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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING............FEB. 19, 1887

General News Notes.

Another baby camel was born in Druid Hill Park last Saturday.

Edwin C. Fields of Caroline county was last week appointed Indian Agent at Fort Belknap, Dakota.

Secretary Manning has placed his resignation in the hands of the President, to take effect upon the qualification of his successor.

British Minister West thinks the fisheries dispute will lead to no serious trouble between the United States and Great Britain.

Cardinal Gibbons has reached Rome and had a private audience with the Pope on Wednesday, the interview continuing nearly an hour.

It is stated that some five thousand citizens of Maryland are interested in the French spoliation claims to the extent of about $3,000,000.

The President has nominated Capt. A. W. Greely, of Arctic fame, to be chief signal officer, with the rank of brigadier-general of the army.

It is stated that the remains of General Logan will be taken to Chicago the latter part of May, and that the final ceremony of interment will be held on Decoration Day.

The election in Philadelphia on Tuesday resulted in the success of the republican ticket—Fitler for mayor, Clay for receiver of taxes and Warwick for city solicitor.

Smith M. Weed expresses the belief that President Cleveland will not seek a re-election, and that in this event Gov. Hill will be the choice of New York democrats for President.

Jacob Tome of Port Deposit is 73 years of age, worth $10,000,000, is president of four banks and as good a worker as he was forty years ago. He has a handsome wife only 28 years old.

Congress seems to be waking up at last to the importance of constructing a navy worthy the name. Bills have just been introduced appropriating about $25,000,000 for that purpose.

Westminster had a $60,000 fire on the 10th instant. The building of George W. Albaugh, near the depot, was burned. It was one of the largest structures of the kind in the State outside of Baltimore city.

Both houses of the New Jersey Legislature voted in joint convention on Wednesday for the first time for United States Senator. Each of the two leading candidates, Sewell and Abbett, had thirty-five votes, or just six votes short of the number necessary to an election.

Bishop Curtis, of the diocese of Wilmington, Del., has issued instructions forbidding balls given with the intention of raising money for religious purposes, or the holding of picnics, fairs, excursions or entertainments of any kind without the approval and consent of the Bishop.

Lewin Cohee, about thirty years old, was found Wednesday morning hanging by the reins from a tree in the woods about two miles east of Greensborough, Md. It is supposed he committee suicide while in a despondent mood. He was unmarried, and owned a small farm in the neighborhood, on which he lived alone.

The Baltimore bullion brokers have advanced the quotation for trade dollars to 100 cents. Some inquiry as to the amount of these dollars held in that city shows results that may be estimated at from $125,000 to $200,000. This includes the banks, the merchants and individuals who found themselves with trade dollars on hand when the embargo was put upon them in trade several years ago.

The leading members of the Masonic fraternity of Maryland are systematizing plans for the celebration of Maryland Masonry in Baltimore next May. About 8,000 Masons are expected to be in attendance, coming from all parts of the world. Baltimore is making great preparation to entertain them, and the sum of $10,000 is proposed to be raised by subscription to defray expenses of the celebration.

The United States mint at Philadelphia has secured a counterfeit two-dollar-and-a-half gold piece of 1852, for which it has been in quest for years. At the Philadelphia Bank it was pronounced genuine, and the acid test at the subtreasury subsequently failed to show anything wrong. The assayer at the mint says it contains only twenty-seven cents' worth of gold, but is the most perfect and dangerous counterfeit ever made.

There is serious apprehension that there will be appalling loss of human life in Montana. Snow began falling in the middle of November, and there is now more on the ground than at any time during the past 10 years. Coal is selling at $60 a ton at Fort Benton. The snow is drifted to enormous depths, and more people have been frozen to death this winter than for a quarter of a century. The cold has been intense, varying from 40 degrees below zero at Livingston and Helena, to 60 degrees below zero at Fort Shaw and Fort Assinaboine. The loss of cattle has been enormous, in some places amounting to the practical annihilation of whole herds.

A company has been formed at Havre de Grace for the purpose of purchasing lands and erecting buildings on the same with a view to inducing manufacturers to locate there. The company has already signed contracts with Messrs. Reynolds Bros., of Port Deposit, who are heavy can manufacturers, and will immediately begin the erection of large shops and warehouses for that firm's use, taking a long lease for the same. Reynolds Bros. employ about 40 men, and the floods at Port Deposit interfering greatly with their business, they determined to move to a suitable location. It is understood that other firms are to locate there as soon as suitable arrangements can be made.

CONFERENCE PAPER.—There will be issued from the *Star* office during the M. P. Conference, which meets in Easton in April, a daily issue of conference proceedings, containing a full account of the doings of that body. Twenty-five cents will be charged for the daily issue, postpaid. Communications should be addressed the *Conference Record*, Lock Box 346, Easton, Md.

RISING FROM ITS RUINS.—Five months have lapsed since Charleston was visited by one of the greatest calamities that has ever afflicted an American city. The story of the terrible disaster has been told over and over again. So, too, has been told the story of the loving, practical sympathy of the American people—a sympathy which found expression in a golden flood of charity. It was not until Charleston held up her hands and stayed the flood that it ceased to flow in upon us. At that time over $800,000 had been contributed, of which $630,000 in round numbers was set apart for the rebuilding of the homes of those who would otherwise have been homeless, and nearly $200,000 for the rebuilding of the churches. The relief committee generously set apart $100,000 of the relief fund to aid the city in rebuilding its hospitals, almshouses and other institutions devoted to the care of the sick and indigent poor of the city. At the end of five months much has been done to restore the city to its former condition. The damages by the earthquake were roughly estimated at $5,000,000. The aid so lavishly and generously poured into Charleston has enabled those who could not do so with their limited means to rebuild their houses, while others who were able have also not been idle. Since the night of the 31st of August, 1886, the city has risen from its ruins. Remunerative work has been furnished to over 5,000 home mechanics, while over 1,500 mechanics from abroad have come here, many of whom will make Charleston their home.—*Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier.*

A SMOKING STATEMENT.—The folly of the French Canadians of Montreal in resisting vaccination a year ago when the small-pox broke out in that city has been strikingly demonstrated by the report of Dr. Louis Laberge, the health officer. The proportion of deaths that year among Catholics other than French was 29.60 per 1,000, among Protestants 20.05 per 1,000, among the French Canadians 64.72 per 1,000; the great excess of mortality, says Dr. Laberge, being mainly due to the neglect of vaccination or opposition to it among the latter class of people. A still more striking illustration is given by the Abbe Decarie. In the municipality of Henri, near Montreal, the number of small-pox cases was 233. Of this number there were 115 who died, while of the remaining 118 who had been vaccinated not one died.

OBITUARY.—Mrs. Mary E. Wroth, wife of Dr. Thomas G. Wroth, died at her residence in Baltimore on Sunday, in her 67th year. Mrs. Wroth had been in feeble health for some time, but was considered convalescent, and her death was sudden and unexpected. She was the second daughter of the late Dr. Peregrine Wroth, of Chestertown, and sister of Dr. W. G. Wroth, also of Baltimore. Mrs. Wroth was the mother of two Protestant Episcopal clergymen, one the Rev. Peregrine Worth, rector of the Church of the Messiah, Gay and Fayette streets, Baltimore, and the other the Rev. E. W. Wroth, of Darlington, Maryland.

Col. James Wallace, of Cambridge, died in Baltimore last Saturday. He was in the city for treatment for cancer, which proved incurable. Col. Wallace was one of the most enterprising of the business men of Cambridge, and his death will be a great loss to that town. His funeral took place on Monday and was largely attended.

Capt. George H. Bacon, of Turner's creek, died on the 9th instant while on a visit to Bordentown, N. J., of acute pneumonia. He was sick only a few days. Further reference to his demise will be found in our Kennedyville letter.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Some persons seem not yet to have learned that it is an invariable rule with publishers to have the names of their correspondents. The following paragraph has been published weekly in the NEWS for years: "As an evidence of good faith all communications addressed to the NEWS must be accompanied by the writer's full name and address." Yet, notwithstanding this, anonymous communications are occasionally received. The above will sufficiently account for their non-appearance.

A TRIP to Boston this summer by the Peninsula editors would be a good thing. Let it be arranged.

The Taxation Question.

By a resolution of the Farmers' Association of this State, passed at its meeting in Baltimore in January, the president was authorized to appoint a committee on taxation. Gov. Hamilton, the president, has just selected the following gentlemen as the committee: E. Stake, of Washington county; Dr. W. W. Waring, of Prince George's county; Thos. F. Shepherd, of Carroll county; Dr. R. C. Mackall, of Cecil county; Henry C. Hallowell, of Montgomery county; Dr. I. T. Adkins, of Talbot county, and Samuel Brooks, of Anne Arundel county.

The object expected to be accomplished by the committees is the preparation of a law to be submitted and pressed upon the attention of the next Legislature for a radical change in the assessment and taxation of property in the State, a system that will relieve the agricultural interests of the State from the present unjust and unequal taxation imposed upon them. A member of the committee states that a law is now in course of preparation which provides not only for the taxation of mortgages, but of all kinds of property, and a plan by which the only improvements on agricultural lands that are to be taxed will be the improvements that add to the agricultural value of land. The law also proposes a system of annual listing, by which every person in the State shall annually list or report himself and property for taxation.

Veto of the Dependent Pension Bill.

The President returned to Congress without his approval the dependent pension bill. This bill proposed to pension soldiers and sailors who served in the civil war upon the ground of service and present disability alone, and in the entire absence of any injuries received by the casualties or incidents of such service. The President calls attention to the fact that it was not until 1818, thirty-five years after the close of the revolutionary war, that pensions were granted to the soldiers engaged in that struggle, conditional upon service until the end of the war, or for a term not less than nine months, and requiring every beneficiary under the act to be one "who is, or hereafter, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, shall be in need of assistance from his country for support."

Another law of a like character was passed in 1828, requiring service until the close of the revolutionary war, and still another, passed in 1832, provide for those persons not included in the previous statute, but who served two years at some time during the war, and giving a proportionate sum to those who had served not less than six months.

A service pension law was passed for the benefit of the soldiers of 1812 in the year 1871—fifty-six years after the close of that war—which required only sixty days' service, and another was passed in 1878—sixty-three years after the war—requiring only fourteen days' service.

The service pension bill passed at this session of Congress, thirty-nine years after the close of the Mexican war, for the benefit of the soldiers of that war, requires either some degree of disability or dependency, or that the claimant under its provisions should be sixty-two years of age, and in either case that he should have served sixty days or been actually engaged in a battle.

It will be seen that the bill of 1818 and the Mexican pension bill, being thus passed nearer the close of the wars in which their beneficiaries were engaged than the others—one thirty-five years and the other thirty-nine years after the termination of such wars—embraced persons who were quite advanced in age, assumed to be comparatively few in number, and whose circumstances, dependence and disabilities were clearly defined and could be quite easily fixed. The other laws referred to appear to have been passed at a time so remote from the military service of the persons which they embraced that their extreme age alone was deemed to supply a presumption of dependency and need. The bill would have taken from the treasury about $78,000,000 annually, in addition to that already paid out for pensions.

EUROPE'S FIGHTING STRENGTH.—In view of the notes of preparation for war which have been resounding for some weeks on the other side of the Atlantic, the fighting strength of the different nations of Europe becomes a matter of interest. According to tables recently prepared by German statisticians, it appears that of trained soldiers Germany could put into the field 1,425,027 men, France 1,392,500, Russia 2,788,668, Austria 1,043,630, Italy 2,330,980, Turkey 1,093,229, Great Britain 339,517, Belgium 185,564, Servia 134,415, Bulgaria 115,220, Greece 180,000 and Roumania 204,000. The estimate of Great Britain's force does not include the yeomanry and volunteers, 268,443 men, nor the troops in India, about 209,000. Adding these, she would have a total of 816,960. Altogether, nearly 12,500,000 trained soldiers could be called into service if all the countries of Europe were at war, while nearly 3,200,000 are held in permanent readiness for military service, at heavy cost, of course, to the people unfortunate enough to be burdened with these large standing armies.

TRAINING WHALES FOR NAVAL SERVICE.—The increased interest taken in the building up of the navy has brought forward the usual number of crank inventors. The ordnance bureau received a letter a few days ago from a man residing in New York, who has a scheme for destroying the navies of the world. His theory is that a fleet of trained whales would be the most formidable means of attack. In his letter he describes how a whale with a torpedo between its teeth could swim under a vessel, fix the torpedo to its bottom, and reach a safe distance from the doomed ship before the explosion. The object of the letter was to inform the government that the writer had a trained whale which would be capable of organizing such a fleet and for which he only desired $20,000,000.—*Wash. Corr. Baltimore Sun.*

ABOUT ADVERTISING.—The New York *World* says that many a dealer who places a $10 advertisement in his village paper begrudges his investment, when it is worth double to him what he pays for it. Advertising rates in city newspapers would astonish such business men. One column in the Chicago *Tribune* costs the advertiser $26,000 per annum. The New York *Herald* receives for the lowest columns $39,563 and for its highest $63,890. The New York *Tribune* for the lowest $26,754, and these papers never lack advertisements to fill their columns.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Feb. 15—Present, Judges Walker and Hyland.

Letters of adm. on the personal estate of Wm. F. Baker were granted unto H. H. Barroll, and H. S. Francis and Morgan Brown were appointed to appraise estate of said dec'd.

J. D. Urie, adm. of E. McQuay, passed his first administration account.

J. F. M. Woodall and Thos. Hewitt were appointed to appraise the rental value of real estate of Francis E. Scotten, Mary E. Scotten and Lewis A. Scotten.

[COMMUNICATED.]

Answers to problems in last week's NEWS.—If a cat and a-half catch a rat and a-half in a minute and a-half, how many cats will it require to catch a hundred rats in fifty minutes?—Answer, two cats.

If five clubs play each other a game of base-ball, how many games will be played?—Answer, twenty games. IONA.

Funeral of Charles H. Baker.

The funeral of Mr. Charles H. Baker took place at two o'clock last Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Episcopal Church. The whole community was in sympathy with the solemn ceremonies, and as many as could crowd within the walls of the church did so to manifest their respect for the lamented deceased. Judge Wickes and all the members of the Kent bar were present. The casket containing the remains rested upon cloth and satin covered pedestals in front of the altar; the casket itself was of walnut with combination cloth and velvet covering, and a handsome raised plate bore the inscription: "AT REST. CHARLES H. BAKER, DIED FEB. 10, 1887, AGED 56 YEARS." Upon the lid were two beautiful crosses of natural flowers, brought from Baltimore by Mr. Wm. H. Young, Mrs. Baker's brother. The corpse was taken from the family residence to the church at one o'clock in order to give all an opportunity to view the remains, and a great many availed themselves of the privilege. The features were wonderfully natural and life-like and the familiar face appeared as if in peaceful slumber.

The ceremonies were opened by the choir singing softly the beautiful hymn of Mackay, beginning—

"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep,
From which none ever wakes to weep"—

which was followed by appropriate scripture readings by the pastor and an impressive prayer by Dr. J. A. Perkins. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. D. Kemp, then delivered a brief but impressive discourse upon the deceased's life and character, after which the remains were borne to the hearse and taken to Bond Chapel Cemetery for interment. The pall-bearers were Dr. Jas. A. Perkins, Major E. F. Perkins, Wm. M. Slay, H. Mifflin Thomas, Dr. Samuel Beck, Thos. W. Eliason, Jr., C. F. Stam and J. H. Plummer.

The New Meth. Prot. Church.

The committee having in charge the subscription books for the new M. P. Church in Chestertown have been soliciting from persons outside of the membership of that church the past week and have met with encouraging success. The whole community manifests a generous spirit, and with rare exceptions every one called upon so far has cheerfully given his name for substantial help. One business firm contributes the generous sum of $200, quite a number of others $50 each, and a farmer near town $100, making in the aggregate quite a handsome sum outside the denomination named. The church itself is beginning to appreciate the magnitude of the undertaking, and nearly every member has subscribed liberally, so that the prospect is very favorable for a handsome church improvement in Chestertown. The building committee will meet next week to hear reports of subscription committees and if these reports justify it an architect will be employed at once to draw plans for the new structure.

Personal Notes.

Jas. A. Pearce, Esq., returned home last Saturday from a pleasant trip of nearly two weeks, extending as far south as Birmingham, Alabama. He also visited Atlanta and other southern cities.

Mr. Edward B. Jones, of Chestertown, who has been under treatment in Baltimore several weeks for a rheumatic affection, returned home on Thursday. He is much improved, but not fully recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Archibald, of Kennedyville, have returned home from a very pleasant trip to Washington, where they visited the principal places of interest. They took in the White House and were delighted with Mrs. Cleveland.

Mr. Robert G. Nicholson, together with his wife and mother, left on Thursday for a trip to New York and Brooklyn to visit his brother, Dr. Albert O. Nicholson. They will be gone about two weeks.

Mr. Thomas Martin, of Baltimore, representing a phosphate firm, fell into the sewer at the corner of Cross and Cannon streets last Saturday night and broke his glasses, bruised his face and received other injuries. He is thinking of bringing suit against the town authorities for damages.

W. Hopper Gibson, Esq., of Centreville, was in town on Monday and Tuesday and wrote several policies in the New York Life.

Mr. W. W. Chapman, book-keeper in the Chestertown National Bank, is off on a ten days' vacation and will spend most of the time in Wilmington and Washington.

Joseph Comegys Peacock, the new clerk in Mr. C. F. Stam's drug store, is a son of Mr. Comegys B. Peacock, of Millington. He has had several years' experience in the drug business.

Mr. Wm. Hartzog, of Baltimore, a brother-in-law of H. W. Vickers, Esq., is reported dangerously ill. On the morning after the great fire in Camden street last November Mr. Hartzog, on his way down this street to his place of business caught his foot in some of the scattered debris and got a severe fall. His injuries, though supposed to be slight at the time, proved of a serious character and may cost him his life.

The wife of Capt. John Hepbron, of Baltimore, has been very ill with pleurisy for the last six weeks, but is now improving.

The friends of Mr. J. Frank Turner among the merchants of Baltimore, propose to give him a complimentary dinner to testify their appreciation of his successful management of the financial affairs of the State since he has been comptroller. It is understood that the affair will be entirely non-partisan. Mr. Enoch Pratt is expected to preside, and Mayor Hodges will make an address. The dinner will take place on Monday evening, the 21st inst.

Rev. N. M. Browne and wife were given a surprise party by about 100 members of Scott M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del., Tuesday night of last week, the date being the 21st anniversary of their marriage. The pastor was presented with a handsome gold-headed cane, while his wife received a black silk dress.

Rev. J. D. Rigg, of Sudlersville, Md., who had just recovered from a serious spell of sickness, fell from the loft of his stable on Thursday last, breaking a rib and dislocating his shoulder. When found he was lying at the heels of his horse in an unconscious state, and did not recover consciousness for several hours. Such was the news received by his friends here.—*Smyrna Times.*

A PROBABLE PURCHASE.—The Methodist Protestant Church property, adjoining the public school buildings, has been offered by the trustees of the church to the county school board for school purposes. The price named was $2,500 and the board will be very fortunate in securing it at that price, as additional school accommodations are badly needed and the property is worth much more. The members of the board personally inspected the property last Tuesday and agreed to make the purchase and it is supposed the formalities will be complied with in a few days.

A HOAX.—The death notice of Reginald Heber Murphy, son of Rev. R. H. Murphy, formerly of Shrewsbury, in this county, which was published in the NEWS of Feb. 5, proved to be a hoax. The notice was sent us from Annandale, N. Y., where the young man is at school, and we have transmitted the original letter and notice to the proper parties for investigation. What could have prompted any one to perpetrate such a cruel hoax it is hard to imagine.

WESTMINSTER, MD.—We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Vanderford Bros., of the *Advocate*, a copy of their book entitled "Westminster, Md." It is a clever little volume, well printed and interesting, containing a description of the city of Westminster, with twenty-three illustrations of churches, residences, business houses, &c. Copies may be had by addressing the publishers—12 cents by mail.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.—The Still Pond Sunday-school will hold its missionary anniversary to-morrow, (Sunday evening, February 20) commencing at 7 o'clock. It will no doubt be an interesting affair as all the previous anniversaries of this school have been.

BRIEF LOCALS.

The five coal barges which were beached at Tolchester have been floated.

We learn that the Tolchester steamer will resume her trips on the 5th of March.

Our Chesterville letter this week contains numerous items of much local interest.

The Orphans' Court will meet on Thursday next, Tuesday, the 22d, being a legal holiday.

Next Tuesday, the 22d, is a legal holiday and the public offices and places of business will be closed as usual.

"Snobs and Snobbery" will be the subject of Col. Copeland's lecture at Stam's Hall Monday evening, February 28.

Chesapeake Lodge, K. of P., will have an entertainment and supper at their hall at Rock Hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 22.

Mr. Gibson presented to the House on Monday a petition from Rev. J. M. Lindale and other citizens of Pomona, favoring the educational bill.

Attention is called to the card of Messrs. Judefind Bros., licensed real estate agents, Edesville. They advertise at a bargain some fine farms in Southern Maryland.

A three-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lewis, living on the Travilla farm, in Morgan's Creek Neck, was accidentally smothered to death in bed one morning last week.

Mr. D. H. Kent, of Wilmington, Del., proprietor of the Kent International Lumber Works at Golt's, in the upper part of this county, has removed his residence to that place.

The county commissioners on Tuesday passed an order authorizing Dr. Wm. B. Turner to erect telephone poles along the public road from Green Point to Melitota in the third district.

The Electric Light movement in Chestertown is not dead yet. A representative of the Edison company will be in town next week, and the outlook is good for the successful introduction of the light here.

Bishop Curtis, of Wilmington, Del., spent last Sunday in Chestertown. He administered confirmation at the Church of the Sacred Heart in the morning and preached at the same church in the evening. The Bishop will also officiate at Rock Hall to-morrow morning and Chestertown at night.

The Rev. N. McQuay writes: During the great revival services just closed at Rock Hall about sixty-five professed conversion, ranging in age from 10 to 70 years, and the church was wonderfully quickened.

The steamer Ford is expected to be ready to take her place on the line in a few days. The painting is being rapidly pushed forward and she will come out in a handsome new dress. In the meantime the Corsica is making her trips.

Marion deK. Smith, Esq., as attorney for the Chester Loan Association, sold last Tuesday the new dwelling and shops of the late James Kendall at Fairlee to Mr. Wm. E. Keyser, for $1672, subject to a mortgage of $300 with two years accrued interest.

Attention is called to the advertisement of Messrs. Samuel Burns & Co., 310 Light street, Baltimore, dealers in seasoned lumber, shingles, and all kinds of building material, such as frames, sash, doors, blinds, &c. This is an old and reliable house and very pleasant gentlemen to deal with.

The young people in the vicinity of Lankford had an interesting fox chase last Saturday. After a run of 2½ hours the fox was killed at Beck's wharf in Broad Neck. The brush was awarded to Master George Brice. An excellent dinner was given the hunters by Mr. T. E. W. Crew at the residence of his father, Mr. J. W. Crew.

"Noses—What I Know About Noses," will be the subject of Mr. A. W. Hawks' lecture at Edesville Hall on the evening of Feb. 22. If you want to enjoy a good, hearty laugh be there. We know Hawks. He is as full of humor as any one man of his size can well be, and it will be worth much more than the admission fee to hear him.

A religious revival is in progress at the M. P. Church, Chestertown. The meetings have been very interesting this week and resulted in a number of conversions. It will be continued the coming week. Rev. W. R. Graham, the pastor, has been suffering with a severe cold for some days past, but still has been doing effective work and hopes to be in better condition next week.

M. T. Goslee, the shoe man, has been the recipient of a handsome mirror-blind for his shoe-store, from admiring friends. Its cost was somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty dollars. Mr. Goslee's esthetic taste no doubt was partially the prompting cause of this gift. He can appreciate it. Blooming flowers may be seen in the midst of the shoes displayed in the large show windows, and on the walls of his store-room numerous oil paintings are hung. Two of the latter we notice are by the Pomona artist, Mr. J. H. Redue.

The "second annual hop" by the young men of Still Pond, Galena, Kennedyville and Locust Grove neighborhoods took place in Still Pond hall on Thursday night last. The following were the committees for the occasion: On invitation—John Comegys, John Stokes, Woodland Hurtt, John Sutton, Jr., John Janvier, Dr. J. W. Urie. Reception—C. H. Price, J. D. Urie, John F. Beeks, D. J. Nowland, G. S. Comegys, H. C. Derringer. Floor Managers—Julian Hurtt, J. H. Ireland, E. T. Comegys, Chas. D. Casey. An excellent string band from Middletown furnished music. The grand march commenced at 8½ and was led off by Mr. E. T. Comegys and wife. The dancing was kept up from that time until 5 o'clock next morning. A bountiful supper, provided by the ladies, was served on the hall stage at 10 o'clock. Over two hundred persons were present representing all sections of Kent, and other places. Chestertown contributed about forty to the number, and all express themselves as having had a good time.

HOW ABOUT THAT WEATHER VANE?—The flag staff has gone up on top of Stam's Hall, and with the iron casting gives a pretty finish to the tower, but there is one important expectation missing—the weather vane. We all expected to see a nice weather vane crowning that height for the benefit of all, and the down town weather prophets in particular. Our public spirited friend, N. G. W., we thought had that matter in charge. He has been away this week, and that may account for the pole's barrenness. Now he's returned home, we shall expect him to look after it. Let's have the weather vane.

Was It An Earthquake?

MESSRS. EDITORS:—At 10.20 A. M. Wednesday, February 16, while seated at a table writing, I was disturbed by a very distinct tremor of the table and my person, which I at first attributed to the romping of my little daughter. I soon however ascertained that it was not occasioned by anyone in or about the house. A double globe lamp on the table rattled distinctly. My wife was called from another part of the house to witness the phenomenon. The tremor lasted fully a minute or more and we had ample opportunity to assure ourselves that the cause was external of the house and its occupants. A peculiarity of the tremor was its regularity. We tried in vain to produce an imitation.

Edesville, Md. R. L. LEWIS.

Sales to Take Place.

PERSONALTY.—Wednesday, Feb. 23—property of the late Hiram M. Hubbard, at "Gresham Hall," near Tolchester.

Thursday, Feb. 24—personal property of Mrs. Mary C. Loud and sister, near Goose Hill.

Saturday, March 5—store goods, &c., of Mary E. Wilson, at Smithville.

REAL ESTATE.

Wednesday, Feb. 23—a fine farm, called "Lower Bloomfield," situated on Lloyd's creek, by C. T. Westcott, Esq., trustee.

Monday, Feb. 21—one-fourth interest in Connelly's Mill and other property, situated in fifth district; also, dwelling and storehouse property situated in Chestertown, by M. deK. Smith, Esq., attorney.

SALESMEN WANTED:

To canvass for the sale of NURSERY STOCK on Salary and Expenses or Commission. Apply at once, stating age. [Refer to this paper.]
J. B. NELLIS & CO.,
fe22-1m. ROCHESTER, N. Y.

FOR SALE.

A SIX-OAR BOAT, 200 fathoms SEINE (14 feet deep), and three coils of Hauling Rope, all nearly new and in complete order. Will be sold at a bargain, having no further use for the same.
ROBERT WICKES,
j22-5t.* ROCK HALL.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

PASSED BY THE KENT COUNTY BAR TO THE MEMORY OF C. H. BAKER, ESQ.

At a meeting of the bar of Kent county, held on the evening of Feb. 12th, Richard Hynson, Esq., was called to the chair and Marion deK. Smith was appointed secretary. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted, with directions that the same be presented to the Circuit Court for Kent county at its next sitting:

Resolved, That in the death of our late brother, CHARLES H. BAKER, we have lost a most amiable, generous and agreeable associate in the practice of our profession, and his clients a zealous, diligent and faithful attorney.

Resolved, That his upright intentions and disinterested benevolence should ever be gratefully remembered by its many beneficiaries.

Resolved, That in respect to the memory of our deceased brother, we attend the funeral service in a body.

Resolved, That these resolutions be presented by the secretary to the Circuit Court for Kent county at its next sitting, with the request that they be entered upon the minutes as a permanent record of the regard and esteem in which the deceased was held by the bench and bar, and that they be published in the *News* and *Transcript*, and that a copy be sent to the family of deceased with the assurance of our sincere condolence.

RICHARD HYNSON, CHAIRMAN.
MARION DEK. SMITH, Secretary.

THE Commission Business heretofore conducted under the name of Crew & Jerome, at No. 20 Camden Street, (old No. 3,) Baltimore city, will hereafter be carried on at the same place, in the firm name of J. W. Jerome & Co. Settlement of the business of the old firm of Crew & Jerome made by James W. Jerome & Co.

Thanking our friends and patrons for past favors we hope, by strict personal attention to business, to merit a continuance of the same.
Respectfully,
JAMES W. JEROME & CO.
Baltimore, Jan. 25, '87—4t.

MARRIED.

In Alextown, January 19, 1887, by Rev. N. McQuay, FRANKLIN A. SHRECK to Miss SARAH E. JONES.

At Bayou DeLarge, La., February 9th, 1887, by Rev. Father J. A. Poyet, HARRY F. PRICE and Miss EMMA C. THERIOTT, second daughter of Hon. P. E. Theriott.

In Baltimore, Oct. 14, 1886, by Rev. George Elliott, GEORGE LEMUEL KIRBY, of Chestertown, and Miss KATE MARY BIDDISON, of Baltimore.

In Baltimore, Feb. 10, by Rev. Father Duggan, at St. Pius' Church, PETER G. GIBNEY and Miss MAY EVANS, both of Baltimore.

DIED.

At Bordentown, N. J., on the 9th inst., after a short illness of acute pneumonia, CAPT. GEO. H. BACON, of this county, aged about 49 yrs.

At her residence, No. 15 Pleasant st., Baltimore, on the 13th inst., Mrs. MARY E. WROTH, wife of Dr. Thos. G. Wroth, in the 67th year of her age.

In Philadelphia, on the 13th inst., SAMUEL B., aged 3 years and 5 months, son of Charles Armstrong, formerly of Chestertown. Interred in Chester cemetery on Tuesday.

Departed this life Sunday, Jan. 30, 1887, near Stanley, MARY E. P. CREW, daughter of Mary F. and E. D. Crew, aged 22 months.

"Dearest Pearlie thou hast left us;
We thy loss most deeply feel;
But 'tis God that hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal."—MOTHER.

THE MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY of STILL POND SUNDAY SCHOOL will be held SUNDAY EVENING, Feb. 20, commencing at 7 o'clock. 1t.

BISHOP CURTIS will preach and administer confirmation at Rock Hall, Sunday (to-morrow) morning at 10½ o'clock, and in Chestertown at Church of Sacred Heart in the evening at 7½ o'clock. 1t.

CLOVER SEED.

We have 50 bushels Extra Prime CLOVER SEED, which we are delivering to Chestertown for $5.25. Prime seed $5, cash.
fe19-2t* JOSEPH W. THOMPSON.

ORCHARD GRASS SEED

For sale by
J. H. BAKER,
fe19-4t* POMONA.

ORPHANS' COURT NOTICE.

Next Tuesday being the 22d of February—a legal holiday—the Orphans' Court for Kent county will meet on Thursday, February 24.
T. ROMIE STRONG,
1t. Register of Wills.

OLD LINE CALICOES.

FIFTY PER CENT HEAVIER.

than the Regular goods. Something worth making up. On hand and for sale at the same prices as the light weight goods by T. W. ELIASON, JR.
Feb. 19, 1887.

NOTICE.

All WATER RENTS are payable in advance. Those who have not paid are hereby notified to call at the company's office and pay the same at once. M. WILBER THOMAS,
Feb. 5, 1887—3t. Secretary.

For Sale and Rent.

FOR SALE.

A HANDSOME RESIDENCE in Galena, Kent county, Md. For particulars address DR. J. L. DULANEY,
926 I Street N. W., Washington, D. C.
or G. W. JACOBY,
fe5-3m. Galena, Kent county, Md.

STILL FOR RENT.

The property occupied by Mr. S. H. Crawford, in Fairlee, last year. Elegant Dwelling, Out-Buildings and Garden with 50 Pear Trees. A good chance for a practical House-Painter, Mason or Carpenter.
Apply to A. M. KENDALL,
j8-3m. Contractor and Builder.

FOR RENT for 1887:

The COMFORTABLE DWELLING adjoining the residence of Mr. W. B. Usilton on High Street. Apply to H. W. VICKERS,
j1-tf. ATTORNEY.

R. A. BRICE. J. E. HENDRICKSON.

J. E. HENDRICKSON & CO.,
Produce Commission
IN ALL KINDS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE AND LIVE STOCK.
328 North FRONT Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Consignments solicited. Returns promptly sent on sale of goods. Orders promptly filled and inquiries cheerfully answered. fe12-y.

G. B. KRUSEN,
STILL POND, MD.

Clocks, Watches and Sewing Machines Cleaned and Repaired. feb5-3m.

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Sult, druggist, Bippus, Ind., testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Bellville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or Blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at the drugstore. 2

JOHN WANAMAKER,
PHILADELPHIA.

We desire to locate in this city an agency for our Clothing Order Department. A first-class, competent party can arrange for a large and profitable trade. A pleasant and convenient adjunct to any other established business. No risk to agent. Address
JOHN WANAMAKER,
Philadelphia.

FOR SALE.—A MAGIC LANTERN OUTFIT, with a fine assortment of views, suitable for home or school entertainments, will magnify a picture up to seven or eight feet on the screen, containing Scripture, History, Intemperance, Miscellaneous, Comics and Comic Slips, making in all 120 illustrations, all new and in good order. Address or apply to
J. B. McINTIRE,
nearly opposite M. E. Church, Chestertown, Md
fe12-3t.

FOR SALE:

TWO HORSES,
100 BUSHELS ORCHARD GRASS SEED,
100 BUSHELS GERMAN MILLET SEED,
20,000 OSAGE ORANGE PLANTS.
The above seeds are well-ripened.
R. G. NICHOLSON,
fe19-3t. Chestertown, Md.

FOR SALE:

A YOUNG MARE, 8 years old.
Apply to HIRAM BROWN,
fe19-3t*. Pomona, Md.

GOOSE HILL MILL.

Having employed the services of a competent, practical miller, I am now prepared to accommodate the public and give satisfaction as to quality of FLOUR, MEAL and FEED of all kinds. I thank my customers for past patronage, and hope for a share in the future.
I remain very respectfully
fe15-tf. RHODA RILEY.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between E. R. STRONG and JOSEPH MASLIN, of Pine Neck, Kent co., Md., under the firm name of STRONG & MASLIN, was dissolved by mutual consent on the first day of February, 1887.

The business will be continued by E. R. STRONG. Settlement will be made by either of the members of the late firm.
E. R. STRONG.
Feb. 9, 1887. JOSEPH MASLIN.

N. B.—Thankful for past patronage a continuance of the same is respectfully solicited by E. R. STRONG. 4t.

REAL ESTATE OWNERS AND THOSE DESIROUS OF PURCHASING.

IF you have a FARM or other Real Estate to sell place it with us. Our facilities are such if there are purchasers in the market we can find them. We have some FINE FARMS in southern Maryland, good soil, healthy locations, that we can offer for from $10 to $30 per acre. These farms are in tracts of from 100 to 500 acres. All of them improved with good buildings, and near railroad or water transportation. If you wish to buy a Farm or City property, or exchange either, it will be to your interest to write to us.
JUDEFIND BROS.,
LICENSED REAL ESTATE AGENTS,
fe19-3m. Edesville, Md.

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
WILLIAM F. BAKER,
late of Kent county, Md., 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 23d day of Aug., 1887, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 15th day of February, 1887.
HOPE H. BARROLL,
Feb. 19-4t. Administrator.

Ratification Notice.

The Chester Loan Association of Kent County, Maryland.
vs.
James Kendall and wife.
In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED this 17th day of February, 1887, that the sale of the Real Estate of James Kendall and Eliza A. Kendall, his wife, made and reported by MARION DEK. SMITH, attorney under power in two separate mortgages from said James Kendall and Eliza A. Kendall, his wife, to The Chester Loan Association of Kent County, one dated February 15th, 1881, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent County, in Liber S. B., No. 1, Folio 610, &c.; the other dated April 5th, 1882, and recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in Liber S. B., No. 3, folio 99, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 21st day of April next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and pubished in Kent County, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 21st day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,672.00.
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True copy—Test:
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
Feb. 19, 1886—4t.

Excitement in Texas.

Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed, or raise his head; everybody said he was dying of Consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him. Finding relief, he bought a large bottle and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of Pills and two bottles of the Discovery, he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds.

Trial bottles of this Great Discovery for Consumption free at the drugstore. 2

To my Patrons and Customers in the Vicinity of Chestertown.

HAVING rented my Shops in Chestertown to my son, Harry H. Hyland, I desire to CLOSE UP ALL UNSETTLED ACCOUNTS, either by money or notes by the FIRST OF MARCH, next, and to that end I have left my books with my son Harry, at the Shops, who is fully authorized to make settlements for me.

I take this means to thank my customers for the pleasant business relations existing between us, and hope they may find it to their interest to give a share of their work to my successor.
I remain very respectfully,
j29-4t. WM. A. HYLAND.

AT PUBLIC SALE.

ON SATURDAY, March 5, at 10 A. M.,

on the premises in Chestertown, will be offered at Public Sale the

FRAME BUILDINGS

on the lot recently purchased for a new church site on High street. The said Buildings to be removed.

Terms and further particulars made known on day of sale.
By order of COMMITTEE.
JOHN H. GREENWOOD, Auct'r. (T) fe12-3t

Pure, Unleached, Hardwood

CANADA ASHES!

JUST what every Peach Grower needs to make healthy trees, prevent borers and disease, to produce yearly crops, to prevent rots, and will bring 10 to 15 cents more per basket as fruit is of finer quality; also, a permanent improver, highest analysis, delivered anywhere, in carload lots, barrels or bulk. Early orders solicited. Address
WM. K. JUDEFIND & CO.,
General Agents, Peach Grove Nurseries,
Edesville, Md.

P. S.—Price from $15 to $16 per ton, in bulk, at Baltimore and Chestertown.
fe12-tf.

FOR the best 5c. CIGAR in town buy the "Peachy Cigar,"
at J. L. McFEELY'S.

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

ENTERTAINMENTS.

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CHESAPEAKE LODGE, No. 96 KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

will have an ENTERTAINMENT at their Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING, 22d inst. Supper tickets 50 cents, including admission to Hall.
1t. By order COMMITTEE.

Entertainment at Edesville Hall.

PROFESSOR A. W. HAWKS,

The GREAT HUMORIST, will deliver a lecture at the

EDESVILLE HALL,

on TUESDAY EVENING, 22d day of February. Subject, "Noses—What I Know about Noses." Come out to hear this celebrated humorist. Interesting to young and old. Admission 25 cts. Door open at 7½ o'clock P. M.
fe12-2t. COM. E. BAND.

NOTICE.

STAM'S HALL is now complete and may be RENTED at reasonable rates for entertainments. All Rehearsals will be charged for except on the day of the entertainment, when a free rehearsal will be permitted.
COLIN F. STAM,
fe15-3t. PROPRIETOR.

VENDUE.

INTENDING to discontinue business the undersigned will offer at public sale at Smithville, Kent county, Md.,

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH, 1887,

commencing at ten o'clock A. M.,

—ALL THE—

General Store Goods!

AND FIXTURES,

in her Store at said place. Also, a lot of

Household and Kitchen FURNITURE,

1 YORK CARRIAGE, 1 DEARBORN, and a lot of FENCING TOOLS.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash for all sums under $10; over that amount a credit of Six Months will be given, on bankable note with approved security. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.
MARY E. WILSON.
C. T. WESTCOTT, ATT'Y.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auc'r. fe19-ts.

County Commissioners'

ANNUAL NOTICE.

THE County Commissioners of Kent County will meet at their office in Chestertown, on

TUESDAY,

The 1st day of March, 1887,

At Eleven o'clock A. M.,

and will continue to meet at the same place and hour

EVERY TUESDAY

Until the 3d day of MAY next,

for the purpose of noting transfers and

CORRECTING ASSESSMENTS.

All persons who have sold or transferred any assessable property since their last sitting for said purpose, are particularly requested to attend at an early day to have their assessments corrected and adjusted.

After Tuesday, the 10th of May next

NO ALTERATIONS or corrections in the assessments will be made for the present year.

TRUSTEES FOR THE POOR

will be appointed on the Second Monday—the 13th day—of April, next.

COLLECTORS

OF STATE AND COUNTY TAXES

for each Election District, and a

Keeper of the Standards of Weights and Measures

will be appointed on

TUESDAY, the 12th of April next.

All persons having ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE COUNTY are requested to present the same on or before

Tuesday, the 7th day of June, next,

otherwise they may be excluded from the levy this year. All accounts properly chargeable to the county are required to be made out in a clear manner and itemized and rendered under oath.

All applications for pensions must be made in writing, stating the condition and circumstances of the applicant and vouched for by three or more freeholders having a knowledge of the facts therein set forth.

N. B.—All persons neglecting to have their assessments corrected are hereby notified that no allowance for taxes paid in error in consequence of such neglect will be made.
J. C. WHEATLEY, Pres't,
JOHN F. ERNEST,
BEDFORD ROE,
SAMUEL F. COOPER,
WILLIAM MORRIS,
Commissioners.
Attest:—
T. W. RUSSELL, Clerk.
Feb. 19, 1887.

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

THE co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of WM. J. McFEELY & SON, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by WM. J. McFEELY and the firm's business settled by him.
WM. J. McFEELY,
P. T. McFEELY.
Chestertown, Feb. 1, 1887—3t.

REMOVAL.

DR. C. P. GILPIN,

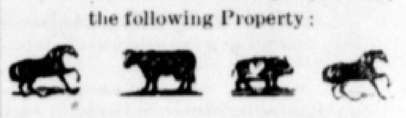
has taken the dwelling-house on High Street, adjoining the store of Mr. [illegible] Dalall. He will be pleased to see his friends and patients at his new location, where, having more room, he will be able to afford many more comforts than in the past. j8-tf.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming will sell at Public Sale at their late residence near Goose Hill, on

THURSDAY, February 24, 1887,

the following Property:



6 HEAD OF HORSES,

including 1 COLT, three years old, all good work and road horses;

8 Head of Cows,

two fresh and the others soon will be;

ALSO, ONE FAT COW; TWO SHOATS,

1 Carriage and Harness,
1 Wagon and Harness,
1 Dearborn and Harness,
1 Self-Binder, in good order;
1 Empire Drill, in good order;
1 Randall Harrow, in good order;
Plows, Cultivators and other agricultural implements as are usually found on a well-stocked farm; 1,000 pounds of Meat. Also, large lot of good Timothy Hay and

Household and Kitchen Furniture, entire.

Sale to begin at 10 o'clock A. M. sharp, and will positively take place without regard to the weather; everything to be sold without reserve.

TERMS.—All purchases of $20 or less, cash; all over that amount a credit of Eight Months will be given on bankable note with security.
MARY C. LOUD & SISTER.
J. H. GREENWOOD, Auc'r. fe12-ts.

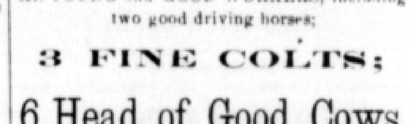
PUBLIC SALE!

THE UNDERSIGNED as executor of Hiram M. Hubbard will sell at public sale at the late residence of said deceased, "Gresham Hall," near Tolchester, on

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23d, 1887,

AT TEN O'CLOCK A. M.,

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:



5 HEAD OF HORSES,

All YOUNG and GOOD WORKERS, including two good driving horses;

3 FINE COLTS;

6 Head of Good Cows,

1 BULL AND 2 YEARLINGS;

1 Shoat; 1 Carriage and Harness, nearly new; 1 Wagon and Harness in good order; 1 Horse Cart and Harness; 1 One-Wheel Champion Reaper, and Drill; 1 Hyland Roller; Plows, Harrows, Cultivators and other farming implements. Also, 1,600 bundles of Corn Blades and a lot of Bacon.

Also, Household and Kitchen Furniture.

TERMS.—All purchases of $10 or less, cash; all over that amount a credit of Six Months, on note with approved security.
JOHN W. HUBBARD, Ex'r.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auc'r. fe12-ts.

To Farmers and Dealers of Kent and adjoining counties.

WM. A. HYLAND,

GALENA, MD.,

Would respectfully call your attention to our celebrated

Peach Orchard Plows,

for one and two horses, which we believe to be the BEST implement on the market for that purpose. A thorough examination by any one convinces them of this fact. We also keep on hand

Landsides, Moldboards, Shares and Points

for all Chilled Plows now in use on the shore, especially the following:

Oliver, Nos. 40, 20, 19, A and B; Advance, 13, 17, 32, 33 and 35; Ohio, 40; Imperial, 19, 25 and 10, South Bend, 3 and 4; Economist, 14 and 24; Acme, 83 and 84; Concave, 8, 9, 10 and 11; Wiley and Minor & Horton, all sizes and patterns.

Our New Rollers,

two sizes, cannot be excelled.

WHEAT HARVEST

will soon be upon us again, and we flatter ourselves that it has been our good fortune to represent the

Best Binder and Harvester

ever sold in this country. None have given such general satisfaction in Kent and adjoining counties as the

"DEERING"

and we take great pleasure in announcing to our farmers that the DEERING ALL STEEL BINDER is superior to all others in LIGHTNESS OF DRAFT, MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION and DURABILITY, having been thoroughly tested in other sections and having been the VICTOR in every field trial in this country.

There are 119 Deering Binders at work in Kent county and all of them are settled for, and have harvested 10,000 acres of wheat, while every purchaser is delighted with the machine.

Do not buy until you have examined the Deering all Steel Binder, and I am sure you will have no other. Sample Machines can be seen at my shops in Galena, as well as at H. H. Hyland's shops in Chestertown.
WM. A. HYLAND.
Feb. 12, 1887.