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Kent News.

SATURDAY MORNING.....April 30, 1887

General News Notes.

It has been decided to go on in the United States circuit court with the trial of the case of A. Booth & Co. against Gov. Lloyd and other members of the Board of Public Works.

It is said that under the interstate commerce law the freight on raisins from California to New York is seventy cents per box, while from Spain to New York it is only five cents.

A monument was dedicated to the memory of John C. Calhoun at Charleston, S. C., on Tuesday; Secretary of the Interior Lamar delivered the oration; the project was begun by eleven ladies of South Carolina in 1854.

Whiskey and shad are said to have been freely used as a means of bribery at the election of town commissioners in Denton on Tuesday. Since Col. Bryant has removed to Baltimore we fear that bribery will be more common in Caroline than ever.

The Philadelphia *Times* takes the ground that "the question of Cleveland's candidacy next year will be certain to settle itself in due time, and probably with as little regard for the President's personal wishes as for the wishes of the politicians of the party."

A gentleman and a lady of Baltimore, who do not wish their names made public, handed to the Rev. R. S. Rowe, pastor of the Washington Street M. P. Church, on Tuesday the handsome contribution of five thousand dollars towards the erection of a new church building for his congregation.

The democratic State central committee has been called to meet at Barnum's Hotel, Baltimore, on Thursday, May 12. It is expected that the committee will, among other duties, name the date for the meeting of the State convention, which will nominate a candidate for governor, comptroller and attorney-general.

Dogs have recently raided the sheep flocks of J. H. R. Embert, near Queenstown, and Nathan Green, near Centreville, killing twelve old sheep and seven lambs for the former, and the latter had one killed and thirty-five injured. The Observer says hardly a week passes that they do not hear of a lot of worthless curs making raids on the farmers' sheep and it is time that something was done to break it up.

The Maryland State Temperance Alliance held its fourteenth annual convention at Oratorio Hall, Baltimore, this week, commencing Tuesday morning. A number of ladies, representing the Women's National Christian Temperance Union, were on the platform, besides some of the well-known ministers in the city. All the counties in the State except Washington and Garrett were represented. There were 614 delegates present, besides the clergy. The proceeding, were interspersed with singing of hymns, under the direction of Professor Robinson. Mr. Edwin Higgins, president of the Alliance, presided, with Mr. C. S. Mosher, secretary. Mr. E. P. Janvier is the only name mentioned from this county, but we suppose there were other delegates present.

The George A. Barton farm, near Church Hill, about 73 acres, has been sold to Jno. T. Baxter at $39.50 per acre; and the Meredith farm, 123 acres, to N. Clough at $28.20 per acre.

The M. P. Sunday-School of Centreville will have their annual excursion to Bay Ridge on Wednesday, June 15.

Close of the Oyster Season.—Under the law of 1886 tonging for oysters ceased on Monday until the first day of September; and as dredging ceased on the first of April, the taking of oysters except for private use and not for sale from private beds is now altogether prohibited. The law also prohibits any one from having oysters in possession during the period from April 25 to September 1, but makes the exception that oysters caught before the 25th of April may be disposed of at any time before the 5th of May, and that transportation companies shall not be prevented from carrying oysters brought from other States, and hotels, restaurant keepers and private individuals shall not be prevented from purchasing oysters outside of the State. Tonging for oysters will begin again September 1 and dredging October 15.

The Sun Opens House in Washington—A Splendid Structure.

The Baltimore *Sun* has taken a step in advance of every other newspaper in the country. It has invested nearly a million dollars in the erection of a building in the capital of the nation for its great business there. The beautiful city of distances—of magnificent buildings and art—is made in this substantial degree more attractive—more beautiful; and the *Sun* will shine in Washington as never before and throw farther into the shade the numerous other enterprising journals which have a footing there. The following reference to this building we find in the Baltimore Argus:

But the Sun's Washington home is not merely a vast overshadowing fact which dwarfs the most pretentious quarters of every rival. It is a monument of architectural beauty without a peer among private buildings of the city, and in beauty of proportion and richness of adornment it holds its own in comparison with any of the public structures erected by the federal government. Its frontage is 58 feet, and it extends back 113 feet. It is eight stories in height with basement and attic. The marble front is worked in designs of great attractiveness, grim faces, foliage and the "sun-burst" being the most conspicuous features. When you enter the vestibule you tread on colored marble so beautifully polished, smooth and rich that it seems a shame to grind it with the nails of shoes. The stairway is in the nature of a revelation. It is gorgeous and elegant, and calls to mind about fifty thousand dollars, or therabouts. The Sun's offices are to the left on the first floor. * * *

The magnificent room to the right of the main entrance is almost equal to the Sun's apartment. The upper floors are divided into six rooms each, and they are simply perfection of their kind. The appointments in the way of water, gas, sewerage, &c., are the most elaborate and convenient that money could purchase and the highest skill devise.

Besides all the stone and iron used in its construction, the building contains no less than two millions of bricks, nearly all the product of Baltimore industry and clay banks. The list of architects, furnishers of materials, &c., as published in the Sun, shows that the buildings is a Baltimore work, and that Baltimore labor, as well as capital, has added this unique attraction to the many charms of Washington's spacious and luxurious thoroughfares.

As the Messrs. Abell contemplate their branch office in its completed beauty, it must be a very pleasant thing for them to remember that the vast wealth which alone renders such undertakings possible has been accumulated without a single reproach, and by walking steadily and unflinchingly along the old paths of honesty and integrity. Lives which are spent like theirs are better monuments than those of clay and marble, and their example is worth more than any number of gargayles and griffins and panels of colored glass.

Good Politics and Good Sense.

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DR. [illegible]

People demand GOOD [illegible] Reasonable Charge without Pain[illegible] the demand. Some think false teeth [illegible] fitted over old roots. I do it with grea[illegible] faction to my patients.

Thanks to an appreciative public for my [illegible] creasing practice. I am trying to merit it.

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HARRISON W. VICKERS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.
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JOHN D. URIE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
Office adjoining Store of T. W. Eliason, Jr.
Will practice in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. jan17.

Straw Wanted!

HAVING leased the Chestertown Strawboard Mill, I am ready to buy all the STRAW that Farmers may wish to dispose of. Will clean up all the Straw from the stackyards sold me, rejecting only rotten straw, on the basis of 2240 pounds per ton for dry straw; only asking those wishing to sell to take a little extra pains in Stacking and not put the chaff with their Straw.

☞ Mr. James Brice is my authorised agent to buy.

June 12-y. WILBUR ELIASON.

Many Of the good things of this life are sorrowfully let alone on account of Dyspepsia. Acker's Dyspepsia Tablets will cure Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Constipation; sold on a positive guarantee at 25 and 50 cents, by C. F. STAM, Druggist.

THE OYSTER LAW ENFORCED.

Cases Before Court—Important Decision.

Quite a number of cases have been heard at the April term of our circuit court of violations of the oyster law. Two dredgers were sent to House of Correction and their boats forfeited, while a third got a term in the State penitentiary. These are about the first cases in the State where the House of Correction or the penitentiary has been the punishment for violating the oyster laws, and our court has not only justly executed the law, but in so doing has left an impression for good upon this important question. Some people have an idea that the oyster law is only such in name and the dredger may violate it at pleasure. The cases above referred to disclose a different idea, and it is to be hoped the oyster police will be vigilant in all the counties and the effectual execution of the law will have the result intended—the protection of the beds and the rights of local tongers.

Judge Wickes' decision in one of these cases is specially important, touching the matter of bail. He decided that when parties were tried by Justices of the Peace and gave bail the boats must still be held in custody. The rule heretofore has been for justices to release the boats when bail was furnished. This will now be stopped.—Capt. J. B. Willson, of the oyster police force, who made the arrests in the cases referred to, thinks Judge Wickes' decision and the convictions at this term will have a restraining effect upon the operations of the dredgers in the future.

The Delaware Conference.

A distinguished body of colored men is now convened in Chestertown. It is the Delaware Annual Conference of the M. E. Church. This denomination is under the same general control as the white M. E. Church, and having no colored bishops, their presiding officers are necessarily white. Bishop John F. Hurst, D. D., one of the most learned of the dignitaries of his high order, is now presiding here.

The conference includes men of culture and preaching ability as well as of Christian worth. Some of them have come up to their present exalted position through great hardships and difficulty; their sacrifices have merited the stamp of "good and faithful;" through these their branch of the church lives, and their honor in the body with which they are associated should be commensurate with their great worth. Others are young, well educated and zealous, and appear to be appreciative of their high calling. As a deliberative body the conference averages pretty well up to the white conferences, with much less confusion than is found in many. Taken altogether the Delaware Conference is an honor to the colored race.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION.

The Delaware Annual Conference (colored) of the M. E. Church began its 24th session at Janes M. E. Church, Chestertown, last Thursday. Most of the members arrived by train on Wednesday and were assigned to their homes by the committee having that matter in charge, of which Rev. A. R. Shockly was chairman. Bishop John F. Hurst, D. D., is presiding over the conference. Other distinguished ministers are among the visitors present. Rev. S. W. Thomas, of Philadelphia, addressed the conference Thursday morning by invitation and was attentively listened to.

The boundaries of the conference embrace part of the State of Pennsylvania, all of the States of Delaware and New Jersey and the Eastern Shores of Virginia and Maryland. There are about 100 charges and four presiding elder districts, with a membership of 18,000. Quite a number of changes are to be made, including the appointment of a presiding elder for the Philadelphia district to succeed the Rev. Isaac H. White, who has served four years on that district—the extreme limit of the M. E. Church rule.

The colored people in and around Chestertown have made great preparations looking to the entertainment of visitors brought by the conference. On Sunday it is expected that the town will be fairly overflowed with colored visitors from this and adjoining counties and from distant points. Several steamboat excursions are expected, and also an excursion train from Philadelphia, touching at Chester, Wilmington and other points.

Appointments for Sunday:

Janes Church:—8.30 A. M., Lovefeast.
10.30 A. M.—Preaching by Bishop John F. Hurst, D. D.
3 P. M.—Ordination Services.
8 P. M.—Preaching by J. H. Nutter.

Court House:—10.30 A. M.—Preaching by C. A. Tindley.
3 P. M.—W. H. Thomas, who is said to be the best orator in the conference.
8 P. M.—J. H. Riddick.

Bethel A. M. E. Church:—10.30 A. M.—Preaching by W. J. Jackson.
8 P. M.—C. O. Waters.

Quaker Neck—Rev. H. T. Rich.

A Peach-Growers' Convention.

A call has been issued, signed by over sixty of the heaviest growers of Delaware and Maryland for a convention of the peach growers of Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey, to be held at Dover, May 12. Fruit-growers in the vicinity of every railroad station on the peninsula and in New Jersey and fruit-dealers in every city throughout the country are invited to select delegates. The call says: "There is now a prospect of a most abundant crop of peaches, and it behooves us to use timely action to have it properly distributed throughout the country. If sent to a few large cities a glut in those markets must necessarily ensue. We are as competent to place our fruit in the right market as the city commission men, and by a wise and judicious distribution to avoid the disastrous evil of low prices by overstocking a few places. Many other questions conducive to our interests will come before this convention. The invitation of dealers to buy directly of us at home; the establishment of a fruit market of our own in New York and other places; the arbitrary course of the New York commission men in giving away our peach baskets without even showing us the courtesy of asking our consent, and other questions of vital importance. We must have lower freights, we must imitate all the great and successful industries of our country by cooperating with each other for our own good; we must cease shipping at hazard; we must have system. Come to this convention and give us the results of your calm, thoughtful and progressive judgment."

A STEAMBOAT BURNED.

Destruction of the Captain Miller at Centreville Landing.

The steamer Captain Miller, of the Centreville and Corsica River Steamboat Company, was burned at her wharf at Centreville Landing early last Saturday morning. The hull and machinery are in good condition. All the woodwork was entirely consumed. No lives were lost, and no one was seriously injured.

The origin of the fire is unknown. Some persons think it was of incendiary origin, but the majority believe it was accidental. The officers [illegible] crew of the vessel were on board asleep at [illegible] and made a narrow escape, losing all [illegible]. The fire was discovered by the [illegible] 3.40 A. M. The steamer was then [illegible] lower deck about the main stairway [illegible] flames spread with great rapidity. [illegible] the engineer, had only time [illegible] and rush on deck. Has[illegible] room he aroused Capt. [illegible] were compelled to [illegible] vessel to the wharf, [illegible] badly in the jump. [illegible] aroused, and his [illegible] and the lattice [illegible] last his clothing [illegible] 12 in money [illegible]

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"Diamanta" AND EYE-G[illegible]

I HAVE THE AGENC[illegible] Celebrated Spectacles [illegible] Glasses. They are ground [illegible] principles, perfectly colorless [illegible] fire the eye as common glasses [illegible] persons will call on me who [illegible] I will test their eyes with an[illegible] and give them glasses that wi[illegible]

I have also on hand a nice [illegible] of CLOCKS, WATCHES an[illegible] RY, Rogers' & Bros' SILV[illegible] &c., &c. Respectfully,

C. M. LUC[illegible]
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FOR the best 5c. CIGAR in the "Peachy Cigar," at J. L. McFEE.

Personal Notes.

Judge Wickes has been quite sick since last Tuesday and unable to appear on the bench. He is confined to his bed at this writing.

Jas. B. Gorter, Esq., of Baltimore, and P. B. Hopper and T. L. W. Harley, Esqs., of Centreville, were among the attorneys present from a distance at the present term of court. Mr. Gorter assisted Mr. Barroll in arguing the constitutionality of a road question; he is a pleasant speaker and a lawyer of ability.

Prof. Newell, of the State Normal School, and Professor Ebaugh, of the Baltimore Manual Training School, both accompanied by their wives, were in Chestertown last week. Prof. Newell took an active part in the proceedings of the teachers' association, and Prof. Ebaugh delivered an excellent address upon the advantages of the manual training feature of educational work.

Bernard Friel, the eldest son of Capt. Daniel Friel, of Queen Anne's county, died in Baltimore Monday morning from the effects of typhoid fever. For the past few years he has traveled for the tobacco manufacturing firm of Sneeringer & Co., of Baltimore. His remains were interred at the Church Hill Cemetery on Tuesday morning, Rev. Father Scott officiating. Mr. Friel was well known in Kent and had many warm personal friends. Among other good qualities he was noted for his fine voice, and on several occasions entertained public audiences in Chestertown with humorous songs.

Bishop Hurst, who is presiding over the Delaware Conference now in session in this town, is the guest of Mr. J. B. Burchinal, on Maple ave.

Mr. George G. Fiddis, a highly respected gentleman of Worton Station, and for some time past the postmaster there, died last Tuesday in his 61st year. His remains were interred in Chester Cemetery.

Richard D. Hynson, Esq., made his maiden speech before a jury yesterday in the case of the State vs. Ford. He has had considerable practice in the law during the short time since his admission to the bar, but never before faced a jury in an argument for his client. His effort was in every respect a success. His argument was logical and skillful, while his manner was easy yet forceful, and his speech altogether was highly commendable for a first effort. His client was acquitted.

WAS SHE POISONED?

The death of Debby Bradshaw, a darkey widow woman, aged about sixty, has occasioned much talk and considerable excitement. Debby lived about one-half mile from Millington on the road leading from Millington to Smyrna. Her granddaughter Sarah, a girl of about seventeen, lived with her and it appears that a few days previous to Debby's illness she had thought proper to apply the rod of correction to Sarah, which very much enraged the girl and caused her to say things which has caused strong suspicions to rest upon her as being the cause of her grandmother's death. A report is current to the effect that the girl asked several of her associates what would be a good thing to poison her grandmother with, and was told that paris green would do the work. Later on she asked one of Mr. S. Mallalieu's cooks to lend her money with which to buy paris green, which she wished to use for the purpose of killing rats. Whether she procured the poison or not is not known to the public, but on the 15th or 16th of April her grandmother was taken sick. On Friday a physician was called to see her and found her suffering much, attended with vomiting and diarrhea, which the doctor pronounced cholera morbus. On Saturday, April 16, she died and Tuesday following she was buried, but the girl's talk aroused such suspicion that the case was submitted to the State's attorney, who ordered that the body be taken up and that a post-mortem examination and inquest be held, which was done on Saturday, April 23. The physician in charge thought on examination of the stomach that its condition and appearance demanded further investigation, so the stomach and other viscerae were sealed up and brought to Chestertown and placed in the hands of State's Attorney M. deK. Smith, who sent them to Baltimore on Wednesday in charge of Dr. W. F. Hines and were delivered to Prof. Wm. P. Tonry, expert chemist, for examination. The jury of inquest has not as yet been discharged, nor has it up to this writing made public any verdict. The suspected girl, Sarah, has left for parts unknown.

At the Hymeneal Altar.

MATTHEWS—ROLAND.

At the M. E. Church in Chestertown last Thursday evening a large company gathered notwithstanding the rain to witness the nuptials of Mr. William T. Matthews to Miss Amelia P. Roland. Mr. Matthews is the popular bookkeeper and cashier at the strawboard mills, and Miss Roland the only daughter of Mr. E. N. Roland, a prominent farmer near town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. D. Kemp, pastor of the church, and a beautiful wedding march was rendered on the organ by Miss Belle Pippin. The ushers were Messrs. W. Bradford Copper, Jas. C. Bolton, Frank Miller and Walter W. Chapman. The bride was dressed in a handsome green silk and wore a bouquet of natural flowers; the groom was in full dress of broadcloth. A couple of more handsome bearing and perfect composure is seldom seen at the marriage altar. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous useful and handsome gifts from relatives and friends, and they begin their new life with every prospect of future happiness, for which they have our sincere wishes.

The Fire Fiend.—The stable of Richard T. Turner, Jr., near Betterton, was burned on Wednesday morning last at 1 o'clock. The horses were all gotten out in safety. A quantity of hay and some harness were destroyed. The building was insured in the Kent Mutual for $250. The origin of the fire is unaccountable except as the work of an incendiary.

Judge Stump had an adventure with fire at the Voshell House last Wednesday night of an unpleasant character. About 10 o'clock he left a lamp burning on a stand in his room while he went to the postoffice; when he returned the lamp had exploded and the room was filled with smoke and fire. The judge gave the alarm and heroically fought the flames, and with the assistance of others soon had it under control. The bed, carpet and other pieces of furniture were badly burned, but the loss is covered by insurance in the "Royal," represented by Mr. W. H. McFeely.

A Novel Road Case.—The case of Wilbur W. Hubbard vs. William Morris and Walter T. Morris, petition under the act of 1834 for a private road from the Hubbard farm through the Morrises in fourth district, has excited a great deal of interest this court. Mr. Hubbard filed his petition in November and the award of the examiners laying the damages at $350 was set aside by the county commissioners on the ground of insufficiency in the amount awarded. James A. Pearce, Esq., counsel for the Morrises, objected to the road on the ground of the unconstitutionality of the law allowing private roads to be laid down. The case was set for argument upon this point on Saturday last. Mr. Pearce contended that such laws, taking as they did private property for private uses, were unconstitutional and quoted a number of decisions from other States where such acts had been decided unconstitutional by the appellate courts. Mr. Hubbard was represented by H. H. Barroll, Esq., who was assisted in the argument by Jas. P. Gorter, Esq., of the Baltimore bar. They argued that the law of 1834 was substantially a re-enactment of the act of 1785; that the co-temporaneous construction of that act admitted its constitutionality and a different interpretation now would divert vested rights. The court held the matter under advisement and on Tuesday said that in a matter of such importance they must decline to decide the question without a further examination of the authorities, and directed the case to go over until the October term. The witnesses were then discharged and the case cannot now come up for trial until next October.

Prompt Payment of Insurance.—Mr. D. A. Clark, State Agent for Maryland of the Watertown (N. Y.) Agricultural Insurance Company, in which Mr. Bramble's stock and farming implements were insured, came over from Baltimore on Tuesday afternoon and spent the night with that gentleman at Fairlee. His visit was unsolicited on the part of Mr. Bramble, as the company, by the terms of the policy, has sixty days in which to settle losses. At Mr. Clark's request, however, Mr. Bramble made an estimate of his loss, and he was at once given a draft for every cent claimed. Such prompt, full and unsolicited settlement, in less than a week after the fire, speaks well for the standing of the company which Mr. Clark represents and is its best recommendation. Mr. Bramble estimates his actual loss at $2,200, including some property that was not insured, and he receives a draft for $1,574, being, as before said, every cent that he claimed.

BRIEF LOCALS.

The circuit court for Queen Anne's county convenes next Monday.

Don't fail to hear Prof. Hawks on "Noses" at Still Pond next Tuesday evening.

The recent rains have started the wheat and grass, and both are making rapid growth.

Read the program in another column for the entertainment at Fairlee Hall, May 6, for benefit of St. Paul's Church.

Harry H. Hyland is in the market with the Deering Reaper and other farm implements, at the Chestertown Foundry.

Mr. Wm. W. Rasin has bought of John E. Thompson the house and lot adjoining the hotel in Still Pond for $1,700.

Shad are plentiful at Betterton and bringing good prices. In Chestertown they were never known to be more plentiful or of finer size.

A four-cent wooden peach-basket is being manufactured. Let the paper basket now fall a peg in price and the "gift basket" question is settled!

The baseball fever has reached Chestertown. The Washington College nine were defeated by the Chestertown nine on Wednesday evening by a score of 29 to 9.

The oldest man in the fifth district is dead, "Old Billy Cosey," colored, who had reached nearly if not quite his hundredth year, died near Rock Hall last Tuesday.

Mr. W. J. Vannort has purchased of Capt. W. D. Burchinal the Wm. Perkins lot on Maple avenue for $1,400. This lot will make six or eight fine building sites.

The entertainment for the benefit of town clock—to pay a balance due on same—will take place in Stam's Hall the second week in June instead of the first week as heretofore announced.

Mr. John S. Vandegrift, our Cross street "artist," is still improving his newly acquired premises. A neat cornice to his shop front and a bright coat of paint is the latest addition.

The African M. E. Conference—known in Chestertown as the "Bethelites"—is now in session in Washington. The organization is very strong throughout the country. They have colored bishops.

The "Voshell House," one of the best hotel properties on the peninsula, is offered at private sale by Capt. Burchinal, the owner. Capitalists or hotel managers might make a very profitable investment here.

The Delaware Legislature has voted $500 to be used as prizes in the horticultural fair or exhibition to be held at Wilmington, Del., next September. Our own county will be fully represented on that occasion.

Millington has a building boom this season. Thos. J. McWhorter is erecting a town hall with a large store beneath, Thomas Britton is building a residence on his lot near the drug store, and Henry Cook will build a dwelling.

The election for one commissioner of Chestertown which took place last Monday was most noted for the lack of interest taken in it by the public. There was no politics and no *hog* in it—consequently the indifference! C. T. Westcott, Esq., was elected unanimously to succeed himself, and of the total number of votes—forty-three—all but *seven* were democratic!

At the meeting of the directors of the Chestertown National Bank held last Thursday, C. T. Westcott, Esq., was unanimously elected president of that institution to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late G. B. Westcott. E. S. Valiant, Esq., of Queen Anne's county, was elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. C. T. Westcott's election to the presidency.

The M. E. Church at Masseys is reported in a flourishing condition. The Sunday-school was reorganized last Sunday with T. G. Sullivan superintendent; Wm. J. Webber assistant; Sam'l Everett librarian; Wilson Capps secretary; John T. Hall treasurer. The school will meet at 9 A. M. every Sunday, and Rev. C. K. Morris will preach every other Sunday. Rev. R. K. Stephenson will preach Sunday, May 8.

Mr. Wm. Kirby, florist, is more than usually attractive this spring. His greenhouses on Front street are stocked with most beautiful flowers of every hue and kind; indeed his display of living ornaments for the garden and window equal the large city establishments, and his prices are much cheaper. In the vegetable line he is also up with the needs of the hour. It is worth a visit to walk through his grounds.

Eli Perkins drew a good audience to his lecture at Stam's Hall on Monday evening, notwithstanding the inclement weather. His subject, "The philosophy of wit and humor, or what makes us laugh," was treated with skill and experience; not only telling what makes us laugh, but proving his assertions by practical tests. His audience enjoyed his numerous illustrations very much and all were surprised when he announced that two hours and a quarter had been occupied in the delivery. He clearly drew the line between wit and humor, defining humor as the plain truth only, while wit was an exaggeration of the truth; as for example, Mark Twain's article on the tunnel. For three or four pages he is simply humorous, but when he begins to tell of the tunnel being carried through the valley and on through the next mountain he allows his imagination to play and thus becomes witty. Or for instance in this syllogism, says Eli, we speak the truth when we say, anything whose *sun* never set is immortal; but upon reasoning thus we become witty, a hen's *son* never sets, therefore the hen is immortal. He very forcibly impressed upon his audience the difference between a joke and an anecdote—indelibly if we can call *one* an audience. "A joke for instance," he remarks, "is when I say from here to Centreville is—18 miles?" "Sixteen," kindly volunteered a gentleman in the audience to help him out of his difficulty. "Well, sir, if you know more about this lecture than I, you ——" and the outburst of laughter from the audience evidenced the value of the joke. The following may be called an anecdote: A gentleman in Kansas, speaking of the muddy time they are having, said to me: "I got in up to my ankles. "Well," I replied, "that is not far." "Oh, but I went in head first," he remarked. Among other things he said that oratory is destined to be doomed, for it is only sensuous and like singing without words is pleasing to the ear only.

The Churches.—There was no service at the P. E. Church last Sunday in consequence of the absence of the rector, Rev. S. C. Roberts, who was on a visit to Burlington, N. J., where his daughter Mamie is at school.

Rev. W. R. Graham, of the M. P. Church, whose illness was announced in our last issue, is now much improved and has been out of bed for several days. He expects to be in his pulpit tomorrow. Rev. Dr. D. W. Bates, of Edesville, preached for him last Sunday—his sermons both morning and evening being most excellent.

Rev. E. E. White, of Smyrna circuit, filled the M. E. pulpit in Chestertown last Sunday evening for Presiding Elder France, who was detained by sickness.

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, April 19.—Present, Judges Walker, Stevens and Hyland.

Subpœnas were issued for James T. Lamb and Sarah Rena Sadler to appear in this court on Tuesday, May 3d next.

Samuel Kirk, of Baltimore, adm'r of John H. Scott and Harriet Scott, passed his first and final administration account in each estate.

F. H. Harper, adm'r of John H. Garrison, returned inventory of the personal estate of his decedent and obtained an order to sell the same.

W. S. Scone, adm'r of Wm. Scone, returned an account of sale of the personal property of his decedent.

M. L. and Jas. H. Baker, adm'rs of C. H. Baker, returned an account of sales of the personal estate of said deceased.

Bartus Trew, exec'r of Jonathan Wilmer, returned an account of sales of the personal property of his decedent.

Religious Notice.—The Delaware Annual Conference convened Thursday morning, in Janes M. E. Church, Chestertown. The public is cordially invited to attend. Special preparation is made to comfortably seat our white friends. Congregations wishing their pulpits filled Sunday, May 1st, will please make application to A. R. Shockly, pastor. Preaching at Janes M. E. Church Sunday May 1st, at 10.30 A. M., 3 o'clock P. M and 8 o'clock in the evening. Also in the Court House at the same hours.

1t. A. R. SHOCKLY, Pastor.

MARRIED.

In the M. E. Church on Thursday evening last by Rev. John D. Kemp, WILLIAM T. MATTHEWS and Miss AMELIA P. ROLAND, both of this county.

At the residence of Norris Barnard, Esq., on the 21st inst., by Rev. E. C. Macnichol, WM. F. COLLINS, of Moorton, Del., and Miss MARY L. BARNARD, of this county.

DIED.

In Baltimore on April 25, BERNARD FRIEL, son of Capt. Daniel Friel, of Queen Anne's co.

In Quaker Neck on Wednesday last, Captain ROBERT HADAWAY, in the 71st year of his age.

At Worton Station on Tuesday last, GEORGE G. FIDDIS, aged 61 years.

In Church Hill on Wednesday night last, Mrs. MARTHA E. EVANS, relict of the late John H. Evans, aged 76 years. [Funeral at the M. E. Church, Church Hill, this Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.]

THE ROLAND FARM BELL for sale cheaper than ever by J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

POTATOES.
200 BUSHELS PEERLESS POTATOES for sale by N. BARNARD,
ap30-tf. Still Pond, Md.

FOR SALE.
ENGINE and THRESHER in good order and ready for use, for sale cheap.
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT,
ap30-tf. Attorney.

MILL FOR SALE.
The MILL PROPERTY above Millington, formerly known as Turner's Mill, for sale at a low price.
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT,
ap30-3t. Attorney.

PASTURAGE.
Persons desiring pasturage for CATTLE can obtain the same on good grass for the next two months on reasonable terms.
W. H. WHITELEY,
ap30-3t. near Chestertown.

FESTIVAL and SHAD SUPPER!
The Betterton M. E. Sunday School will hold a FESTIVAL and SHAD SUPPER on the Church Green, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, May 19th 20th and 21st, for the benefit of the school. BY ORDER.
apr30-3t.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE FOR LAND, the large, handsome and commodious DWELLING, on Front or Water street, one of the most desirable locations in Chestertown, with garden, and stable and fencing entirely new.
Apply to E. T. COMEGYS,
ap30-tf. Locust Grove.

THE SCHOONER "BONITA"
Being en route for Philadelphia will want a BACK FREIGHT.
1t. Apply to JOSEPH TURNER.

DISSOLUTION.
The partnership heretofore existing between W. A. Wheatley and Jos. N. Wheatley, under the firm name of Wheatley Brothers, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. J. N. Wheatley will settle all outstanding indebtedness of the firm. All persons indebted are hereby notified to make immediate settlement.
W. A. WHEATLEY,
JOS. N. WHEATLEY.
Chestertown, April 30, 1887.
The business will be continued at the same place by the undersigned.
ap30-3t. JOS. N. WHEATLEY.

FARM WANTED.
Wanted for a client a SMALL FARM of about 50 or 80 acres in good shape for fruit: Want good land and prefer Still Pond neighborhood or the Neck below it if possible, or would buy part from larger farm.
HOPE H. BARROLL, att'y-at-law,
ap23-3t. Chestertown, Md.

FOR SALE.
YOUNG MARE, 6 years old, good size, sound and good worker, will be sold cheap and upon reasonable terms.
Apply to E. LESTER COVINGTON,
ap23-3t* Lynch's, Md.

FOR SALE, CHEAP.
TWO FRESH MILCH COWS, with Calves by their side.
WM. MATTHEWS,
apr23-3t. Kennedyville.

TO CONTRACTORS and BUILDERS.
Proposals will be received until TUESDAY, May 10, 1887, for building a NEW METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH IN CHESTERTOWN, according to Plans and Specifications, which may be seen on and after April 26, at the M. P. Parsonage, Chestertown, and the office of B. B. OWENS, architect, corner Charles and Lexington Streets, Baltimore.
By order, BUILDING COMMITTEE.

LECTURE BY
HON. GEORGE COLTON
at WESLEY CHAPEL M. P. CHURCH, Edesville, TUESDAY EVENING, May 3d, at 7.30 o'clock. Subject: "Woman, Her Wisdom and Her Love." Proceeds for benefit of the church. Admission 25 cents. apr23-2t.

MISS ROSA RAND,
will appear at
FAIRLEE GRANGE HALL,
on FRIDAY, May 6th 1887,
supported by the members of the "Kenilworth Amateur Club," of Baltimore, for the benefit of the ladies sewing society of St. Paul's Church. An attractive bill will be presented. a23-2t.

What I Know About Noses
PROF. A. W. HAWKS
will deliver his
LECTURE —ON— NOSES,
—AT STILL POND—
TUESDAY EVE., May 3,
at 8 o'clock P. M.
The lecturer proposes to treat the "Nose" from a Biographical, Geological, Illogical, Historical, Philosophical, Problematical, Mathematical, Geographical and Comical point of view.
TICKETS ADMITTING ONE NOSE 25 cts.
"We know Hawks; he is as full of humor as any one of his size can well be, and it will be worth much more than the admission fee to hear him."—*Kent News.*
"All who desire a hearty laugh should hear Mr. Hawks; he is now admitted to be the most humorous lecturer before the public. Artemus Ward, Josh Billings, have passed from the stage of existence, and Mr. Hawks has no rival.—*Baltimorean.* 2t.

Ratification Notice.

John T. Wilson and others
versus
William R. Wilson and others.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 25th day of April, 1887, that the sale of the Real Estate in the proceedings in the above cause mentioned, made and reported by Hope H. Barroll and J. D. Urie, Trustees, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the First day of July next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 31st day of May next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $5,278.00.

SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True copy—Test:
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
April 30, 1887—4t.

ENTERTAINMENT.

FAIRLEE GRANGE HALL
FRIDAY, May 6th, 1887.

PROGRAMME:
MISS ROSA RAND, supported by the ladies and gentlemen of the Kenilworth Amateur Club of Baltimore, who have kindly volunteered their services, for the benefit of the Ladies Sewing Society of St. Paul's Church, of Kent County. The performance will begin with the charming comedy of

A HAPPY PAIR:
Mrs. Honeyton, ... Miss Rosa Rand,
Mr. Honeyton, ... Mr. Jno B. Maher.

INTERLUDE:
German Recitation, ... Mr. James E. Wilkins,
Recitation, ...
Selections for banjo, ...
Recitation, "Tom's Little Star," Miss Rosa Rand.

The performance will conclude with the pleasing comedietta:

THE ROUGH DIAMOND:
Margery, ... Miss Carrie Livingston,
Lady Plato, ... Miss Carrie Stevenson,
Cousin Joe, ... Mr. James E. Wilkinson,
Sir William Poergreen, ... Mr. Rankin Duvall,
Captain Blenheim, ... Mr. George Ogle,
Lord Plato, ... Mr. J. B. Maher.

Doors open at 7.30, performance begins at 8. Admission, 50c; Reserved Seats, 10c. extra. Tickets can be obtained at C. F. Stam's, Chestertown; C. B. Lamb & Bro., Fairlee, and at the door. 1t.

CHESTERTOWN FOUNDRY!

Wheelwright and Blacksmith Shops!

HARRY H. HYLAND,
(SUCCESSOR TO WM. A. HYLAND,)
Is now in full operation at the Chestertown Foundry conducting the Blacksmithing and Wheelwrighting business in all its branches. He is prepared to do all work in this line.

HORSE-SHOEING A SPECIALTY!

FARM WAGONS, DEARBORNS, &c., kept on hand and made to order.

Also as agent for W. A. Hyland is prepared to sell the celebrated

Deering Binder and Mower
in our opinion the Best Machine on the Market. Also a full supply of BINDER TWINE kept on hand.

The Hyland Roller
TWO SIZES.
All work in my line first-class, and prices as low as the lowest. Give me a call.
ap30. HARRY H. HYLAND.

THERE WILL BE
A CIRCUS
IN CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
during the month of May and all on account of
GOSLEE,
Under Stam's Hall,
who will bring forward and add to his already IMMENSE SPRING STOCK an assortment of
Boots and Shoes
The Largest Assortment of
LADIES' SLIPPERS
EVER ON EXHIBITION.
He will continue Spring business with
3 Great Shows in One 3
namely:
Quality, Style and Comfort.
He will not enter the den of lions, but will offer as a sacrifice the "Big Profit, "Hi Price," who each day will be dragged around the ring by the conqueror "Lo Figger."
Greatest Show on Earth!
The Most Dazzling array of Georgeous Features, Ever Gathered Together Under One Roof in This County!
ADMISSION MORE THAN FREE.
It will pay you for coming. You can't afford to miss it.
M. T. GOSLEE,
Apr. 30, 1887. Under Stam's Hall.

Death, Accident and Theft.
Insure Your
HORSES AND MULES
—IN THE—
Maryland Live Stock Insurance Co.
Policies cover against Irretrievable Accident, Death and Theft. Losses paid in 60 days without discount.
NOTE:—Will Insure Mares with foal.
Send for circulars. For terms, particulars, &c., apply to
WM. H. McFEELY,
Gen'l Ins. Agent, Chestertown, Md.
☞ Use Williams, Clark & Co.'s Bone Fertilizer
April 9-3m.
FOR FIRST-CLASS GROCERIES, Provisions, &c., &c., go to W. H. LAMBERT'S.

The Voshell House
—AT—
PRIVATE SALE!
THE undersigned offers this Valuable Hotel, Grounds and St