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Kent News.

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To-morrow is Christmas. May it prove a happy day to all our readers!

Ex-Secretary Manning is dying at his home in Albany. It was not thought Thursday night that he could live until morning.

THE OYSTER QUESTION.

One of the problems to be solved by the coming Maryland Legislature is how to save the oyster. Laws almost without number have been passed, but none have been effective. The present law has some good features, but fails in vital points. Our rivers and bars, which are presumed to be "protected," are hourly being depleted. One worthless little boat is set to the duty of protecting *two* of these oyster mines, when she is totally unfit to protect *one*. The tongers of Rock Hall and Piney Neck and Chester river are daily confronted with the fact that their occupation is being destroyed, and quite a number, we are told, seeing the impunity with which the foreigners rob their treasure-laden beds, feel justified in engaging in the illegal dredging business themselves. If this be so, then good-bye to the *protected* oyster beds! And there is certainly some justification in these people taking their own property, when outsiders are doing so. If our own local tongers have gone into the dredging business—and they have as much right as others to do so—how can it be possible for a small police force to accomplish anything. It would be a most difficult task for a *strong* force. Captain George, with the equipment the service gives him, is utterly powerless.

In the view we take of the subject the State must do one of two things—*make the force effective or abandon the protection business altogether*. A *good* boat, with a crew well armed, and with power to *use* their arms, must be constantly overlooking Swan Point; another should have charge of Chester river. One boat will not answer for both places. The dredgers appear to be determined and desperate; the State must adopt strong measures or its efforts will be futile. If the oyster beds are worth protecting at all they are worth protecting effectively. Stop the Baltimore law-breakers and the Eastern Shore law-breakers will stop of their own accord. Let the State show a genuine disposition to enforce its protection laws by proper means to the end, and local oystermen will aid her by sentiment and force. Continue the present policy, and illegal dredging will become general by local oystermen in self-defence.

The Annapolis correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* recently furnished the following in reference to the oyster business: Commander Plowman, of the Maryland oyster navy, is preparing a statement showing the number of men and vessels engaged in the oyster business and the arrests made during the year. Three thousand six hundred and seventy-nine tonging licenses and 739 scraping licenses have been issued in the counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, Charles, St. Mary's, Calvert and Anne Arundel during the present season. The State has issued 764 dredging licenses. Averaging $3.50 for each tonging license, the total would be $12,876 from this source. The scraping licenses would amount to $3,129. The revenues from both are appropriated to public school purposes, in addition to receipts from fines for oyster law violations. The oyster navy employs 14 vessels, including three steamers, and 101 men. Commander Plowman says the oyster fund is getting low, and he thinks the navy ought to be maintained at an expense not exceeding the receipts. By practising economy he was able to reduce the expenses $3,000 or $4,000 last year. Some of the vessels of the sailing fleet are represented to be unfit for effective work, particularly the sloop Mary Compton, which will probably be disposed of. He estimates that there are 22,000 persons employed in dredging, scraping and tonging in Maryland waters.

A memorial to be presented to the Legislature with reference to the oyster question is now being circulated throughout the State. It describes the importance of the oyster industry to the people and the rapid depletion in the supply which has been going on for some time, especially by the exportation of young oysters to Northern markets. The memorial then asks the Legislature to pass laws: First—To prohibit the exportation of seed oysters. Second—To appropriate a sufficient sum to purchase seed oysters and plant them on the public oyster grounds and beds of the State. Third—To permit the privilege of taking State planted oysters only to our own citizens upon a payment of a tax per bushel upon oysters actually taken. Fourth—That the fund thus raised be applied first to repay the treasury the sum advanced for the planting of oysters; and, second, be kept as a perpetual trust to keep replenished and in good condition the oyster grounds of the State.

Dredgers Attack the Steamer Hamilton.

The steamer Governor Hamilton, Capt. James A. Turner, of the Maryland oyster navy, left Annapolis about three o'clock Monday afternoon for Swan Point to drive away a number of boats that were reported dredging. Swan Point is a rather desirable place for the dredgers because of the large supplies of the bivalves there. Men are forbidden to dredge there, but invariably do so, and then run into the creeks or tributaries for culling. The Hamilton had anchored and noticed several vessels, the names of which are known, acting in a suspicious way. About dusk the fleet hoisted sails and made for the Hamilton. Several of the vessels sailed close to the stern and bow of the Hamilton, but steered clear. After getting about three hundred or four hundred yards from the Hamilton, they opened fire on her. The fusilade lasted for several minutes, and about two hundred shots from repeating rifles, known as sixteen shooters, were fired. Only a few of the shots took effect. One pierced the smokestack of the Hamilton, another the door of the pilot-house. The others went amiss and but little damage was done. The officers of the Hamilton, although having but little ammunition, returned the fire. The Hamilton proceeded to Baltimore next day and was supplied with Winchester repeating rifles and returned to Swan Point. The commander says he will endeavor to clear Swan Point of the illegal dredgers.

The Maryland Legislature will meet on Wednesday, the 4th of January, and Governor-elect Jackson will be inaugurated on the 11th. The military feature will be omitted from the ceremonies at the inauguration. The Legislature of 1888 will elect the State treasurer for two years, who is a member ex-officio of the board of public works—one of the triumvirate which exercises really a large share of the executive power in Maryland. It seems to be settled that Hon. Stevenson Archer, the present treasurer, will be re-elected without opposition in the Democratic party. To the city of Baltimore, however, the most important of the offices to be filled by the Legislature this winter are the police commissionerships. The place of Mr. Robson will have to be filled for six years, and the remainder of the term of John Milroy, deceased, will have to be provided for. The Milroy term will expire March 15, 1891. Mr. A. J. Carr is filling the vacancy ad interim. The wish of the city delegation expressed in Democratic caucus usually determines such nominations.

The Maryland Court of Appeals has decided the high license law for Washington county to be legal. The only question presented was whether the adoption of the act depended upon its receiving a majority of all votes cast at the election or only a majority of those cast specially for or against the law, it appearing that the total vote on high license was not equal to the total vote on other things. The court decides that only a majority of the votes cast especially for and against the law is necessary.

[We do not profess to be versed in the law, but it strikes us that a lawyer who would carry such a point (of law?) to the Court of Appeals for determination must have had a defective legal training. No wonder the *case* was submitted to the junior member of the court for an "opinion."—Eds.]

What of Its Future?

At the meeting of the Kent County Agricultural Society, to be held next Monday, the question of a removal of the fair grounds will be considered. It is understood that new locations at Chestertown and Tolchester are being considered. One thing is evident that something must be done to insure the continued life and prosperity of the society. It has held its seventeenth fair and is in its eighteenth year of existence, and has been managed with wonderful ability and success—considering some adverse circumstances—by the enterprising and intelligent agriculturists who have been and are still at its head. But with most other like enterprises, after prolonged existence, it now needs some radical or revolutionary change to sustain life. What shall be done? Let the wisdom of the association carefully guide, and it may yet prolong its days and increase its worth and attractiveness, otherwise it will be—and that speedily—a thing of the past. Our correspondent aptly says: "If we are to live let us live as we ought; but if we are to die let us die right, and be buried in a decent manner."

The Mails.

We are indebted to Hon. A. Leo Knott, second assistant Postmaster-General, for a copy of his report for 1887. It only needs a glimpse through this book to see the magnitude of "Uncle Sam's" mail business. The total cost for inland mail transportation for the past year amounted to nearly thirty-millions of dollars; number of miles traveled eighty-four millions, at a cost of 6.05 per mile. The railroad mail service in Maryland cost $319,829.52 for 1,312 miles; Delaware $28,813.76 for 318 miles. The B. & O. railroad receives $137,186 per annum for carrying mails between Baltimore and Bellaire, Ohio, a distance of 390 miles; making an average number of trips per week 30. The P., W. & B. for 54.70 miles between Clayton and Oxford $3,460.86; between Townsend and Centreville, 35.26 miles, twelve times per week, $1,929.42. Balt. & Del. Bay road from Clayton to Chestertown, 31.11 miles, six times per week, receives $2,048.28. The Chester River Steamboat Company from Baltimore to Queenstown, 33 miles, 3 trips, $350; the Tolchester Company from Baltimore to Chestertown 36½ miles, 6 trips, from June 1 to September 15, $400.

The people of Centreville are justly indignant over the unsatisfactory mail schedule which went into effect last week. The train formerly reached there about eleven, and carried the mails and passengers alone. Now the railroad has substituted a mixed train, for freight, mail and all, and instead of arriving at eleven, it is liable not to reach Centreville before half-past two in the afternoon, if that soon. Chestertown has got used to such facilities. They say one can get used to anything if he'll try right hard! We are glad to get our mail at half-past two, and indeed we sometimes consider ourselves fortunate to get it by supper time—especially when the cars get off the track, which is quite often.

Mr. I. Davis Clark, republican delegate-elect to the Legislature from Talbot county, was visited at his residence, at Trappe, on Friday of last week by Dr. Hayes Agnew, the distinguished Philadelphia surgeon, who, after a thorough examination, pronounced his disease a hopeless case of malignant cancer of the jaw, confirming the diagnosis of other surgeons. Dr. Agnew declined to perform an operation, as the disease is now beyond surgical skill. He expressed the opinion that Mr. Clark might live three months unless the disease sooner attacked the brain.

State's Attorney Kerr, of Baltimore, has abandoned further prosecution of the case of Walter L. Kilton, indicted for felonious assault upon Miss Henrietta Powell. Mr. Kerr has taken this action upon the conviction that it will be impossible to convict Kilton upon the evidence as adduced at the last trial, and that to place Miss Powell on the stand again would be to uselessly subject her to further humiliation. It is understood that Judge Duffy coincides in Mr. Kerr's view. The alleged assault occurred July 4, 1887, at Locust Point.

The international contest between Jake Kilrain, of Baltimore, and Jem Smith, of England, for the diamond belt, the championship of the world and $10,000 took place on the Island of St. Pierre, in the river Seine, France, on Monday, in the presence of about one hundred persons. One hundred and six rounds were fought, lasting two and a-half hours, and resulted in a draw. There was no police interference. Smith and Kilrain expressed mutual respect for each other, swore eternal friendship, and pledged each other to fight Sullivan. Sullivan, who is now exhibiting in Glasgow, has issued a challenge to Smith or Kilrain to fight for $5,000 a side.

John G. Whittier, the Quaker poet, was eighty years old on the 17th instant. His life has been a quiet one, and is reflected in his poetry, which is for the most part of the calm and contemplative kind. Yet quiet as he has lived, Whittier will have left at his death his impress on the century now drawing to a close. The tributes paid to him by men of prominence are due alike to his personal worth, to his poems, with which all New England, and many out of it, are familiar, and to his Quaker parentage, he being the only poet of any note of that persuasion.

The bodies of the four anarchists—Parsons, Spies, Fischer and Engel—who were hanged November 11, with that of Linng, who escaped the gallows by killing himself, were placed in their final resting place, in Waldheim Cemetery, near Chicago, last Sunday. The grave was twelve feet deep and reached by an inclined plane. At the bottom was a block of granite, on which rested a bed of cement. Granite blocks are the walls, and two blocks of granite a foot thick on top. About 800 people went out on the special funeral train. There was no disorder.

Distinguished Gunners on the Susquehanna.—United States Senators Blackburn and Kenna and the earl of Craven, of England, have recently visited Havre de Grace, Md., to shoot ducks on the Susquehanna. The senatorial party bagged 92 ducks in one day, while the earl and his tutor, Rev. Mr. Stavert, secured 8, which they sent to the British minister at Washington.

Peach Growing in Western Maryland.

In another column we give an interesting letter written by a prominent Kent county peach grower. He has recently been taking a tramp through the peach region of Western Maryland, and tells us his observations. It is enough to make our peach growers' mouths water to read of the rich returns the past season to the Western Shore growers. We peninsula people used to think we had a monopoly of the peach business. We were slightly mistaken.

That Lottery Lie.—From all parts of the country come inquiries to know the name of the lucky Chestertown individual who drew the $300,000 prize in the Louisiana lottery. Our postmaster is flooded with letters, and one gentleman sends us the official publication announcing that the number which drew the three hundred thousand dollar prize was "held in Chester Town, Maryland." These inquiries have caused some talk here and quite a sensation among the few who have faith in lotteries. As stated in our last issue no such prize has been drawn in Chestertown. Nor do we believe that such a prize has been drawn in that lottery *anywhere else*. It is policy for these swindling concerns to locate the *places* where their prizes are held, but the name of the individual holder is never given except it be fictitious. The whole thing is a fraud and a swindle. Thousands of people are duped by this announcement that such a prize is held in Chestertown before the lie and the fraud can be exposed. The State of Louisiana is degraded and her legislators deserve the execration of mankind for allowing such an infamy to exist within her limits.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES.

METH. EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

At the M. E. Church there will be a prayer-meeting at six o'clock in the morning, preaching at 10½ by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Kemp, and a children's service at 7½ P. M., at which addresses are expected by Prof. T. N. Williams, Dr. J. A. Perkins and the pastor.

METH. PROTESTANT CHURCH.

At 10½ A. M. there will be an appropriate Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Graham, and at night special services in which the Sunday school will take part. The annual Christmas entertainment for the children will be held in the church next Friday evening.

PROT. EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The usual Christmas services will be held in the Protestant Episcopal Church. Appropriate sermon in the morning by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Roberts, and also at night. An entertainment for the children of the Sabbath school will be given in the lecture room on Tuesday evening.

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART.

At the Catholic Church Rev. Father Murphy expects to be in from a country appointment in time for high mass at 11 A. M. At 7 P. M. vespers and benediction. On Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Christmas entertainment will be given in the church basement.

All the churches will be appropriately decorated as usual.

A Splendid Lecture.—The lecture by Col. Copeland in Stam's Hall on Friday evening of last week on "What's to Hinder?" was a really grand affair. We are sure that no one present regretted the half-dollar investment, and those who failed to attend missed a rare treat. The audience was small but highly appreciative, and the Colonel would be gladly heard again here.—Several pieces of piano music were finely rendered by Misses Mary Hurtt and Alice Platt.

Public Sales Advertised.

Dec. 24—G. H. Bennett's personalty.
Dec. 26—Jacob T. Shallcross, personalty.
Dec. 28—John Hurlock, personalty.
Dec. 28—C. Wilkinson, personalty.
Dec. 29—C. J. Scott, personal property.
Dec. 29—the late John H. Thomas' personal property.
Dec. 30—Samuel Shuster's personalty.
Dec. 31—Geo. H. Bennett's residence.
Jan. 3—C. C. Morgan's personal property.
Jan. 3—Tax sales by M. M. Rasin, coll'r.
Jan. 4—Mrs. A. L. Houston's personalty.
Jan. 10—house and lot, M. deK. Smith.
Jan. 10—J. T. Lamb, collector's sale.

Miss Rosa Rand, supported by the "Criterion Comedy Company," of Baltimore, is booked for Stam's Hall next week—on Thursday and Friday evenings. Miss Rand is well known in Kent, especially in the fifth district where she makes her home during the summer. She is a distinguished actress and has played to full houses in the best theatres of the large cities. Manager John T. Ford, of Baltimore, says of the company:

"I entertain the highest respect professionally and personally for Miss Rosa Rand and the really excellent company with her. No better mingling of excellence could be made, and they are in every way worthy of support and capable of producing the plays announced in the best style."

Committed.—Mattie Houston, a colored woman, was arrested on Monday by Deputy Sheriff Lambert charged with stealing $80 from Senator W. D. Burchinal. Mr. Burchinal hung his vest on the closet door on Saturday night with the money, wrapped in a piece of brown wrapping paper—four $20 notes. Sunday he did not wear the vest. On Monday when he went to put it on the money was gone. Mattie cleaned out the room on Sunday and was suspected of having taken the money. The evidence before Squire Wheatley was such as to justify her detention for court. The money was not recovered.

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, Dec. 20—Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett.

Geo. W. Roeder, executor of Wm. F. Roeder, returned list of debts due his decedent.

C. G. Hadaway, adm'r of Robt. Hadaway, passed his first and final account.

Wm. S Scone, adm'r of Wm. Scone, passed his first administration account.

Bedford Roe, adm'r of Abner Roe, filed account of sales of the personal estate of his decedent.

T. Romie Strong, register of wills, renewed his bond, as required by act of Assembly.

Duped Farmers in Caroline.—The farmers in the lower part of Caroline county had a smooth-tongued stranger among them some weeks ago. Now, since his departure, the farmers think they were taken in themselves to the tune of more than a thousand dollars. The stranger was selling oats, the like of which had never been seen on earth before. He called them the "white star." And the name was not the most alluring thing about the oats.—The agent would sell ten bushels to each victim at $15 per bushel, agreeing with the farmer that, when the crops should mature next year, he—the vender—would guarantee the sale of double the number of bushels purchased at the same figures. The grower would be thus $75 ahead a year hence, and a dozen or more made purchases. Notes were given the Michigan man, and these obligations are now in the hands of brokers, who bought them at a heavy discount. A half dozen of the men have posted a handbill, in which they denounce the company and its representative, and say: "We have come into possession of evidence which prove the speculative grain scheme to be a swindle." Several of them have sought legal redress, but it appears that the Bohemian venders have anticipated this, and used a very cleverly drawn contract, which the law cannot assail.

Sale Date Changed.—The day of sale for Mrs. A. L. Houston's vendue by R. D. Hynson, Esq., has been changed from Dec. 26 to Wednesday, January 4.

Personal Mention.

Sheriff Casey moved into the jail last Monday. He leaves Mr. B. C. Legg in charge of his store.

H. W. Vickers, Esq., left home last Thursday for Columbus, Ohio, to attend to some legal business there. He expected to return on the 31st inst.

Mrs. Wm. C. A. Thompson, who has been sick for a month past, was extremely ill last Thursday, but is now somewhat improved.

Mr. John N. Dodd returned home last Thursday, after an absence of six weeks in Philadelphia, where he had been for medical treatment. He has not yet fully regained his strength, but is rapidly doing so.

"Dr." Harry L. Dodd is at home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Joseph Turner and family have gone to Baltimore to spend Christmas.

Apropos of Christmas, Hope H. Barroll, Esq., has displayed characteristic good taste by having the interior of his law office handsomely decorated with holly and juniper.

Miss Rose Elliott, of Baltimore, is visiting the family of H. W. Vickers, Esq., near town. If we remember right Miss Rose was crowned a "Queen of May" some years ago when on a visit to Kent. That was a happy little May party in Baker's woods.

Dr. B. D. Evans announces in the last issue of the Millington *News* his withdrawal from the management of that journal, necessitated by his election to a position on the medical staff of the Spring Grove State Asylum. He leaves his many friends in Millington with much regret.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Lee celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage at their residence, "Hill Top," last Tuesday evening. A fine supper was set and notwithstanding the extremely bad weather quite a number of guests were present to enjoy the hospitalities of the worthy couple. May they live to see many more such happy anniversaries.

In last Saturday's issue of the Boston *Globe* we find the following: J. F. Shallcross, the Southern cattle drover, who was gored in the side by a steer about three months ago, has been removed from Dorchester to Boston, and is now under the care of a competent physician, who pronounces him out of danger.

A pleasant hop was given in Sudlersville on Wednesday evening of last week, and the following persons were present from Kent: Miss May Price, Miss Boyer, Miss Jennie McWhorter, Miss Massey, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. M. Brooks, Messrs. S. T. Wickes, Lewin Wickes, Simon Wickes, Wm. Hines, C. O. Cacy, Wm. Loper, Eben Massey, John J. Janvier and Dr. J. C. Hackett.

At a called meeting of the vestry of Christ's Church, St. Michaels, held last Wednesday, Rev. A. R. Walker, of Locust Grove, Kent county, by a unanimous vote, was chosen as rector to supply the place rendered vacant by the recent resignation of Rev. Ernest McGill. At this writing it is not known whether or not Mr. Walker will accept the call.—*Easton Ledger.*

Dr. S. C. Dudley, late clerk of the court of Queen Anne's, has purchased the stock and good will of B. E. Cook, druggist, at Church Hill. Dr. Dudley has taken charge of the store and will move on January 1. He has retained the services of Mr. J. Fred Holden, the popular and efficient clerk who was in the employ of Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook will remove to his farm near Price's Station the first of the year.—*Observer.*

Wm. S. Price, a highly respected citizen of Queenstown, died at his residence in that place at midnight on Saturday, in the 84th year of his age. He started life as a hand on a farm and by application, industry and economy accumulated quite a fortune. He was considered to be worth about $75,000 just previous to the war, but the latter's devastating effects did not pass him by, and he saw it nearly all swept away.

First-Lieut. S. H. Gibson, of the marine corps, brother of Congressman Gibson, of Maryland, is to be placed on the retired list with his present rank and three-quarters pay. Several years ago Lieut. Gibson contracted fever while on duty with the South Atlantic squadron, which seriously impaired his hearing. He was recently ordered before a retiring board, which decided to allow him to go upon the retired list.

THE WEDDING SEASON.

Fallowfield—Wright.

Mr. M. Perkins Fallowfield and Miss Sadie Wright, daughter of A. H. Wright, Esq., of Centreville, were married last Wednesday at 1.30 P. M. Miss Sadie is one of the most estimable young ladies of Centreville, and her many friends in Chestertown wish her and her worthy companion a long and happy honeymoon.

Simon—McConnor.

Miss Annie C. McConnor, daughter of Captain P. S. McConnor, of the steamer Emma Ford, and Mr. Otto Simon, leader of the choir of First Independent Christ's Church, Baltimore, were married Wednesday afternoon in that church, by the Rev. Dr. W. K. Boyle, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Charles R. Weld, pastor of the church. The bride wore a handsome blue traveling dress. She was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. C. T. Simon, cousin of the groom. The ushers were L. W. Sumner, Frank Mudge, J. K. Bartlett and Charles Simon. Mr. and Mrs. Simon left in the afternoon for New York. They were the recipients of many valuable and handsome presents. Miss McConnor, in addition to her many charms of person, has a voice of winning sweetness and is noted as one of Baltimore's most accomplished vocalists.

Klein—Youse.

Married at the residence of Philip H. Linderkings, 770 Columbia avenue, Baltimore, on the 22d ult., by Rev. A. C. Burtner, pastor of the Scott St. U. C. Church, William Klein, of this county, to Miss Lizzie Youse, of Baltimore, formerly of Pennsylvania. We congratulate our old friend on the acquisition of so Youse-ful (*useful*) a member of his family. H. M.

Bird Shoot.—Messrs. F. M. Demsy, H. T. Ducker, J. A. Willair, Chas. M. Gibson and C. S. Wertsner, of the Baltimore Gun Club, came over to Chestertown on Wednesday, bringing with them two or three hundred pigeons for a grand shooting match, but the affair proved a failure. None of our gunning sportsmen were present and the Baltimore club had all the fun to themselves. They used up about seventy of their birds and returned to the city. The club seem not to have learned the art of newspaper advertising.

"Old Kris" was out yesterday in a nobby team, and as he passed down High street he fanned himself most diligently. A placard on the rear part of his wagon said he was from Hudgins'.

A Fine Supper.—Mr. J. H. Hurtt, of the Voshell House, set a fine supper of swan, wild duck, oysters, etc., about ten o'clock last Thursday evening, which was partaken of and highly enjoyed by quite a number of his personal friends.

A Winter Scene.—Goslee, the enterprising shoe man, next to Stam's, has arranged a beautiful winter scene in one of his store windows. The grounds are deeply covered with snow and the trees are laden with ice, the whole presenting a scene worthy the skilful handiwork of this noted shoe artist.

The Wilmington M. E. Conference, which was to have been held on March 21 next in Wilmington, has been set down by Presiding Bishop Foss for March 7, two weeks earlier. This action was taken by the bishop at the request of the pastors of the various churches in Wilmington because the 25th is moving day.

Wm. M. Singerly, proprietor of the Philadelphia *Record* and of the extensive pulp works in Elkton, has purchased of the heirs of the late James Edmondson Barroll the Holly Hall farm, near Elkton, Md., and not far from the works.

The Kenilworth Club, of Baltimore, request us to announce that in the near future they will give an entertainment in Chestertown, at Stam's Hall.

We expect next week to be able to announce the date for the production of the beautiful Queen Esther oratorio in Chestertown. It will be one of the finest affairs ever rendered here.

The Tolchester Line made their last trip Friday, December 23. The new steamer Emma Giles has been a great success and will now be thoroughly overhauled and newly painted and put on the line early in the spring.

Erratum.—The cattle sold by Mr. S. F. Crew for the Messrs. McCauley, mentioned last week, brought $925 and not $625, as then stated.

Our local market ruled about as follows yesterday:

Dressed Chickens	10c.	per pound
" Ducks	10c.	" "
" Turkeys, hens	14c.	" "
" " gobblers	12½	" "
" Geese	10	" "
Eggs	20c.	per dozen.

Corn ruled as low as 47c. for several days this week, but our local dealers were offering 50 cents yesterday for corn in good condition.

MARRIED.

At the Methodist Protestant parsonage near Edesville, on the evening of December 21, by Rev. R. L. Lewis, JAMES S. SADDERFIELD to Miss M. KATE GODWIN, both of this county.

DIED.

MRS. HARRIET PARKER, consort of the late Wm. Parker, near Rock Hall, the 16th ult., in her 80th year. A devoted mother and an exemplary christian.

December 4, SADIE ESTELLA, daughter of James E. and Lydia V. Apsley, aged 10 months and 14 days. At his residence in Broad Neck, December 19, 1887, WILLIAM J. FLETCHER, in his 61st year.

PERSONAL.

All persons indebted to the NEWS OFFICE for advertising, subscription or job-work are earnestly requested to settle their bills the COMING WEEK.

We need every dollar due us to meet pressing obligations, and we trust our patrons will not neglect this hint. Quite a number have promptly responded to our recent call, but many others have not yet done so.

We hope to have our usual annual settlement with TOWN PATRONS next week, and trust they will bear us in mind. Respectfully,

It. PLUMMER & USILTON.

TAX NOTICE—SPECIAL!

The undersigned will be at Chesterville on WEDNESDAY NEXT, Dec. 28, from 11 A. M. until 2 o'clock P. M., and at Locust Grove on THURSDAY, Dec. 29, at the same hours.

J. F. HENDRICKSON, Collector Second District.

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TO THE DANCING PUBLIC!

The "CHESTERTOWN ORCHESTRA" desires to announce that it is prepared to furnish Music for Balls, Private Parties, &c., at short notice and reasonable rates. Address THE CHESTERTOWN ORCHESTRA, P. O. Box 155, Chestertown, Md.

d24-3t.

FOR RENT.

SEVERAL HOUSES. One on Main street, above Kent, with Store-Room. Apply to C. W. C. JOHNSON.

d24-3t.

FINAL NOTICE.

As I am in need of money and have to square up accounts with my creditors I expect everybody to settle with me on or before the first of January, otherwise you will find your accounts in the hands of an officer, as I NEED THE MONEY AND MUST HAVE IT.

d24-3t. WM. A. BRICE, Butcher.

NOTICE.

The Annual meeting of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Kent county will be held at the Court House in Chestertown, on MONDAY, January 2, 1888 at 11 o'clock A. M.

Dec. 17, 1887. N. G. WESTCOTT, Sec'y.

J. H. HILL, M. D.,

MILLINGTON, - - MARYLAND.

Office and Drug Store on Cypress Street, opposite Thomas' Hotel. May be found at Mallalieu's Hotel at night. A supply of medicine carried for out-of-town patients. d17-6t.

ARMSTRONG'S HOTEL,

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

THE subscriber would respectfully inform the public that he has re-opened the above hotel and is prepared to accommodate both permanent and transient Boarders at reasonable rates.

HIS TABLE will at all times be supplied with the best edibles the market will afford. There is a good STABLE AND CARRIAGE HOUSE belonging to the premises and Horses will be fed or kept on livery at low rates. d17-3m.) W. P. ARMSTRONG.

TO LET FOR 1888.

A DWELLING right in the center of the village of Fairlee; occupied this year by Mr. F. Ward; a good stable, poultry, meat and carriage house; a large garden and a grass lot with the dwelling; the rental very reasonable as the house must be occupied during 1888. Address A. M. KENDALL, Fairlee, Kent co., Md

d10-3t.

HOUSE FOR RENT.

The BRICK RESIDENCE on the corner of Mill and Cannon streets, Chestertown, with stable, garden and about one acre of land in the grounds. Apply to MRS. J. N. USILTON, Chestertown, Md.

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FOR RENT for 1888!

A DWELLING HOUSE on High street, Chestertown, near the wharf. It may also be rented for the remainder of the present year. Apply to H. M. BROWN, Chestertown.

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OPEN TO ALL CHRISTMAS ORDERS. Send order by mail or verbally. All orders will be promptly filled. Oysters in every style, Raw Stewed, Fried, or by the gallon, half-gallon, quart, pint or bushel. Prices very low so as to suit.

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MRS. KATE BRADLEY

would call the attention of the Ladies and public to a nicely selected stock of CHRISTMAS GOODS, suitable for presents. Nice assortment of

Stamped Linen Articles in Momic,

Crash Splashers, Sideboard and Bureau Scarfs in Beautiful Colors;

EMBROIDERED SILKS and COTTON, EMBROIDERED SWISS APRONS for ladies, SILK MITS, KID GLOVES.

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IN RUCHES, FICHUS and COLLARS.

Also, Best Berlin Zephyr, Germantown Wools, Saxony in all colors. Plush and Pink Ornaments, Cards for Fancy work. Hand-knit Worsted Goods for Ladies and Children in Toboggan Caps, Mits, Infant's Socks, Laces. Christmas Cards. d17.

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—AT—

HUDGINS' DOUBLE STORES,

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Where you can find a Large Assortment of CHRISTMAS GOODS.

☞ Give me a call. W. HUDGINS.

Horse-Shoeing! Horse-Shoeing!

REMOVAL.

SAMUEL HICKS,

BLACKSMITH,

HAS REMOVED HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS to the New Shop at the Head of Court street, in the rear of *Kent News* office, where he will be pleased to see his friends and all in need of work in his line.

He gives SPECIAL ATTENTION to HORSE-SHOEING and flatters himself that he CAN'T BE BEAT IN THIS SORT OF WORK.

☞ PRICES LOW and Satisfaction GUARANTEED.

Dec. 3, 1887. SAMUEL HICKS.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

ENTERTAINMENT REPEATED.

The Ladies of I. U. Church have decided to repeat their "Dairy Maid's Reception and Free Lunch" at FAIRLEE HALL, WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28th. If Wednesday proves stormy the following Friday, commencing at 8 o'clock P. M. Adults 35c.; Children half price. Tickets at the door.

—Programme:—

Grand March by the entire company.
Old Maid's Tea Display.
Music by the Humanophone or Funnyphone.
Charade—"That Husband of Mine."
Charade—"The Contest."
Interspersed with Tableaux, Duetties, Solos, &c., &c

To concluded with a free lunch distributed amongst the audience, by ye fair milkmaids of '87. d17-2t.

ENTERTAINMENT!

In Lecture Room of BOND M. E. CHURCH, for the benefit of Bond Sunday School,

ON THE EVENINGS OF of TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27 and 28, 1887,

entertainment consisting of VOCAL and Instrumental Music, (Cornet and Piano,) Recitations, Select Readings and Dialogues. The piano used will be furnished by Mr. Reiche of Chestertown. Admission 25 cents, both evening; 40 cents; children special rates. Doors open at 7, P. M. Exercises commence at 7½ o'clock. d17-2t.

Come One! Come All!

THE children of School No. 9, assisted by School No. 10, will give an Entertainment at the "Grange Hall," at Fairlee, THURSDAY, Dec. 29, 1887, consisting of Dramas, Dialogues, Tableaux, &c.

PROF. T. A. HULME will deliver the opening address. MISS MINNIE SMYTH will conduct the singing and take part in the dramas.

If you want a jolly laugh and go home with aching sides, be sure to come. Doors open at 7 o'clock P. M. Admission 25 cents; Children from 8 to 12 years 10 cents, under 8 years, free.

d17-2t. J. ALFRED GREENWOOD.

STAM'S HALL!

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29, 30.

Engagement of the favorite Leading Actress,

MISS ROSA RAND

ASSISTED BY THE

CRITERION COMEDY COMPANY.

THURSDAY—"In Honor Bound," and Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew," by kind permission of Mr. Edwin Booth.

FRIDAY—"Everybody's Friend," as played by the late John E. Owens.

Prices as usual. Reserved Seats for sale at Stam's Drug Store. d17-2t.

"OLD KRIS"

—AT—

WM. H. LAMBERT'S.

Oranges, Lemons,

Figs, Raisins, Currants,

Citron, Nuts and Confectionery.

Dec. 24, 1887.

A Few Suggestions FOR CHRISTMAS

THE old custom of giving only ornamental CHRISTMAS PRESENTS has been modified of late years so that articles both useful as well as ornamental are the most popular and acceptable. Does your Father or Son, or Husband, or Brother, or Uncle, Chew or Smoke? If so, what can be more elegant or useful than one of the following Special Bargains?

ONE POUND OR MORE

B. F. Gravely's Chewing Tobacco!

We have all grades of Tobacco and all Prices.

A Box of Nice CIGARS?

we have them all Grades and prices.

We have had put up some 10-cent Cigars, 25 in a box, especially for Christmas Trade. A Fine Meerschaum Pipe or a Cigar Smoker, or Cigarette Smoker. We have these all Grades and Prices.

SMOKING TOBACCO OF ALL GRADES.

The above can be had at

J. L. McFEELY'S Tobacco Emporium

d17. Opposite Bank, Chestertown, Md.

Christmas! Christmas!

—AT—

TOULSON'S!

Novelties of the Season!

Presents! Presents!

Both Useful and Ornamental

Best Qualities and Lowest Prices!

Japanese Ware, Bamboo Brackets, Photo. Albums, Plush and Leather Dressing Cases, latest designs; Cabinet Picture Frames, plush and wood.

LARGE STOCK of JUVENILE BOOKS, HYMN BOOKS, BIBLES, &c., &c.

CHRISTMAS CARDS specially attractive.

BOX PAPER, &c., &c.

☞ These Goods have been bought to sell if LOW PRICES will be an inducement. I promise these goods shall be sold close.

M. A. TOULSON, Druggist.

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$ MY TERMS FOR THE SALE of LUMBER BILLS

are CASH unless otherwise agreed upon.

Those owing me are requested to Settle at once. No matter how small the account, please pay it. The sooner the bill the easier for you to pay. You may think such a small amount would not help my business much, but remember that I am addressing Five Hundred Patrons, and that the profit on half of the bills will not cover the expense of collecting—added to the expenses already incurred in delivering, booking, billing and dunning.

Please call at my office where you can always find some one authorized to receipt your bill.

JOSEPH TURNER.

December 10, 1887.

THE LIGHT RUNNING "DOMESTIC" SEWING MACHINE,

and all attachments, for sale by

d34f. LOUIS K. STAM.

—SALE OF—

Bank Stock.

BY VIRTUE of an order of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, the undersigned, as administrator of the late Thomas B. Hynson, on

TUESDAY, 3rd day of January, 1888,

at 11 o'clock A. M., will offer at Public Sale, at the Court House Door in Chestertown,

TEN (10) SHARES

—OF THE—

Chestertown National Bank Stock.

It will be offered in several lots, then as a whole, and if the bids should be thought inadequate, it will be held at private sale.

☞ TERMS CASH.

RICHARD HYNSON, adm'r of Thos. B. Hynson.

d24-3t.

VENDUE!

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at her residence, near St. Paul's Church,

On WEDNESDAY, Jan, 4, 1888,

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

1 SORREL MARE, LUCY, in foal,

1 Black Horse, Harry, good driver;
1 Spark Mare; 1 Bay Horse, Frank;
1 Colt, eight months old, by Irish Chief;

PAIR of MULES,

4 Cows and 2 Heifers,

ALL FRESH IN THE SPRING;

1 BROOD SOW, 4 SHOATS;

1 Johnson Harvester and Binder, in good order; 1 Buckeye Sulky Cultivator, 1 Farm Wagon and Harness, 1 Horse-Cart and Harness, 1 Dearborn, 1 Buckeye Reaper and Mower, combined; 1 York Carriage and Harness, Lot of Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, &c., 1 Frame Roller, Lot Shovels, Spades, Hoes, &c. Also,

Some Household Furniture.

☞ Sale to commence at 10 A. M.

TERMS:—Sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount a credit of Nine Months on Note with approved security. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with.

RICHARD D. HYNSON, d24-4s. Att'y for Mrs. A. L. Houston.

PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

BY VIRTUE of a Bill of Sale from Cecil C. Morgan to Edward T. Comegys, dated April 20