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Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN:
SATURDAY.....JAN. 28, 1888.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is said to have expressed himself in favor of New York as the place for holding the Democratic national convention.

THE United States Supreme Court has confirmed the decision of the lower court in the Maxwell-Preller murder case and Maxwell must be hung.

CONGRESSMAN RAYNER will introduce a bill providing for the construction of a new custom-house in Baltimore. Congressman Rusk has been endeavoring to have the old building remodeled.*

THE Maryland *Republican*, Annapolis, booms Col. John Walter Smith, of Snow Hill, and predicts that he will, in the not distant future, become a power in the politics of Maryland.

CONGRESSMAN RUSK has introduced a bill appropriating $650,000 to remodel the [illegible]re custom-house; and Congressman [illegible] bill appropriating $50,000 for a [illegible]ouse at Swan Point bar.

[illegible]ONG, formerly of the United [illegible]e Court, says the Blair edu- now before Congress is un- and he believes that the same opinion.

[illegible] I. DUNCAN, the democratic [illegible] the only candidate in the [illegible] Wednesday elected to the Leg- Baltimore county to succeed Whiteford.

[illegible]ladelphia *Record* speaking of Sen- [illegible]ilson's speech on the Blair-educa- measure, commends our Senator high- [illegible]y and says his speech is worthy to be compared with the great constitutional arguments made in the Senate in former days.

SENATOR E. K. WILSON will accept our thanks for a neat pamphlet copy of his very able speech on the Blair educational bill. It is entitled "Federal taxation for State schools a pretext for federal control over State schools."

IT is reported from Washington that the prospects for a tariff and internal tax reduction bill upon which the Democratic party in Congress can be united really seem to brighten every day, and there is scarcely any member of that party of either house who is not of this opinion. The President is taking the deepest interest in this subject, and has frequent conversations with prominent Senators and members concerning it.

Report of the Live Stock Sanitary Board.

NO PLEURO-PNEUMONIA IN KENT, BUT HEAVY LOSS BY THE SWINE PLAGUE.

The State Live Stock Sanitary Board, composed of Messrs. A. M. Fulford, T. A. Seth and John Brady, has made its annual report to the Governor.

Early in September, 1886, Dr. F. W. Patterson was detailed by the board to inquire into the health of the stock in the counties. He made investigations in all the counties of the State, with exception of Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garrett, and collected facts concerning the condition of the domestic animals of incalculable value. No pleuro-pneumonia or traces thereof were found in any of the counties of the Eastern Shore—Worcester, Somerset, Wicomico, Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline, Queen Anne's, Kent or Cecil; but the disease has recently existed in Lancaster county, Pa., near the Cecil line. Nor was the disease found in Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles, Montgomery or Harford, though a few cases were found in Harford shortly before the appointment of this board, which were slaughtered.

Few cases of glanders were found, but in the last six or eight months there has been an increase traceable to Washington. Twenty-two horses, appraised at $522.50, were killed. Two animals in Cecil suffering from catarrhal fever were killed. The swine plague has caused a direct, annual loss according to Dr. Patterson's figures, of $500,000. The loss estimated in the counties is: Somerset, $15,000; Worcester, $12,350; Wicomico, $13,300; Dorchester, $39,780; Talbot, $36,579; Caroline county, (one district only(, $3,000; Queen Anne's, $44,995; Kent, $59,385; Cecil, $5,000; Harford, $13,000; Anne Arundel, $54,641; Calvert, $19,962; St. Mary's, $43,615; Charles, $38,500; Prince [illegible]eorge's, $17,017; Montgomery, $20,263; [illegible]el, $26,550; Carroll, $23,952. Bacon [illegible] into Leonardtown amounted in [illegible]000 in one year.

[illegible] has found in every county, [illegible]und this disease, a practice [illegible]s of allowing the carcasses [illegible] with this highly conta- [illegible]main on the surface to [illegible] dragged about by buz- [illegible] worse—in many cases [illegible] running streams. He [illegible]k river the carcasses of [illegible]ng on the surface, and in [illegible]ams many carcasses in [illegible] decomposition. Many [illegible] with the disease, in some [illegible] have died from it, were [illegible] consumption. An act im- [illegible]ties for not burying infected [illegible] necessary. The appropriation [illegible]mmand of the board was utterly [illegible]quate for stamping out the swine [illegible]plague, and no effort was made to do it. The sheep in the State were found not to have any contagious disease. Maryland cattle take the Texas fever only when they come in contact with Texas cattle. There is no cure except that the first frost destroys the contagion. But few cases were found. This disease has a permanent habitation in the two counties of the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and heavy losses have occurred in Somerset and Worcester counties, in Maryland, from driving such cattle through their borders between the seasons of frost, and it might be well to prohibit such driving.

Pleuro-pneumonia has been in Maryland forty years. The board recommends the renewal for the coming two years of an appropriation of at least $10,000 a year to stamp it out.

THE INTENSE COLD—*Remarkable Phenomena.*—A lady, who formerly resided in Baltimore, but who is now living with her husband in Lawrence, Kansas, writes to a friend in this city a very vivid account of the intense cold there prevailing. She states that the "blizzard" which swept over that city the first week of the present year, was really terrible. It assumed the form of a snow storm, accompanied by hail, and what may be regarded as remarkable, it finally merged into a storm of thunder and lightning, which was fearfully alarming. A bolt of lightning struck a house, and it was burned to the ground. The Kaw river, which borders the city, was lashed into such fury that the breakers overflowed the banks, although they were covered with ice and snow. The scene was indescribably sublime, but awe-inspiring in its effects. Such intense cold was never before known to be accompanied by lightning and thunder. The fact is regarded as phenomenal and worthy the consideration of scientists.—*Baltimoreon.*

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

The Speaker of the House appointed as the special committee to report a bill for Baltimore city extension Messrs. Denny, Fitzgerald and Joyce of Baltimore city, Hubner, Gott and Smith of Baltimore county, Rohrback of Frederick, Davis of Charles, Benson of Allegany, Purnell of Worcester, and Baker of Kent.

The local law introduced in the House by Mr. Brice, mentioned last week, provides only for the repeal of the bounty on hawk and owl heads and does not change the dates for shooting birds and rabbits.

Mr. Burchinal has introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, so as to change the manner of becoming a member of the said company, and of withdrawing therefrom, and the time of the annual meeting, and the manner of calling special meetings, and of providing for the payment of losses, and to extend the said charter as amended to the first day of July, in the year 1940.

Governor Jackson says that he will receive applications for appointments to office until February 10. After that date none will be received. The appointments must be sent into the Senate, according to law, within fifty days after the beginning of the legislative session. That limit will expire about February 25, and the Governor will take fifteen days to make up the lists.

Mr. Fitzgerald has introduced in the House a bill providing that all oysters sold in the State shall not measure less than 2½ inches long. Also, providing for the culling of every fiftieth tub of oysters for the purpose of ascertaining the proportion of shells to the whole cargo of oysters. He says that considerable trouble often arises between the seller and purchaser of oysters in reference to the measurement, the seller complaining that too large a measurement is taken by the purchaser, and the purchaser complaining that a large proportion of the oysters sold are shells, and hence the large measurement. This bill he thinks will compel the better culling of oysters on their natural bed, and prevent any excuse being offered for over-measurement by the purchaser.

In the Senate Mr. Dennis has called attention to the fact that there seemed to be no law to punish the misappropriation of funds of consignees by commission merchants, and gave notice that he proposed to introduce a bill to remove this defect in the law, which is productive often of great loss to consignees.

DON'T PAY.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal don't pay. The Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal don't pay. The Oyster Navy don't pay. The Fish Commission don't pay. The Tobacco Inspection don't pay. Let the State cut loose from all these drains upon her resources. Why burden the treasury with such unproductive and non-sustaining structures and creations which it were better to abandon altogether?—*Westminster Democratic Advocate.*

Our esteemed cotemporary may be right in asking the State to abandon these works, but if it means by the "don't pay" that they do not return direct profit to the State treasury, it has not stated the strongest reasons. The State, communities and individuals are called upon constantly to sustain enterprises which "don't pay"—a direct money return. Yet they may be of vital importance indirectly. Eastern Shoremen and Southern Marylanders are disgusted with the "big ditch" but the great counties of Washington and Frederick deem the maintenance of this waterway in competition with the railroad a matter of material importance. The tobacco inspection business is also to the people of this section of the State a nuisance that ought to be abated, but, touch it, and Southern Maryland squeals. And the oyster navy—oh, ye people of Carroll and Frederick and Washington!—let that thar oyster navy alone! You may not appreciate the thing, but we of the oyster country would be lost forever without it! It is very close to a failure under existing laws, but it is better than nothing, and we are hoping for an improvement by the present assembled lawmakers.

So that, in consulting our own feelings upon these various matters of State concern we may bring an undesirable return. Go slow, friend Vanderford!

IT will be seen by our advertisement columns that the Chester River Bridge Company have revised and reduced the toll rates, to take effect on the first of February next.

THE moon will be totally eclipsed on to-day, under conditions favorable to observation. The sun sets a few minutes before 5 o'clock, and the moon rises at the same hour, partially shadowed. At 31 minutes past 5 the total obscuration begins, and lasts until 9 minutes past 7, the shadow leaving the moon about an hour later. If the weather is clear on the evening named, the sight will be an interesting one. The phenomenon will be visible throughout North and South America, and in Europe, Asia and Africa.

JOHN SPENCER, formerly a well known citizen of Queen Anne's county, Md., died recently at the residence of his son, Wm. Spencer, in Florida. Mr. Spencer was in his 82d year. For a number of years during his later life he resided with his brother-in-law, Richard T. Earle, at "Winton," Corsica Neck, Queen Anne's county, but four or five years ago joined his son in Florida, where he had since resided. Mr. Spencer was well known in Chestertown and has relatives here.

"Uncle Mike" in Luck Again.

Some people are said to be born under a lucky star. Grover Cleveland is one of this kind. Mr. Michael Bannon, of Anne Arundel, is another. It makes little difference whether he is defeated at the polls or not he generally comes out on top when the offices are being distributed. The law to give the judges of the circuit courts of the various counties the right to appoint the school boards was intended to divorce the schools and politics. In Anne Arundel by some accident, Mr. Bannon's brother-in-law, Mr. Geo. T. Warfield, has been made the Republican commissioner of public schools, and Mr. James F. Williams, one of the other commissioners, is the firm political adherent of the ex-treasurer. So this gives him the balance of power in the school board, whatever it may be, and it is said Mr. John C. Bannon, Mr. Bannon's son, is to be the next county examiner and treasurer and secretary of the public schools of Anne Arundel.

THE trustees of Grace M. E. Church South, at Cambridge, Md., have made an assignment of the church property for the benefit of creditors. The edifice is a handsome stone structure, which was completed about three years ago at a cost of about $16,000. The liabilities are estimated at $11,000.

A BIG LOAD OF HAY.—Mr. B. T. Ridgely, near Warren, Baltimore county, on Saturday, 14th inst., hauled to Baltimore on a 19-foot hay carriage 12,925 pounds net weight of loose hay, being the heaviest load ever weighed on the eastern bay scales and also the largest load of old hay ever hauled to the city of Baltimore. The distance hauled was about sixteen miles, via the York road, and the team consisted of six horses.—*Sun.*

ALLAN MINOR HYNSON MURDERED IN MISSOURI.—The startling information was received here last week of the violent death of Allan Minor Hynson in Kansas City, on the night of January 11. He was the son of Joseph H. and Catharine Hynson — the latter the daughter of Mr. R. Williamson Ringgold, who was for some years principal of Washington College, Chestertown. Young Hynson was well known in Chestertown by the young people and was very popular. His last visit here was about four years ago with his father and mother, when they were guests of Wm. S. Walker, Esq. His parents now live in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. He was about 24 years of age at the time of his death. The Kansas City *Times* gives the following particulars of the murder:

"Mr. Hynson had been a resident of Kansas City over a year, and was a clerk of the Robert Keith Furniture Company. On the night of his death he had been making a social call on some ladies. Nightly robberies of persons on the streets of the town had occurred, and Mr. Hynson, upon leaving to go home, about 11 P. M., remarked that he 'hoped he would not be held up, but that he carried a pistol for the first time and would use it.' Five minutes afterwards the inmates of the house were startled by the violent ringing of the door-bell. Mr. Hynson was at the door, fatally shot through the breast. He lived long enough to tell that he had been stopped by two men, and while drawing his pistol was fired at twice, one ball striking him. He fired four shots at the robbers, who escaped."

The shooting occurred Wednesday night about 11 o'clock and he died on Friday morning about 9.30. He was conscious just before death and stated that he was prepared to die, and summoning all the clerks in the house in which he was engaged, he bid them farewell. He said his greatest regret in dying was in leaving his mother. The store in which Hynson was engaged was the largest in Kansas City and Mr. H. was very highly esteemed by the proprietors and all the employes. His untimely death has caused a great stir in the West.

DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE LADY. — Mrs. Maggie Gale, wife of John Gale, of Worton Manor, died in Baltimore on Sunday, where she had been for some months under medical treatment. She was the only daughter of Mr. George R. Beck, of Worton Point, and leaves two children. Mrs. Gale was a lady of most estimable characteristics and from early life has been a general favorite in the Worton neighborhood. She has been for years a member of St. James' Church and was always amongst the foremost in enterprises of Christian work and charity. Her death, so young in years, in the bloom of womanhood, seems specially sad and untimely, and the community generally deeply sympathize with the afflicted husband and parents in their bereavement. The remains of the deceased were brought home by rail on Tuesday and on account of the illness of Mr. Gale's mother, who resides with him, the funeral services were held on Wednesday at the residence of the deceased's parents, conducted by Rev S. B. Tredway, assisted by Revs. F. T. Little and W. R. Graham. The interment was in Chester Cemetery.

SKATING SPORTS.—The ice on the river at this point is from four to six inches thick and has afforded grand skating most of the week. The surface was like glass and skates had to be well sharpened to take hold. At times nearly one hundred, many of them ladies, were flitting over the ice, in some cases very gracefully, but in others the roll will require much more practice. The strong wind and slippery surface not only brought out the skaters but three ice boats were fitted up and contested for the championship. These boats were manned by Messrs. Jesse Duyer, I. Coleman and Jos. Turner. The former proved to be the fastest and would fly across the ice at the rate of fifty miles an hour. The ice near the shore was as usual dangerous — caused by the tide—and several received cold baths. We heard of one young man who was gallantly assisting some ladies on the ice when he felt himself sinking and as he scrambled out exclaimed "I'm in!" The ice on the bay is reported to be three inches thick.

RUNAWAYS. — Last Thursday morning while Mr. C. W. Kennard was enjoying the sleighing sport on High street his horse broke into a run and the effort to pull him down broke the breeching and caused the animal to kick. Miss Belle Brawner, of Charles county, was in company with Mr. Kennard at the time, and when about opposite the market house the horse succeeded in kicking himself loose from the sleigh, and the occupants picked themselves up from the overturned vehicle, fortunately not hurt. The horse, greatly frightened, dashed down the pavement past the NEWS office and made directly towards one of the big windows in Mr. Stam's drug store; every looker-on expected to see the animal dash into the window, but he fortunately slipped on the ice as he grazed the glass and took up at the entrance door. The sleigh was badly damaged but there was no other injury.

Mr. J. W. Chapman also met with a mishap while sleighing the same day. In turning near the bank one of the reins broke and the sleigh upset. The horse ran up High street and thence down Mill street to his stable yard, where he jumped the fence and left the sleigh behind him somewhat battered. No other injury resulted and Mr. C. was out again with the same horse shortly after.

NO SYMPATHY.— Prof. W. G. Fallowfield, the worthy principal of Chestertown public school, was confined to his house last week by a severe cold, and the boys—and some of the girls too, possibly—thought it almost a good providence that willed it so. The skating on Chester river opened up grandly last Monday and every one who could stand up on skates was preparing for the sport, and on that day it was enjoyed to the full. This but gave zest to the anticipated sport to follow, and the scholars in the principal's grades expected only a nominal confinement. But lo, and behold! on Tuesday morning the familiar but unwelcome form of Prof. F. was seen making his way to the school building! The sad news was soon heard by all and skating for the day was at a discount. However, the sympathy lacking upon the part of the young folks was fully made up by the concern of the parents who regretted Professor Fallowfield's sickness and glad when he was able to be at his post again.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Jan. 24.–Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett.

Geo. T. Cosden, adm'r of Comegys Cosden, returned an account of sales of personal property of his decedent.

Joseph B. Hossinger, adm'r of Joseph H. Hossinger, returned an account of sales of personal property of his decedent.

W. S. Busick and John B. Parrott, admr's of John B. Parrott, passed their first and final administration account.

Ellsworth Bowers was appointed guardian to Archer B. and Linda M. Bowers, and filed his bond with security approved by the court.

Richard Hynson, adm'r of T. B. Hynson, passed his second administration account.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of Jos. P. Ireland were granted to C. J. Scott, who filed his bond with approved security.

The last will and testament of Jacob C. Wilmer was placed on file for probate.

MILITARY.—The Kent Guards issue a call in another column for a meeting and dress parade next Wednesday evening. Capt. Calder, after a long and serious illness, is able to be out again, and expects to attend the meeting named. A full attendance is desired.

THE ORATORIO.

The event of the week in Chestertown was the oratorio. The beautiful production of Bradbury, Cady and Seager, entitled "Esther, the Beautiful Queen," was rendered in Stam's Hall on Wednesday and Thursday evenings by a home company of nearly one hundred voices, including the finest adult singers in the several churches in town and a juvenile chorus of forty boys and girls. The members of the Methodist Protestant Church, for whose benefit the oratorio was given, highly appreciate the kindness and christian fellowship exhibited by the members of other denominations who took part, and they will gladly reciprocate in the future.

The following was the cast of characters:

QUEEN	Miss HALLIE BECK.
Queen's Attendants	Miss BELLE ALDRIDGE. " LILLIE HYNSON.
Queen's Maids	Miss EMMA GILPIN. " EDITH HINES.
Queen's Pages	Misses Lucy Hines, Carrie Reiche.
ZERESH	Miss MOLLIE PARKS.
Zeresh's Attendants	Miss CLARE VANNORT. " ALLIE SHUSTER.
Zeresh's Child, IDA	Miss AMY RUSSELL.
PROPHETESS	Miss ANNIE LAMBERT.
MORDECAI'S SISTER	Mrs. MARY R. ALDRIDGE.
MAID OF HQNOR	Miss EMMA LAMBERT.
ANGEL	Miss GRACE TURNER.
KING	W. WALTER CHAPMAN.
King's Pages	Harry Rickey, Lenox Catlin.
HAMAN	Prof. EDW. J. CLARKE.
MORDECAI	M. WILBER THOMAS.
HIGH PRIEST	WM. A. BISCOE.
HEGAI	THOMAS S. DODD.
SCRIBE	FRED. G. USILTON.
Herald and Harbonah	HORACE W. BECK.
Guards	CHAS. S. SMITH, HARRY BRICE, R. S. THOMAS, ELLWOOD BAKER.
PIANIST	Mrs. LULIE BACCHUS.
ORGANIST	Miss BELLE PIPPIN.
VIOLINIST	L. B. RUSSELL.
DOUBLE-BASS VIOL	CHAS. P. HODGKIN.
CLARIONET	EDGAR FORD.
CORNETIST	I. L. TWILLEY.
DIRECTOR	W. HARPER McFEELY.

To say that the oratorio was successfully rendered is not enough. It came about as near to perfection as an amateur company could well produce it. The managers certainly made a happy selection of characters. Miss Beck was a veritable queen in graceful movement and gesture, and the brilliant gems that glittered in her rich robes and crown served but as an addition to her rare beauty, while her voice, though not strong, was sweet and full and took the difficult parts with pleasing effect. Her attendants, Misses Belle Aldridge and Lillie Hynson, gracefully performed their parts, while Misses Emma Gilpin and Edith Hines, the maids, were especially admired for their beautiful movements in the banquet scene, and no less interesting were the queen's two sweet little pages, Lucy Hines and Carrie Reiche, as they waltzed back and forth in the same scene. The character of Zeresh, taken by Miss Mollie Parks, was simply perfect. Her exquisite bearing and beautiful figure fitted the character perfectly, while her rich alto voice seemed to catch the spirit of the words and notes as they left her lips. Her attendants, Misses Clare Vannort and Allie Shuster, moved gracefully and sang sweetly, while Amy Russell, as Zeresh's child, could not have been excelled by a professional. The prophetess, Miss Annie Lambert, not only startled and thrilled the stage company when she suddenly appeared in the midst of the feasting, but the whole audience listened in wrapt admiration of her sweet voice and recognized the ease with which she took and held the high notes of her songs. Mordecai's sister, the beautiful character taken by Mrs. Mary R. Aldridge, was grandly acted, while her pathetic and rich voice kept every ear in the large audience in wrapt attention. Miss Emma Lambert's voice in "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace" as the maid of honor, was strong and sweet and the attitude of prayer which accompanied it was most beautiful. Miss Grace Turner looked the picture of an angel as she hovered over the sleeping king in perfect white with spread wings; a prettier tableau is not often seen than was this when the full blaze of the red light was thrown on. Mrs. T. S. Dodd's splendid soprano voice was readily recognised in the lead of the chorus, and the duet by her and Miss Mary Beck, alto, was very fine.

Equal to the leading character on the ladies side was that of the king upon the other, and Mr. W. W. Chapman in bearing and voice took this important role with spendid effect. He certainly has naturally a remarkable voice for one of his years and the disposition to cultivate the same and a talent for music will insure him prominence as a vocalist in the future. The king's pages, Masters Harry Rickey and Lenox Catlin, were both perfect in their parts, and were much praised for their pretty performance. Two of the most important and difficult characters in the whole play were those of Haman and Mordecai. Prof. E. J. Clarke, of Washington College, who took the first of these, did himself very great credit by his intelligent comprehension of the Haman character and the perfect manner in which he personated it. The character calls for a fine baritone voice, distinct articulation, a haughty bearing and good acting. The professor came fully up to each of these requirements, and all present seemed highly to appreciate his eminent gifts of voice and manner. Mr. M. Wilber Thomas, who took the second of these difficult characters, also appeared to catch the spirit of Mordecai and evidenced a splendid tenor voice in the solos and duets of his part. His manner and appearance was pleasing and effective throughout. Mr. W. A. Biscoe, the high priest, was one of the richest in dress and appearance of all the many splendid characters upon the stage; his fine hat and toga sparkled with jewels and his commanding personal appearance served to give tone to the character, while his strong and full bass voice sent every note to the remotest part of the hall. Mr. Thos. S. Dodd, in taking the role of Hegai, was compelled to strike at least one note too low for any ordinary voice, but he did it splendidly. Mr. Horace W. Beck, as Herald and Harbonah, sang in fine tenor voice every part of his role and acted throughout in a manner hard to excel. Mr. Fred. G. Usilton, as the scribe, read from his scroll in good style, and in singing displayed a voice of strength and culture. All four of the guards acted grandly; they marched well, sang well and executed the commands of the king with precision and good taste. The hanging scene was not public—most of the company deeming a public execution not exactly as desirable or as effective to a general audience as a private execution; so that the solemn death knell—three heavy peals from a deep-toned bell behind the scenes—shortly after Haman was carried out to the scaffold, was all the evidence necessary for the audience to fully appreciate this act. The two choruses of Jews and Persians were elegantly dressed, and grand voices in all the parts were led and swelled the splendid volume of song. In these choruses there were twenty-five sopranos, six altos, five tenors, five bass and several baritones. In the triumphal procession the whole company was upon the stage and the marching was excellent; the juvenile chorus of forty boys and girls was in four parts and led by Fannie Baker, Annie Russell, Earle Usilton and Tom Quimby; their intricate maneuvering was wonderful while their singing filled the whole auditorium with sweet melody. These little folks certainly deserve much praise for the perfection of their drill, and to the skill and patience of their instructor, Miss Fannie Russell, this is due. Five pretty tableaux were interspersed through the play, and a clever contrivance was manufactured especially for this occasion to throw the lights upon the tableaux without the smoke annoyance that usually follows the use of this fire. The instrumental music was specially fine as may well be imagined from a glance at the performers named above. Mrs. Lulie Bacchus is a skillful pianist, and Miss Belle Pippin is excelled by very few as an organist, while Mr. L. B. Russell's orchestra only needs to be heard to be appreciated. Mr. W. Harper McFeely was the general director, and performed his duty with great success.

The first evening was terribly inclement but the audience notwithstanding filled every part of the large hall and included persons from distant sections of the county. On Thursday evening another full house greeted the company and everything passed off to the delight of all.

PEACH SPECULATORS BROUGHT TO GRIEF.—During the peach season of '86 numbers of peach speculators conducted their operations in Kent and a few of them failed to make good their contracts. Among the latter was the firm of Greer, Orr & Parsons, who operated at Lynch's Station. These men bought the orchard of Mr. James W. Chapman at 55 cts. per basket, and when the peaches drugged on them they threw up their contract. Mr. Chapman was not disposed to allow such conduct to pass unrebuked, to say nothing of his loss. He brought suit in the courts of Rochester, New York, where the parties resided, for all his loss under the contract, and the case was tried before a jury last week. Before it was concluded the defendants' counsel abandoned their case, so clear was the evidence against them, and the jury rendered a verdict for $1,275.66, the full amount claimed, with interest. Mr. C. thinks the parties will now settle without further litigation. Peach growers will be pleased to learn of this result of a test case, and speculators may profit by it also.

A DANGEROUS PLAYTHING.—Geo. Needles, the ten-year-old son of Mr. H. C. Needles, of this town, came near getting the top of his head blown off last Tuesday morning while playing with gunpowder. With another boy he was experimenting with a blank cartridge. He loaded it with powder and shot and the other boy touched it off with a match, while George watched to see the effect. The explosion which followed took off the upper part of George's nose and nearly blinded one eye. He has been in bed and carefully nursed since and his father thinks no serious results will follow.

A NOVELTY.—In the entrails of a cow butchered in this town on the 21st instant there was found a ball measuring three inches in diameter and ten inches in circumference. The ball was in two pieces, the rim being of wood, and has the appearance of having been filled in with rubber, which had become petrified. The swallowing capacity of the animal must have been considerably strained in carrying it down.

THE SCHUBERT QUARTETTE is booked for Stam's Hall next Saturday evening. This is the company that gave such unbounded pleasure when in Chestertown before, and Mr. Stam has taken a very heavy risk in engaging them to return here. He must have a good house in order to realize expenses. The diagram is now open and seats may be reserved. Secure them at once and you will be sure of a rich musical treat.

AT the quarterly conference of Chestertown M. E. Church, held on the evening of the 20 inst., T. W. Eliason, Jr., was elected lay delegate to the annual conference which meets in Wilmington on the 7th of March. Prof. T. N. Williams was elected as alternate.

A. FRIEDMAN advertises in another column a clearing sale of clothing and underwear. He states that he has sold more clothing the past season than any season during the seven years he has been in the county and feels encouraged to offer inducements to buyers at this time in order to close out stock on hand to be ready for spring. Read his advertisement.

THE January session of the Kent county court was called on Monday, Judge Wickes upon the bench. One hundred and thirty cases were entered upon the appearance docket, many of which will be carried to the trial docket at the spring term of court. Court adjourned on Tuesday.

THE "Fairlee Minstrels" will give entertainments at Fairlee on Friday evening, Feb. 3; at Still Pond on Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, and in Chestertown on Friday evening, Feb. 10. The advertisement in another column gives the program and the troupe. Something rich may be expected.

BUTCHERING.—Mr. Jas. E. Mirch has succeeded Wm. A. Brice in the butchering business at the old stand in the market-house. His advertisement will be found in another column.

A GREAT religious revival has been in progress in the M. E. Church at Galena for some weeks and many conversions have resulted. Rev. Mr. Fosnocht, the pastor, is a zealous revivalist as well as eloquent preacher.

LAST SUNDAY was the coldest day of the winter thus far. The thermometer stood at 7° in the early morning and the cold was severe all day.

PERSONAL.—Miss Belle Brawner from La Plata, Charles county, Md., is visiting Mrs. C. W. Kennard.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Interesting communications from "West End" and "Corno" came to hand too late for this issue.

MARRIED.

At the parsonage in Middletown, Del., Jan. 19, 1888, by the Rev. W. C. Alexander, WILLIAM H. BEACHAMP, of Baltimore, and IMOGENE ASPRIL, of Delaware.

At Kennedyville, Jan. 25, by Rev. C. R. Blades, JOHN BURCHARD and Miss MAGGIE WIGGINS, both of this county.

On Thursday, Dec. 29, 1887, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Middlesex county, Va., by Rev. Mr. Abrams, GEORGE F. COPPER, of Fairlee, this county, and Miss SUSIE A. PRINCE.

At the M. E. parsonage in Still Pond, on the 18th instant, by Rev. E. C. Marnichol, JOHN A. STAUFFER and Miss ESTHER M. COMLY, both of this co.

At 909 Milton Place, Baltimore, on Wednesday evening, the 18th inst., by Rev. J. W. Wheeler, WM. E. MOODY, of Chestertown, and Miss MARY A. WELCH, of Baltimore.

At Mt. Lebanon M. P. Church, Baltimore, at 9 o'clock A. M., on the 18th inst., by Rev. John D. Kinzer, CHARLES J. REICHE, of Chestertown, and Miss ELLA M. DAVIS, daughter of Mr. James Davis, of Rock Hall.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Wilmington, Del., by Rev. J. W. Bryan, ED. C. MEGINNESS and LIZZIE J. GEDLING, both of that city.

DIED.

In Baltimore on Sunday, the 23d inst., after a protracted illness, Mrs. MAGGIE A. GALE, aged 29 yrs., beloved wife of Mr. John Gale, of Worton.

In Chestertown, Jan. 23, 1888, SAMUEL F., beloved son of John L. and Emily D. Hamilton, aged 4 years and 10 months.

IN MEMORY.—After disease seized him he lingered but a few days and then his happy spirit, released from his little body, took its flight to the regions of unclouded light and now revelrin the home of God. Samuel was a bright little boy and endeared himself to many by his sweet disposition and many noble qualities. Many were the fond hearts that wept at the grave of this dear little boy; but he is better off, for he is with Jesus, his best friend. Let parents and friends look forward to a glad reunion in the sweet bye and bye.

—AUNT NETTIE.

Samuel, darling, can it be,
No more thy look of love I'll see;
Those bright brown eyes, now closed in death,
I'll think of till my latest breath. —MAMMA.

KENT GUARDS, ATTENTION!—All the members will please meet on WEDNESDAY EVENING, Feb. 1, at 7 o clock, at the Armory, in full dress, for parade. R. R. CALDER, CAPTAIN.

CAUTION. — CORA COLLINS, colored, about 15 years old, regularly indentured to me by the Orphans' Court of Kent county, Md., having left my service without cause, this is to caution all persons against harboring or trusting her on my account. j28-3t. B. T. WILKINS.

A CARD.—Messrs. Editors:—Your correspondent "X" states in your issue of the 21st inst., that I was elected "Librarian" to the "Kent County Agricultural Association." This was entirely without my knowledge or consent, I have respectfully but positively declined the office, and resigned my membership in the organization. E. F. JANVIER. Jan. 28, 1888—1t.

ENTERTAINMENT AND SUPPER!
WESLEY CHAPEL YOUNG FOLKS' SOCIABLE
Will give a
LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT AND SUPPER
at the residence of MRS. A. J. WICKES, near Grey's Inn, on THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 2. SUPPER at 6 o'clock, and in good style. COME, and enjoy a pleasant evening. Proceeds to aid the Church.
Tickets to Entertainment and Supper, 50c.
jan21-2t. COMMITTEE.

$10 REWARD.—LOST OR TAKEN IN MISTAKE on the night of Dec. 30, or the morning of 31st, a sole-leather, canvas-covered VALLEE, containing a full dress suit and some theatrical wardrobe; supposed to have been taken from the Steamer Gratitude in mistake at or near Chestertown. The above reward will be paid on its return to
COLIN F. STAM,
jan28-3t* Chestertown, Md.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.—
From the premises of the subscriber in Shrewsbury Neck, a BLACK HORSE (no marks) about 14 hands high. A proper reward will be paid for his return or information that will lead to his recovery.
ISAAC W. MATTHEWS,
j28-3t Locust Grove.

BUTCHERING!
Butchering!
HAVING purchased the good will, stock and fixtures of Wm. A. Brice in the Butchering Business, I will devote all my time and attention to this business in future, and will do all in my power to satisfy those who will favor me with their patronage. My stand until further notice will be in the Market House, where I may be found every day with full stock of first-class meats. I have an experienced Butcher to assist me.
j28-tf. JAMES E. MIRCH.

WANTED—A PENMAN. When not engaged in the office to do out-door work. Address BOX 26, Chestertown, Md jan21-2t.

TAKE NOTICE!
All persons indebted to me will please call and settle AT ONCE. Prompt compliance with this notice will be duly appreciated.
HARRY H. RYLAND,
Jan. 21—3t. Chestertown Foundry.

MONEY TO LOAN ON FARMS.
$1,000, $1,200, $1,400, $1,500, $3,000 and $5,000 at 6 per cent.
HOPE H. BARROLL,
Jan21-3t. Attorney at Law, Chestertown, Md.

NOTICE.
This is to notify the public that I have this day severed my connection with the firm of E. L. Rogers & Co., of Philadelphia, and will no longer represent them in the purchase of grain, or in any other capacity. RICHARD J. FOARD,
j21-3t. MASSEYS.

NOTICE.
If the person who took a pair of unmatched skates from in front of my store recently will return them I will let them choose a matched pair.
J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

FOR SALE:
A SMALL FOOT-POWER TURNING LATHE, Splendid Grindstone, Machinist and Carpenter's TOOLS of Lemont Downing, to be seen at my office.
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Choice Plymouth Rocks, Light Brahmas, Wyandottes, White Leghorns, Brown Leghorns, Golden Seabright Bantams, Pekin and Aylesbury Ducks.
C. C. BROWN & BROS.,
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MY VESSELS
are still RUNNING CORN wherever and whenever navigation is open. Other freight also solicited.
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NO amount of Fertilizer can improve Land, and give the best results in crops without thorough drainage.
WILLIAM MAY, the Ditcher,
will do this Work expeditiously and at reasonable rates. I have permission to refer to Messrs. Jno. P. Nicholson, W. G. Skinven, Albert L. Covey Fairlee; John W. Skinven, Edwesville, and other gentlemen for whom I have done work.
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For sale at Bottom Prices.
A choice lot to arrive.
jan7-tf. Respectfully, R. F. PARKS.

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We are now receiving orders for CLOVER SEED. Seed are advancing daily and to those who are in need we would be glad to furnish them. We have an Extra Choice Recleaned Seed, the best we have handled for years. Terms cash.
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FRESH, HOME GROWN
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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.

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Boarding House and Restaurant
OF STILL POND.
PERMANENT and TRANSIENT BOARD. Meals at all hours, served in the very best and latest style. Comfortable Rooms and Good Beds.
Horses fed and well-cared for, all on very moderate terms. Give me a call and I am sure you will come again. MRS. M. E. PRATT.
Jan. 7—4m.

SARATOGA HOUSE—STILL POND.
Permanent and Transient Board.
I TAKE pleasure in informing the public that I have leased the house of Mr. L. S. Hepbron, situated in the center of the village and recently fitted up for the public use, containing Ten Bedrooms, well-lighted and ventilated and has all other conveniences of a public house. Terms moderate and the comfort and pleasure of my guests carefully attended to. Meals and private rooms to be had when applied for. Horses fed and attended to. Also, conveyance furnished to any part of the peninsula. Thankful for past patronage I ask a continuation of the same.
j7-tf. MRS. MARTHA A. CROSSLEY.

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[at the old stand opposite the Kent News office]
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