col. Sanford is a man of marked personal appearance — a full round figure, broad face, without beard, easy manner and very pleasant voice, and is withal one of the most popular lecturers of the day. The next lecture will be by Col. Copeland Feb. 28.

Some Big Birds.—Mr. Hiram Brown, Quaker Neck, killed last week a henhawk which measured four feet eight inches from tip to tip, and shortly previous a booby-owl four feet four inches! The latter was flying off with a steel trap banging to one foot, when Mr. B. brought him down with a well-directed shot. He says they were the largest birds of their kind he ever saw and wants to know if any of the readers of the NEWS can beat them?

Mr. John T. Carroll killed on Double Creek Point, on the 6th instant, a bald eagle which he says measured 7 feet 7½ inches from tip to tip and weighed 11 lbs. 7 ounces. This is over seven inches larger than Messrs. Newcomb's or Lane's birds, and heavier. Mr. C. is a famous gunner and if some one will beat *this* eagle, he will be sure to have one larger still!

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, Jan. 11.—Present, Judges Walker, Hyland and Stevens.

R. J. Turner, Jr., and E. M. Bonwill were appointed to appraise personal estate of J. B. Parrott, deceased.

Letters of administration c. t. a. on the personal estate of Lydia F. Doughten were granted to Frank Biggs, of Wilmington, Del.

Price W. Wilson, adm'r of Clayton W. Wilson, through his attorney, S. T. Wickes, was authorized to sell personal property of deceased.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Our Elesville correspondent furnishes an interesting account of the ball at that place Thursday night. It will be found on the third page.

The last snow and freeze was remarkable in that it gave fine sleighing and first-class roads for other vehicles at the same time; something that rarely occurs.

The Kent county telephone line put in four new phones this week: one at the strawboard mill, one at Mr. W. Eliason's residence, one at Mr. Jos. Turner's lumberyard and one at the express office.

Mr. Robert Wickes, of East Neck Island, had seven swan and fourteen pairs of ducks in town on Tuesday. He is one of the most successful sportsmen on the shore. The late freeze has driven the wild fowl to more open waters.

Messrs. James S. Harris, Thomas W. Skirven and Wm. Archibald, commissioners to lay down private road for Wilbur W. Hubbard over lands of Mr. Walter Morris, made their second report to the county commissioners on Tuesday, in which they fixed entire damages at a money value, which will lay over for consideration.

The protracted meeting at the M. E. Church, which was commenced last Sunday night, will be continued next week. Rev. John France, P. E., preached Sunday night and also last night, very impressively. The meetings have been well attended and spiritual, but up to Thursday evening no penitents had been at the altar.

Our thermometer was again down to 8° above zero last Saturday, as low as it has been this winter. At several points in the West it fell to 40° and 45° below zero! In these identical sections last summer fine crops of peaches were reported as being grown. If peaches are killed in Kent at 8° below, how is it possible for them to stand 30° or 40° in the West?

Upon the recommendation of Representative Gibson, the House committee on rivers and harbors has directed the survey of Fairlee creek, with a view to an appropriation for improving its navigation, which is greatly needed. He has also asked for an appropriation of $10,000 for Sassafras river, which has also been surveyed by direction of Congress.

The B. & D. B. R. R., on and after this week will run two trains each way on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The afternoon train will leave Chestertown at 1.35 P. M. and will reach Baltimore at 8.32. The morning trains will leave Chestertown at 6.15, and reach Baltimore at 11.10 A. M. The evening train will be due at Chessertown at 6.40.

Mrs. M. C. Pearce, mother of Jas. A. Pearce, Esq., and widow of the late Senator Pearce, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Josias Ringgold, in Chestertown, met with a painful accident on Friday morning of last week. In walking across the room her foot caught and she fell, dislocating her right shoulder. Drs. Perkins and Beck found some difficulty in resetting in consequence of the lady's advanced age, and for the same reason the injury is more serious.

Amicable Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Chestertown, installed the following officers on Monday evening, Jan. 10: Dr. J. A. Perkins, Noble Grand; Wm. S. McDonnell, Vice-Grand; E. C. Reiche, Secretary; J. W. Chapman, Treasurer; Dr. J. H. K. Jacobs, S. P. G.; Rev. S. C. Roberts, Chaplain; E. F. Perkins, Conductor; E. L. Maslin, R. S. to N. G.; J. H. Thompson, L. S. to N. G.; Wm. G. Fallowfield and Wm. B. Hadaway, R. and L. S. S.; C. M. Lucas, I. G.; J. W. Chapman, Representative to Grand Lodge.

The following is a list of the principal articles won at the late Catholic fair in Chestertown: Cutter, Albert I. Dugan, Chestertown; gold watch, Frank Shaokey, Wilmington; silver watch, M. N. Dillhofer, Chestertown; merschaum smoking set, Mr. Maguire, Chestertown; silver castors, Sarah Murray, Wilmington; lounge, Susie Casey, Chestertown; bride's cake, Samuel Hampton, Chestertown; clock, Wm. Green, Chestertown; blankets, Mrs. L. K. Stam, Chestertown; gold ring, Mrs. John Sweeney, Chestertown; album, Mrs. James T. Dixon, Chestertown; ton of coal, Mrs. Hier, Chestertown.

Mr. H. M. Stuart, who has so successfully prosecuted the work thus far on Stam's Hall building, is now engaged in finishing the interior of the drug store. A vestibule is cut off at the corner and handsome counters are being put in place. The stage scenery in the hall proper has all been set and gives perfect satisfaction, and the handsome stained-glass triplet window for the front will be received very soon. Mr. Goslee's storeroom is finished and he is able to make a fine display, as he has one of the handsomest storerooms on the peninsula.

At a meeting of Eureka Grange, No. 11, P. of H., held at Kennedyville Jan. 8, 1887, the following officers were elected: Worthy Master, J. R. Bennett; Overseer, John Barwick; Lecturer, L. C. Justis; Steward, H. A. Kennedy; Assistant Steward, John Archibald; Chaplain, H. F. Hill; Treasurer, Daniel Hill; Secretary, D. U. Dewees; Doorkeeper, George Bolton; Pomona, Carrie Bennett; Flora, M. L. Dewees; Ceres, Mrs. Tilghman Shafer, Lady Assist't Steward, Maggie Shallcross. Officers will be duly installed tonight, with the usual accompaniments, ice-cream, cake, lemonade, &c. The grange is in a healthy and flourishing condition.

A. Friedman has removed his clothing store from the Masonic Hall building to the house opposite Stam's drug store, recently occupied by J. Cantorwitz.

John D. Urie, Esq., gives notice that he is still engaged in the insurance business, and represents first-class companies.

Rev. J. France, P. E., will preach at Rock Hall tomorrow morning and at Salem in the afternoon.

The Smyrna *Times* reports Clayton still on the forward march. Five or six new houses are now in course of construction.

NOTICE.

Being advised that certain evil-disposed persons around Masseys are circulating slanderous reports concerning me, I hereby denounce said reports to be malicious and willful falsehoods.
WILLIAM H. SMITH,
j15-1t. Merrickton, Md.

Horse-Shoeing and Jobbing.

The undersigned has taken the SHOP in Chestertown formerly occupied by Mr. Joshua Davis and will do Horse-Shoeing in the BEST MANNER and at short notice. Also, JOBBING of all kinds. Custom solicited and satisfaction guaranteed.
j15-tf. A. J. HOPKINS.

NOTICE.—The Annual Meeting of the CHESTERTOWN WATER COMPANY for the election of FIVE DIRECTORS to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's office in Chestertown on TUESDAY, Jan. 18, 1887, at 11 o'clock A. M.
M. WILBER THOMAS,
Jan. 8, 1887—td. SECRETARY.

TO MY CUSTOMERS.

I must close my books for the past year, and those indebted are earnestly requested to call and settle immediately. My business cannot be conducted without ready money and my customers will greatly oblige me by prompt compliance with the above request.
Respectfully, WM. A. BRICE,
j8-3t. Butcher.

NOTICE.

The FEE BILLS of Dr. Samuel Beck, the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, have been placed in my hands for collection, and persons indebted are hereby notified that unless the same are SPEEDILY SETTLED I shall be forced to advertise. I have no other alternative.
JAS. P. HATCHERSON,
j8-3t. SHERIFF.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to me will please call and settle at once, as I positively will not allow my accounts to stand open.
j1-3t. W. A. MEYER.

CIGARS from 1c. to 15c. apiece at J. L. McFEELY'S.

THE finest assortment of PIPES in town, from 1c. to $3, is at J. L. McFEELY'S.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Jan. 12, 1887, by Rev. A. W. Mather, ROBERT H. LOUD to Miss HATTIE E. SMYTH, daughter of Richard C. Smyth, Esq., both of this county.

At the residence of the bride's mother at Worton Station, Jan. 12, 1887, by Rev. J. M. Lindale, CHARLES R. BROWN and Miss SADIE W. COPPER, both of this county.

In the M. P. Church, Chestertown, Thursday, Jan. 13, 1887, by Rev. W. R. Graham, PERCY T. McFEELY to MIRIAM F. USILTON, both of Chestertown.

At the M. P. Parsonage in Chestertown, on Wednesday evening last, by Rev. W. R. Graham, JAYWOOD RAMBO to Miss JOSEPHINE MIDDLETON, both of Kent.

In Kennedyville M. P. Church, Jan. 12, 1887, by Rev. A. W. Mather, WILLIAM T. HAGUE to Miss MARTHA SYLVESTER, all of this co.

In Millington, Jan. 5, 1887, by Rev. Thomas Numbers, JAMES BURROUGH to Miss SARAH JANE MOFFETT, both of this county.

On Dec. 15, 1886, by Rev. James A. Mitchell, of St. Paul's P. E. Church, Centreville, BEDINGFIELD H. SPENCER to ANNIE, daughter of James Tilghman.

At the Methodist Protestant Parsonage, near Edesville, on the evening of January 4, 1887, by Rev. R. L. Lewis, THOMAS F. HUDSON and Miss HENRIETTA D. COLLISON, both of this county.

DIED.

In Chestertown, Jan. 11, 1887, LILLIAN, youngest child of George H. and Jane Cannan, aged 3 years.

Near Crumpton, December 5, 1886, ANNA BUCHANAN, wife of Robert Buchanan, aged 39 years.

Long she struggled against disease,
Which baffled skill and care,
And long she lingered racked with pain
And suffering hard to bear.
And yet through all at times she smiled
A smile of Heavenly birth,
And when the angels called her home
She smiled farewell to earth.—HUSBAND.

REV. J. FRANCE, P. E., will preach at Rock Hall Sabbath Morning, January 16, and at Salem at 3 P. M. 1t.

HAMBURG EDGINGS.
A Large Stock for sale
j15. by T. W. ELIASON, JR.

TO THE PUBLIC!

It having been rumored that I had retired from the Insurance Business I take this method of informing my friends that this is not true. I have no intention of retiring from the Insurance business, but on the other hand am prepared to furnish safe insurance at a less cost than any insurance representative in the county.
j15-tf. JOHN D. URIE.

DINNERS AT THE FAIR GROUNDS!

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church of Worton will hold DINNERS at the Hall, on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 18th, 19th and 20th of January. Poultry of all kinds, Oysters fried and stewed, Ice-Cream, Mince and other Pies. Dinner hour 3 o'clock P. M., continuing through the evening. Dinner and Supper Tickets 50 cents. Persons wishing Oysters only will be served at usual rates, 25 cts.
1t. By order of COMMITTEE.

STOCK FOR SALE!

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