

The Kent News

CHESBERTOWN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 1887.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR: ELI H. JACKSON, of Williams. FOR COMPTROLLER: LOUIS VICTOR BAUGHMAN, of Frederick. FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL: WM. PINKNEY WHYTE, of Baltimore city.

Insurance Companies to Blame.

The increased number of fires all over the country suggest the inquiry whether the insurance companies are not offering a premium for their liberal rules. In the competition for business the companies insure property for more than it is actually worth, and the owner makes money by burning his house down or giving his stock of goods to the flames.

It is a scandal, it is true, who will do this, but there are many scandals in this world competent for just such work. Not only so, but there are many who are not sound—many who are as honest as the average humanity—who, with a full insurance protection, will not exercise the same care, or provide equal safeguards as when they are themselves bearing a good proportion of the risk.

No property ought ever to be insured for its full value. The owner should always be substantially interested in the protection. The public interest and the public virtue are subserved thereby. Speculation is every where in the imperilled property and lives of things, not only in stocks and bonds, but even in the honor and lives of men. Fire insurance speculation appears to be now the least of the evils of these times.

Lead us not into temptation. Human nature is weak and when the incentive to wrong is so great as in some cases of insurance, it is not wonderful that wrong is committed.

The worst of such wrong is not against the insurance companies that are swindled. It is in the imperilled property and lives of those who do not engage in this species of speculation.

Let the insurance companies give more consideration to public morals as well as to their own interest. In this matter, it is to call a halt. Then in the greatest of at least will the mysterious fire be fewer in number; property will be more secure and men's lives less imperiled.

The Pennsylvania Democracy are moving for tariff reform. But what will Randall say?

Ex-Gov. P. F. Thomas and Hon. J. Frank Turner, of Eastern, have formed a partnership in the law business.

Governor Latta, of Maryland, and Governor Lee, of Virginia, will accompany President Cleveland to Georgia in October.

QUEEN ANNE'S POLITICS.—The Democratic county central committee for Queen Anne's publish a call for the primaries, to be held on Saturday, August 27, to elect delegates to the county convention to meet in Centerville Tuesday, Aug. 30, to nominate a full county ticket. And then it is hoped that the election will be conducted so fairly as to settle the long agent matter.

The contest is said to be very sharp, especially for clerk and senator. For the former it is Dudley against the field—and the field seems to contain about a half dozen other aspirants. For the senator, John B. Brown, Esq., has pitted against him Mr. J. F. Godwin of Church Hill district. The vote in the primaries will be for committees and not directly for the candidates.

A RAILROAD HORROR.

An Excursion Train Wrecked—One Hundred and Eighteen Dead.

An excursion train of fifteen coaches carrying 100 passengers and drawn by two locomotives, was wrecked at midnight Wednesday by the collapse of a burning bridge at Chatsworth, six miles west of Forest, Ill., on the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad. One locomotive, six passenger coaches and three baggage cars went through. The six sleeping cars remained on the tracks. The passengers were telephoned one hundred and eighty-eight dead were taken out, and four hundred persons were injured. The train was bound for Niagara Falls, and the majority of the excursionists came from Peoria, Ill. All the railway horns in the history of this country were sounded by this.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Senator Arthur P. Gorman and his brother-in-law, Mr. Stephen Gorman, are at Saratoga. Hon. Wm. Pinkney Whyte is on a visit to New York and Boston.

At Atlantic City last Monday E. B. Coleman Smith, of Philadelphia, and E. Coleman Smith, of Baltimore, claim that by a duplicate check at New York they were robbed of valuable to the amount of \$700.

The Virginia State campaign has opened. Mr. Mahone will take active part in the canvass. He seems to have taken charge of the republican forces and hopes to get back to the Senate.

Hon. Abbott, the great iron manufacturer of Baltimore, died Monday aged 80 years. From a blacksmith's apprentice he rose to eminence and great wealth.

Dr. Jas. L. Bryan, of Dorchester, who was recently elected president of the Maryland Agricultural College has declined the honor, although the salary is better than his present position of examiner of public schools. There are other things it seems as well as money to be considered in the snail of these positions.

A pitched battle between negroes and whites occurred at Naacoles, Texas, last week. At the close of a concert a dozen white boys were returning from a concert when they were attacked. Forty or fifty negroes were exchanged and several negroes were found dead after the battle was over. Only one of the whites was seriously hurt.

At the office of Secretary Whitney's bids were opened for the construction of the three cruises and two gunboats last Monday provided for by the act of Congress of March 3, 1887. For the cruiser No. 1, of 4,000 tons displacement, Cramp & Sons were the only bidders, at \$1,248,000 for hull and machinery, and were the lowest bidders for engines No. 4 and 5, and of 4,000 tons, at figures ranging, according to different specifications, from \$1,410,000 to \$1,525,000 each. The two vessels last mentioned are to have a speed of nineteen knots, \$50,000 to be added to the contract price for every knot of additional speed, and the same amount to be added for every knot the vessels fall short of that speed. The same rule will apply to the gunboats.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Withdrawing.—Mr. George A. Ireland, of Masses, has withdrawn as a candidate for sheriff in the Democratic nomination. Mr. George W. Jacoby is now the only sheriff candidate in the first district.

The card of Mr. R. Russell, general insurance agent, received two days for this issue, will be inserted next week. He represents the old and reliable Agricultural Insurance Co. of Watertown, N.J.

Mr. Wm. H. Cary thinks that "low grade fertilizers caused most of the crops to be only worthless but positively injurious to lands." His "Standard," "Reliance" and "New Life" he claims to be first-class and unsurpassed. Read his advertisement.

The State military camp at Hagerstown broke up on Tuesday and the soldiers all returned to their homes. The Kent Guards and other companies of the third battalion left on Saturday. The "Guards" reached home by the steamer Curlew early Sunday morning.

One of our correspondents wants the State taxation commission to "remember the dog." He thinks the distressed farmer is not able even to consider one source of "cheap luxury" while "every negro is rich enough to keep at least one dog and some two without taxation."

Republican primary meetings will be held today at 3 o'clock p.m. in the several election districts of Kent county to elect delegates to a county convention which will meet in Chestertown next Tuesday to elect delegates to the State Convention, which meets in Baltimore on the 20th inst. to nominate a State ticket.

PEACH GROWERS will read with interest our full column. Our correspondent is not only one of the largest growers in Kent but is also one of the most intelligent and careful observers interested in fruit culture. Mr. Smith fell into good hands when he visited the Still Pond club. He should visit Worton and other points by all means.

A CAMP-MEETING under the management of Rev. John S. Wynn will be held for the purpose of raising money for the relief of the Crumpton circuit in the month of September 20 and closing September 5.

The "Jewels' woods" camp near Worton August 20, to full ball last Sunday. Large crowds of colored people were in attendance, but good order was observed. Rev. D. B. Banks is the preacher in charge and the meeting will continue over to-morrow.

DEATH OF J. M. MALLORY.—Mr. James M. Mallory died at his residence in Millington on Sunday afternoon last after a short illness of pneumonia. He was about 44 years of age and leaves a wife and five children. Mr. M. was a son of Thomas Mallory, of Mallory's Mills, and only recently moved to Millington from Queen Anne's.

Mr. M. was a prominent member of the M. E. Church, a man of fine business qualifications, and an active Republican politician. He was spoken of as a candidate for the Legislature on the Republican ticket this fall.

RELIGIOUS.—Presiding Elder Francis preached in the M. E. Church, Chestertown, last Sunday evening. Rev. John D. Kemp, the pastor, gave notice of his intended absence the following two weeks, and that Rev. J. A. Perkins will have charge of his pulpit during that time.

The M. P. pulpit was not filled last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. W. R. Graham, has taken a rest, under the advice of his physician.

BROKE THE MAGISTRATE.—Wm. Phayle, colored, went into Mr. J. N. Whitley's store last Tuesday and picked up a two-pound bag of candy and tied it out with Mr. J. F. Whitley's seal. The seal was broken and the candy was gone. Mr. Whitley called on Justice Whitley to let the law go on paying costs.

CHARLOTTE BARR, colored, was arrested by Sheriff Hatcher and taken before Justice Johnson on Monday for assault on Henrietta Barr, colored. Fine \$1 and costs.

TOWNS IMPROVEMENTS.—College avenue is still improving. Mr. H. Moore, our stone and marble dealer, is having erected one of the finest dwellings on the avenue. Its octagon front, bay windows and porches are unique and handsome.

The new building at the M. E. Church, finished in the highest style of architecture. F. E. & Jesse Davis are the contractors.

Mr. Samuel Hicks is completing a substantial new frame dwelling with octagon end, front and sides, and porches to connect the two ends. It will have five chambers with closets in each, and on the first floor a hall, parlor, dining-room and kitchen.

Prof. W. R. Rivers has nearly completed his new dwelling. It is a square built house with hip roof and front and rear porches. Mr. R. K. Pippin & Son, builders.

Mr. Wm. Main, contractor, is about to commence the erection of a new dwelling for Mr. Wm. A. Brice, which will also be a handsome and substantial; also one for Mr. Howard Anderson.

Mr. Wm. E. Moody has purchased the adjoining Mr. Culp, upon which he intends soon to erect a dwelling. R. K. Pippin has sold the lot between Messrs. Culp and Rivers to T. G. Wootch for \$500.

The Messrs. Pippin will begin next week the erection of a new dwelling for Mr. H. M. Thomas, which they claim will take the shine off everything on the avenue.

Trux Meth. Protestant Church building at Warwick, Kent county, which has been undergoing repairs for several weeks, will be re-opened next Sunday, August 14, with appropriate religious services. Rev. Dr. F. A. Ewell and Rev. A. D. Melvin are expected to officiate on the occasion.

Our Fair correspondent notices the burning of Mr. J. P. Nicholson's hay stacks by lightning last Saturday. The loss was estimated at \$1,000. The insurance in the "Royal" and Mr. W. H. McPeck, agent, has already adjusted and paid the same.

The station belonging to David Ford died suddenly last Saturday. A cow belonging to Mr. F. Platt, Chestertown, and pasture on the Bayne farm again Worton Station, was killed by lightning last Saturday afternoon.

GALENA M. E. Church has extended the time for receiving proposals for remodeling the church until the 17th.

OBITUARY.—On Tuesday, Aug. 9—Present, Judge Walker, Hyland and Stevens. The last will and testament of William Corney was admitted to probate. Letters of administration on the personal estate of Sarah M. Apley were granted to Philip R. Apley, E. A. Strong and T. A. Cullen were appointed to appraise the personal estate of said deceased. The last will and testament of Mrs. A. F. Webb was filed for probate.

AN INTERESTING INSURANCE CASE.

Walter Sutton, for his late wife Mrs. M. Sutton, has brought suit to recover the insurance on his stock of goods destroyed in the burning of his storehouse at Edgewood. There were two policies, \$1,500 in the Penn. Mutual and \$1,000 in the Phoenix. The companies claim that Sutton did not have the amount of goods claimed, and it is said that some interesting testimony will be given at the trial of the case—which has been set for the ensuing October term. Hon. Wm. Pinkney Whyte will represent the companies, and Messrs. Marion deK. Smith and Jas. A. Pearce the plaintiff. It is most likely the case will be referred to the U. S. District Court in Baltimore.

DRINKING CASES.—We have two sad cases of drowning to report this week. Charles Denness, of Baltimore, aged about 20 years, came over to Tolchester last Saturday and with a friend went on the bay. The small boat, for some unknown reason, was lost and both overboard and young Denness was drowned before relief reached him. His companion was saved. The body floated ashore about a mile up the river, and last Tuesday morning when Coroner Bondley, of Chestertown, was telephoned and held an inquest, rendering a verdict of accidental drowning.

While going with Mr. Luther Cole, visited Mr. R. Hickman's on Mill Pond creek last Sunday; while on his way to a small boat and it drifted into the creek with him. It is supposed he became frightened and jumped overboard. He was drowned before his friends could save him. The boy came from the city.

GOING TO HIS REST.—William Conyer, one of the oldest citizens of Chestertown, and highly esteemed for his many good qualities, died at his residence on High street, early last Tuesday morning. He has been in very feeble health for several years, and for months past has not been able to leave his room. Mr. Conyer has been in the shoe business in Chestertown since he was a boy, and was for many years one of the leading shoe manufacturers. He was a man of untiring energy, of strong convictions and ample courage to avow the same. He was a staunch old-fashioned Democrat, and never faltered in his allegiance thereto. He died at his residence on High street, early last Tuesday morning. He has been in very feeble health for several years, and for months past has not been able to leave his room. Mr. Conyer has been in the shoe business in Chestertown since he was a boy, and was for many years one of the leading shoe manufacturers. 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