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Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN:
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THE ADVANTAGE OF IT.—The advantage of having a Maryland representative on the rivers and harbors committee has already been demonstrated by the recent action of that committee with regard to Baltimore harbor. It was proposed to appropriate only $80,000 to that improvement, but at the earnest solicitation of Mr. Gibson the committee yielded and agreed to recommend $250,000.

TALBOT FOR GIBSON.

The Easton papers contradict the statement of the Baltimore *Argus* that there is opposition to Congressman Gibson's renomination in his own county. They say the Democratic party of Talbot was never more thoroughly united than now. Messrs. Turner, Seth and their friends, as well as the other party leaders there are a unit for Gibson's renomination.

Maryland's "First Lady."

The Annapolis *Maryland Republican* pays a tribute to the estimable lady of the Executive mansion. It says: "The advent of Mrs. Jackson in the social life of our capital has made a delightful impress, and the name of Maryland is on everybody's lips. Mrs. Jackson hosts of friends, and no one land more heartily merits the rare gifts of hospitality have made the social atmosphere of old Maryland made the city glad. It is said Cleveland that she has the knack of making callers feel that the particular person she has been anxiously desirous to meet, and that her charming cordiality is so winsome as to make it difficult to determine when to say good-bye." The same may be said of Mrs. Jackson. The best thing the Democratic party has done for some time is to elect so charming a lady as Mrs. Jackson to preside over the generous hospitalities of the gubernatorial mansion."

THE FREE BRIDGE QUESTION.

We stated in our last issue that petitions were in circulation asking the Legislature to pass an enabling act to make Chester river bridge at Chestertown a free bridge. We recognized the difference of opinion that exists in both counties upon this question. At least as to its *expediency*. We did not suppose and cannot now understand how any one can object to it as a measure of *justice*. The Centreville *Record* is very decided in its opposition. It says in its last issue—

"There is a diversity of opinion in Queen Anne's as to investing the public funds in the bridge. If the good people of Kent desire closer business relations with the people of Queen Anne's, let the commissioners of that county buy out the stockholders and invite us of Queen Anne's to come over and trade with them without exacting a tariff charge. That seems to us to be the proper thing to do. But don't let us pay for the privilege of taking our trade to Chestertown. Better bring it to Centreville and Church Hill, where tariffs are not exacted of producers."

The *Observer* does not express an opinion upon the subject, and while we can readily understand the *Record's* apprehension of evil, we think it is somewhat hasty and unjust in the comments above quoted. In the first place, this movement for a free bridge *does not originate in the interest of Chestertown merchants*, but rather in the interest of Queen Anne's agriculturists. Quite a number of these latter now "pay for the privilege of taking their trade to Chestertown," and it would seem proper for Queen Anne's to take at least as much interest in her own citizens as Kent is willing to do and join us in relieving them of this burdensome toll tax. They find in Chestertown a market for their produce, and if they can purchase goods here cheaper than elsewhere the advantage is with them in this also. The *Record's* position on this point is certainly a reflection upon the business men of Centreville and Church Hill—that a toll bridge is essential to protect them against Chestertown! This is a *protective tariff* in its essence, and our neighbors have stepped outside of their Democracy on this question at least. "Closer business relations" between the two counties is certainly desirable upon our part. This we presume to be the case with all good and enterprising communities, and shall certainly regret to find our esteemed contemporary disagreeing with us in regard to our people and their Queen Anne's neighbors. The desire for such "relations" should be mutual and not forced upon either the one or the other.

Our neighbors' criticism seems to have been inspired by selfish considerations altogether. They forget the interest of that section of the county to be benefited, in the apprehension of loss to another section. They fear that Centreville and Church Hill merchants and business men cannot compete with Chestertown, therefore it is right for a tariff for protection! The Chestertonians of Queen Anne's must be made to buy their wares in Centreville, it be to their interest to do so. This same Chester river section pays taxes to sustain free bridges for the benefit of their county without any benefit, but when they ask bridges for themselves they are opposed by their neighboring county and deny the said privilege, because forsooth pecuniary benefit is to be realized. They do not take such a position relative to the Crumpton bridge. She cheerfully pays half the expense to maintain this structure, and has no fault to find with her citizens for thus being accommodated with easier access to Crumpton business houses. There are no stores on the Kent side near the bridge, but we are not willing to force Kent county people to go to Chesterville or Millington for their goods by the imposition of a toll. The two counties justly make that high way free. The storekeepers of Crumpton, Millington and Chesterville are thus placed upon an equality, and those who have most push and pluck will get the trade.

Another bridge may be cited to show the disposition of our neighbor when its interests are involved. The bridge over Kent Island Narrows is wholly within the territory of Queen Anne's. The first touch of Talbot territory is seven miles away. Yet Talbot was the nearest county and Talbot would be benefited by bridging the narrows. And if we are not mistaken the Queen Anne's delegates in the Legislature, when the act was passed in '74 requiring the bridge to be built, actually tried to saddle *more than half the expense upon Talbot!* Talbot fought the proposition, of course, and the matter was settled by each county paying an equal amount. The *Record* no doubt thinks it was all right to demand of Talbot its full share of the expense of building and maintaining that bridge, though altogether within the limits of Queen Anne's and connecting two of her own election districts. We have no fault with it for this, however, as we do not understand the measure of its neighbor's interest in the matter, but such a position is certainly inconsistent with its views on the Chester river bridge question.

The Georgetown bridge is another maintained by two counties jointly, and the people of this section have not complained because of no direct interest. And so with every public improvement of roads or bridges. The different sections of the counties are expected to share each other's burdens, then can they rejoice in each other's advantages.

PIONEERS IN PEACH CULTURE.

The Crisis in the Past and Now.

In THE NEWS of last week was reproduced an article from the Baltimore *Sun*, in which it was stated that "more than twenty years ago Col. Edward Wilkins began peach growing in this county upon a large scale." This has given rise to queries relative to the pioneers in the cultivation of the peach in Kent. Mr. Isaac Parsons is one of the few now living who can personally relate an experience in this business, and he has a rich fund of reminiscence stored up. Mr. Robert G. Nicholson, the proprietor of the "Little Grove Nurseries," near town, is too young to know anything of the subject personally, but is well posted with facts handed down to him by his father, the late Robert Nicholson.

It is not our purpose to go into the subject at length, but simply to place upon record a few facts relative to this important industry in Kent which seem to have been lost sight of, and which facts are obtained through the sources above mentioned. The first peach orchard planted in Kent county was in 1839, by Anthony Reybold, of Delaware, upon the Plum Point farm, now owned by Mr. Adam Diehl. This farm was at that time tenanted by Mr. Solomon Startt. In 1845 Mr. S. was superceded as tenant by Robert Nicholson, who superintended the farm and gave special attention to peaches. Fifteen thousand trees were planted upon this farm—a very large orchard for that period—and many thought Mr. Reybold a very foolish man to take such large risks. Mr. Reybold paid $3,500 for this farm of 185 acres, and afterwards sold it to Mr. George Diehl for $72 per acre. In two years $6,000 were realized from the sale of peaches, which was counted a wonderful return from a single farm; and so it was, considering the prices then obtained for fruit. In 1847 the peach trees *blossomed in February*, and there was a good crop of fruit.

The next farms to begin the growth of peaches were Buck Neck, Churn Creek, Mr. Isaac Parsons' home farm and Col. Edward Wilkins' Riverside. Col. Wilkins was the first to begin the nursery business in Kent, but his growing was for his own orchards, and in the extent of orchards he soon outstripped all other growers in Kent, having at one time in cultivation as many as sixty thousand trees! Many people thought he, too, was making a big mistake in going so largely into this business here, and prophesied all sorts of calamities, but some of these same prophets of evil were glad to follow the Colonel's example in after years. Col. Wilkins, Robt. Nicholson and Isaac Parsons were cotemporary in this business and were recognized throughout the county as authorities on the peach.

In the first marketing of peaches Messrs. Parsons and Nicholson chartered a small steamer to run to Baltimore daily, and open sail vessels were used to run out from Churn Creek with the fruit and intercept the steamer. No boxes were used, the peaches being shipped exclusively in baskets.

We have a distinct recollection of the discussions among farmers of that day relative to the wisdom of peach culture. Many contended that a market could not be found for the fruit—that a few thousand baskets were about all that could be consumed at a paying price—and they determined over and again to stick to wheat and corn. Others thought differently. The KENT NEWS editorially urged farmers to engage in fruit culture and trucking, and predicted just what has since come to pass—that, as the product increased, the market would expand, and the means of consumption would so increase as to enhance the value of the product instead of rendering it a drug. That was the first important crisis in the history of peach culture in Kent, and the people were successfully tided over it, and Kent became the banner peach section of the world. Now, another crisis, some think, is upon us. Not only is our own county one vast peach orchard, and the whole peninsula gone wild on peach culture, but in the Western section of the State they are also planted largely and grown successfully; New Jersey has taken a fresh hold; New York is increasing her peach territory; the West and South have successfully experimented and are now growing extensively, so that the peach product in the immediate future is to be so enormously increased that many growers apprehend calamitous results from overproduction. We admit this is a crisis in the peach business to the Kent county grower, but wise action will save us again. The means of consumption are available if we take the pains to secure them. We must seek markets—systematize the sale—build canneries and sustain drying houses. In this way alone can we secure a profitable return for our fruit in the sharp competition certain to follow a general crop, and we trust our intelligent growers will prove equal to the emergency.

THE MISTAKE.

The bills to extend the Baltimore mayoralty term and the terms of city councilmen, which have been introduced in the Maryland Legislature, and the former of which passed the Senate without opposition, are wise in every particular but one. It was a mistake, we think, in touching the term of the present incumbents. General Latrobe is a model mayor and no objection can be made to him on the score of fitness, but the precedent would be most dangerous. The legislature would have the same right to *shorten* his term as to lengthen it, and possibly there are people in Baltimore, who are not of the mayor's way of thinking, who would claim for the legislature the same justification. He was elected for a definite term by the people and that compact with the people should not be changed by an arbitrary act of the legislature.

In all other features these measures are good. The mayoralty term should be increased to at least four years and the October elections should be abolished. There are certainly too many election contests in the city, and if the legislature will abolish some of them it will do a grand good thing for her people. The same thing will apply to the counties in a measure. If our sheriffalty term could be increased to four years and the county commissioners to four years it would be greatly to the advantage of the tax-payers certainly and most likely in the interest of good government also. We have too many elections in the counties, and if the Legislature will take the necessary steps to amend the constitution so as to abolish about one-half of them the whole people will be the gainer.

Mayor Latrobe says he never urged, nor did he suggest the extension of the mayoralty term. It is not at all necessary for him to adopt any such plan to retain that honorable position. The people of Baltimore have already given him four or five terms—to the city's manifest advantage—and they will not stop short with his present term if he will accept another.

GEO. M. RUSSUM, Esq., has gone to lecturing. He is a shrewd lawyer, a fine speaker, a Republican politician, and possibly has taken the hint from George Colton and added the lecturing feature in order to—do more good!

NAVIGATION RESUMED.—The steamer Corsica made the trip from Baltimore to Chestertown on Tuesday, preceded by the iceboat Baltimore, and touched at Kent Island and Grey's Inn. The mouth of the river was filled with drift ice, in some places reported to be two feet thick, and heavy ice was again encountered in the reach between Rolph's Wharf and Primrose's Point, but except these two places the way was tolerably clear. The whole day was consumed in making the trip. The steamer loaded with grain and returned to the city on Wednesday, taking over a number of passengers.

The Corsica made her trip again on Thursday, touching at all the wharves except Queenstown, and again encountering heavy drift ice. Yesterday morning the thermometer was down to 10°, with a snow storm prevailing when the steamer left her wharf here for Baltimore. There were some apprehensions of her ability to get through the ice embargo at the river's mouth, but Capt. Taylor determined to try it, and if possible the steamer will be here again to-day. The Chester River Company certainly deserve much credit for its effort to accommodate the traveling public, and the community no doubt appreciate it.

BAD TRAVELING.—The public roads were reported to be in fearful condition on Tuesday and Wednesday, consequent upon the thaw. It got colder and froze hard again on Wednesday night and the roads on Thursday were almost as rough as they were ever known to be, with no traveling except such as was necessary to be undertaken.

THE WHARF AT TOLCHESTER.—The statement in a Baltimore paper that this wharf had been carried away with ice is not correct. An examination shows that it has been very little damaged and can be readily repaired. It may yet, however, have to undergo its severest strain with the break-up in the Susquehanna.

THE SCHUBERTS.

The mid-winter concerts at Stam's Hall on the evenings of February 4th and 6th, were especially noted by the reappearance of Chicago's famous "Schubert Quartette." A year ago these sweet singers established their reputation here by choice selections of programme, perfect execution of intricate and difficult measures, and grace of manner in which they so obligingly responded to encores. They were greeted with a full house and a thoroughly attentive and appreciative audience.

Though none of the vocalists are listed among the celebrated singers of the age, and do not claim any special renown as soloists, yet in their quartette singing, their choice repertoire of selections, the beauty of arrangement, the accurate, artistic and skillful rendition of the respective parts and the harmonious beauty and musical sweetness of the combined voices, place them beyond a doubt in the front rank if not the leading male quartette in the country. Mr. Geo. H. Iott possesses a remarkably deep and rarely rich and musical base voice, the effect of which, when he sang that celebrated ballad, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," was simply magnificent, and this perfect ease with which he touches his notes and the wonderful effect his part bears to the other voices of the quartette, swelling up full and melodious like the sub-base of some grand organ—well, one has to hear it to appreciate it, and one's pen can but poorly describe its effect. He is the manager of the troupe and seems to have made many friends here, being a cultured gentleman with easy, affable manners and kind words for all.

Mr. Stone has a clear musical tenor of good compass and strength and sings with charming taste and delicacy, and is so courteous and obliging he will be very much missed when the "Schuberts" come again, for he is to return to his home at Evanston, Ill., at the end of this season and engage in business that will not require half a year's absence from his family.

The full, rich, musical baritone of Mr. Tyley was most pleasing, and Mr. Battel, the first tenor, gave evidence of a highly trained voice of wide compass and much strength.

Miss Wycoff, a mezzo soprano from St. Louis, has a rich, full voice and sings with much ease and feeling, and bids fair to become a second Annie Louise Cary, when she returns from Paris and Dresden, where she intends going at the end of the season to complete her vocal studies. She is having her first experience in concerting away from home, which is not at all agreeable.

Especially is the Quartette to be congratulated upon having such a graceful and competent accompanist as Miss Lay, while her piano recitals exhibited her delicacy of touch and a wonderfully artistic mastery of chords and harmony, eliciting much applause especially when she so gracefully complimented us with an encore of "Maryland My Maryland."

The Schuberts went from here to Peekskill, New York, and the impression left among us will live in memory until they come again a year hence.

A SERENADE.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moody, a newly married couple, were serenaded at their residence on College avenue Thursday night. The music was a sort of kettle-and-base-drum-calithumpian-horse-fiddle-affair, with all the merit in its noise. Charley Smith was generalissimo of the company, and John Vandegrift the commissary; Pippin, Howard and Fiddis managed the kettle drums; Brice and Hamilton the horse-fiddles, while Weatherby and others filled in with the variety horns. The happy groom and his bride appreciated the efforts of the young men, and gave them a most hospitable reception and entertainment.

A FORMER KENT COUNTIAN IN MISFORTUNE.—Mrs. Mary E. Ernest, mentioned in the following extract from a Philadelphia letter, is the widow of the late Henry W. Ernest, long and well-known in Chestertown. He had been living in Philadelphia for some years at the time of his death three years ago, and his widow was thought to be very fortunate when she fell heir to the sum named: Mary E. Ernest, the apparent owner for ten years of about $25,000 worth of real estate, is about to lose possession under a suit for ejectment brought by her heretofore unknown step-brothers, Thomas and William Clifton, of London. Thos. Clifton, the elder, a London baker, left two sons in that country in 1823 and fled to Philadelphia, where he established a bakery. In 1828 he married a widow—Martha Walters. Mr. Clifton died in 1870, leaving no will. His widow took possession of his property, including $25,000 worth of real estate, and dying about 1878, left it to her daughter by a previous marriage—Mary E. Ernest. The sons of Thos. Clifton, now well advanced in years, recently hunted up the history of their father. Under the law the widow of the latter only had a life interest in his estate, which at her death, goes to these sons. Hence the suit of ejectment intended to establish their claims. It is eighteen years since the elder Clifton's death. If the sons had been three years later Mrs. Ernest would have had good title to the property.

DORCHESTER is the largest county in the State, having an area of 770 square miles. Kent has 318 square miles of territory. And yet the assessed value of the property of Kent is put down at $7,635,358; Dorchester, $6,239,824. Queen Anne's has an area of 422 square miles and her property is assessed at $7,208,549.

THE Smyrna *Record* states that a family of Poles just from Castle Garden, on their way to Rock Hall, Md., occupied the Clayton depot Tuesday night, having missed connection with the Chestertown train. What made their situation more unpleasant was that they were unable to speak a word of English.

A LAWYER'S MARRIAGE.

The event which has agitated the social circles of Kent for some time past was the nuptials of HOPE H. BARROLL, Esq., a prominent young member of the Kent bar, and Miss MARGARET SPENCER WETHERED, one of Kent's loveliest young ladies. The Protestant Episcopal Church of this town was crowded at the hour of noon, on Thursday, the time named for the ceremony, and the affair was a beautiful and brilliant consummation of this most important change in the lives of this interesting couple.

The ceremony was after the English style—the groom with his best man, James P. Gorter, Esq., of Baltimore, entering the auditorium from the rector's robing room, just as the bride expectant entered from the main door of the church, and approached the altar upon the arm of her brother, Mr. John S. Wethered, preceded by the following ushers: Dr. C. P. Gilpin, W. W. Hubbard, Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs, Wm. Janvier, Joseph Peterson and Lewin W. Wickes. Reaching the altar the bride relinquished the arm of her brother and took that of the groom, who awaited her approach with perfect composure and face lit with lively expression and smiles.

Rev. S. C. Roberts, the rector, performed the ceremony in his usual impressive manner, and the ring was handed over at the proper time by the "best man." Before the entrance of the bridal party and while they moved up the aisle, the organ pealed forth its rich notes under the skillful touch of Mrs. Marian Rogers, who was assisted by Miss Lizzie Roberts. Miss Mamie Wethered, the bride's sister, was "best lady," but entered before the bridal party, accompanied by Miss Josephine Wickes, and took front seats. The church was beautifully decorated with blooming flowers.

The bride was dressed in terra cotta travelling suit with variegated bead trimmings, without flowers or ornaments except a single beautiful diamond breastpin, the present of the groom. She was bewitchingly handsome as she stood at the altar and gracefully moved through the aisles the cynosure of the hundreds of eyes. The groom looked his best in a handsome suit of broad-cloth.

After the ceremony the party were driven direct to the railroad station and took the 1.20 train for Baltimore, where they spent the night at the Hotel Rennert. On Friday they were to go to Richmond and from thence to Charleston, Savannah and Florida, and after spending some time in the latter State, will return home via New Orleans, St. Louis, Chicago and Niagara Falls, New York, arriving here about the first of April, when they will take up their residence in the Meeteer homestead on Front street—Mr. Barroll's aunt, Mrs. Dr. Meeteer, taking his house on the opposite side of the street.

Among those present at the ceremony outside of town we noticed J. Leeds Barroll, Esq., of Philadelphia, a brother of the groom; Addison Emory and wife, and Jervis Spencer and wife, of Queen Anne's; Thomas H. Horsey and wife, of Galena; W. H. Cacy and sister, of Masseys; Harry Levis, of Elkton; E. T. Comegys and wife, of Locust Grove; David P. Davis, of Philadelphia; P. A. M. Brooks and wife, of Kennedyville; Miss Lola Emory, of Centreville.

The presents to the bride were numerous and handsome, notwithstanding the fact that there were no cards issued. Among them was a solid silver service with the Wethered coat of arms inscribed upon each piece, from the groom, and two pieces of silver that have belonged to his ancestors for the past 150 years. Eleven solid silver ladels and spoons in cases; handsome lamp; several dozen solid silver table and tea spoons; a beautiful nut case with silver pickers and crackers, and about fifty others.

A splendid supper was given by the groom on the evening before the marriage to his ushers and a few intimate friends, and the terrapin and canvas back, etc., were heartily relished, but the anticipated event of the coming morn was the absorbing theme and the happy groom expectant was apparently drifting away from his old life of bachelordom without a shadow of regret.

A Musician's Marriage.

PROF. PERRY C. OREM, of Baltimore, well known in Chestertown as a very fine musician, was married in that city, at the Light Street Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday morning last, by the Rev. J. D. Fitzgerald, to Miss JENNIE MCKINLEY, daughter of Mr. J. R. McKinley. The ushers were C. J. Schenkel, G. W. Busch, W. H. Orem and H. P. Orem, brothers of the groom. The bride wore a serpent-green Ottoman silk, with cream sash and silver braid trimming, with gloves to match. There was a reception at their new home, No. 1316 Hanover street.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—The Fairlee Minstrels have successfully carried out the programs at the points named in last week's advertisement. Full houses have heartily enjoyed these entertainments so much so indeed that other sections of the county are anxious to have a visit from them. To meet the general desire the minstrels have consented to three more performances, the dates and plans for which will be found in another column. Our Fairlee correspondent gives a glowing account of their first appearance at that village to a large and delighted audience. Be sure to hear them.

WENT TO SEE HIS GAL.—Charles Hood, a colored youth of Galena took a horse from the stable of Mr. N. E. Penington and carriage and harness from W. T. Miller last Sunday night and kept them until three o'clock next morning, when he returned them. He was received by Constable Miller who took him before Justice W. A. Miller and after a hearing he was committed to jail to answer at court. Deputy Lambert received Hood at the station, and asked him what he took the team for. He replied: "I went to see my gal!"

A CARRIAGE FACTORY REOPENED.—The carriage factory in Chestertown, formerly conducted by Mr. George E. Lambert, and which has been closed for some time, has been rented by Mr. Walton C. Orrell, who gives notice in another column of his opening. Mr. Orrell comes to Chestertown from Wye Mills, where he has been engaged in the carriage manufacturing business for eleven years, and still conducts the business there. He declares his purpose to do first class work at the lowest prices and asks a trial to demonstrate his ability to please.

VALUABLE ARTICLE FOR THE HAIR.—Mr. John S. Vandegrift, our popular barber, has for sale a hair tonic which is said by those who have tried it to be the best ever manufactured or sold in this region. John is a first-class tonsor, and knows what is good for the hair, while his good reputation in the community would not allow him to palm off a worthless article upon the people. Read his advertisement in another column, and if your hair needs a tonic give "Vandegrift's" a trial.

THE suppers served at the Catholic Church on Wednesday and Thursday evenings were gotten up in fine style and were well patronized.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. S. Vannort, of this town, has been severely afflicted for some time past and has been under medical treatment by skillful Baltimore physicians. The crisis was reached last week and she was informed that a surgical operation was necessary. After a visit home she returned to Baltimore on Saturday with her husband, and a letter now before us from the latter states that on Monday Dr. Hammond performed the delicate surgery with perfect success, and her entire recovery is now believed to be assured. Mr. Vannort hopes to return home with his wife in about one month.

Miss Maggie Sappington, daughter of Mr. J. B. Sappington, of this town, and a most estimable young lady, has been sadly afflicted for some months past, and her father took her to Baltimore on Wednesday for medical treatment. It is feared that her mind is seriously impaired. Maggie has been a special favorite in a large circle of young friends for years and her affliction is one of the most singular and saddest that has come under our notice. It is sincerely hoped that a cure may be speedily effected.

Mr W. H. Walters, of Pocomoke City, has been spending the week in Chestertown on a visit to his sister, Miss Nellie Walters.

Prof. W. L. Gooding, principal of the Conference Academy at Dover, Del., and Mr. Addison Gooding, of Nebraska, were in Chestertown on Tuesday in company with ex-Sheriff Gooding of Galena.

Rev. J. D. Kemp has received an invitation from the M. E. Church at Georgetown, Del., and will probably be sent to that charge.

Dr. T. H. Cooper, Simon Wickes, Misses Edith Hines, Nannie Brice and Emma Gilpin, of Chestertown, attended the grand legislative ball at Annapolis on Thursday evening.

Mr. T. A. Jacobs, near Sassafras, was violently kicked by a horse on the fleshy portion of the thigh a few days ago and has suffered much pain therefrom.

Capt. A. Woodall, of Georgetown, is still confined to his house by the painful complaint termed "shingles."

Mr. John M. Pennington, of Kennedyville, who has been confined to the house for several weeks, is very much improved and able to be out.

Miss Annie Thrasher, of Baltimore, and Miss Carrie Rowson, of Cincinnati, are visiting at Mr. W. J. Vannort's, on Front st.

Miss Sallie Pennington, of Baltimore, has been visiting at Mr. Willard Melvin's for a week past.

The wives of our Senator and members of the House of Delegates have spent this week at Annapolis with their husbands.

Mr. G. H. Meginniss, formerly of Kent, sends us a copy of the Jacksonville (Florida) *Times-Union*, to show the wonderful growth of St. Augustine. In 1880 its population was 2,000; now it is 10,000.

Mr. J. R. Clements has received a letter from Mr. Allan Harris, who is having a good time in the land of orange groves, accompanied by his brother, the genial and witty Spencer. The letter is dated "Yatcht Papoose, Jupeter Inlet, Jan. 30," and states that he is "300 miles south of Jacksonville and near the end of Florida." The two spend much of the time boating and fishing and give a glowing description of the beautiful rivers lined with palmettos. They expect to be home in about two weeks.

A PROTRACTED MEETING has been in progress in the M. P. Church in Chestertown during the week with good results. Much spiritual interest prevails and there have been several conversions. Rev. S. B. Tredway, of St. James', preached on Thursday night, and Rev. C. R. Blades, of Kennedyville, is expected to be present next week.

MIRTH AND MELODY.—Mr. C. F. Stam announces a delightful entertainment for Monday evening. See notice in another column. This company is recommended to Mr. Stam by the Harrisburg, Pa., Literary Bureau, and must be first-class in order to secure such endorsement.

THE directors of the Centreville and Corsica River Steamboat Company met in Philadelphia on Monday. It is reported that the object of the meeting was to consider the advisability of building one, if not two steamers, to ply in the waters of Chester river and its tributaries.—*Centreville Observer.*

THE ice broke up pretty well at the head of the river on Tuesday, and a couple of seines were hauled at Crumpton, with fine success.

THE alarm of fire in Chestertown, on Thursday night about 9 o'clock, was caused by the burning out of a chimney in the dwelling of William Hill, colored, near William Perkins'.

THE PRICE OF COAL is quoted in Centreville at *eight dollars* per ton. In Chestertown it is selling for $6.25 to $6.50 per ton.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Feb. 7.—Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett.

W. M. Slay, adm'r of G. W. T. Perkins, passed his second and final administration and dividend account.

W. H. and R. A. Bowers, exec'rs of Thos. L. Bowers, returned an inventory of the personal property of the decedent.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of Charles Carey, late of Trenton, N. J., were granted to John D. Urie, who filed his bond with approved security.

Richard Hynson, adm'r of Thos. B. Hynson, filed an appraisement of the real estate of his decedent.

H. T. Massey, adm'r of Thomas Massey, passed his first and final administration account.

Note.—The account passed Dec. 27 by Wm. S. Busick and John B. Parrott, adm'rs of John B. Parrott, was the *first* and not the first and final acc't as heretofore published.

A MAN named Charles Bangs, in Baltimore, swallowed a lizzard while drinking from a hydrant spout last week. Physicians succeeded in getting the reptile out by the use of emetics. It was about three inches long, alive and kicking, and it has been preserved.

JUDGE STUMP directed Sheriff Sullivan to take all the old matting and carpet off the court room floor in Easton before the May term, and not put it back again as there were thousands of fleas in it!

FIRES AT SMYRNA.—Smyrna had two fires on Sunday morning early, the first at 2.30 o'clock in the tailor store of T. McCoy and the tin shop of J. G. Brinton adjoining. The damage was not heavy, barely $750, and both buildings were saved. Two hours later fire broke out in Mrs. John Winford's trimming store, joining McCoy's store on the other side. Over $1,000 damage was done before the flames were extinguished. The first losses are insured, but the second is not.

THE toll gatherer and the oar ferry are nuisances we have abolished and thus set Kent a good example. Even foot passengers that go over the Chester bridge have to pay toll.—*Easton Ledger.*

MARRIED.

At Emmanuel P. E. Church, Chestertown, on the 9th inst., by the rector, Rev. S. C. Roberts, HOPE H. BARROLL, Esq., to Miss MADGE S. WETHERED, both of Chestertown.

On the 1st instant, at Still Pond M. E. Church, by the Rev. E. C. Macnichol, Mr. JOSEPH C. BOWERS to Miss LIZZIE M. QUIMBY, both of this county.

DIED.

In Philadelphia, on the 23d of January, 1888, GEORGE W. D. FORD, in the 61st year of his age, formerly of this county.

At Rock Hall, on the 8th instant, BENJAMIN WEBB, aged about 57 years.

Feb. 9, 1888, ADDIE, daughter of W. A. and Josephine Wheatley, aged 3 years, 11 months and 12 days [Funeral services Sunday afternoon at 3½ o'clock, at the residence on Queen street.]

MY VESSELS are still RUNNING CORN wherever and whenever navigation is open. Other freight also solicited.
J14-tf. JOSEPH TURNER.

DRAINAGE.
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 price. I have permission to refer to Messrs. Jno. F. Nicholson, W. G. Skirven, Albert I. Corey Fairlee; John W. Skirven, Edesville, and other gentlemen for whom I have done work.
Address WILLIAM MAY,
J14-tf. Fairlee, Kent county, Md.

PERSONAL.—Owing to Mr. A. L. BENJAMIN leaving me without a minute's warning, I have no one to deliver my oil to my customers. He left me on his own free will and for no other cause whatsoever. All other reports to the contrary are false. I expect to have another man (one that can be depended upon) in a few days.
Feb. 11—3t. L. W. SPARKS.

At Private Sale!
The HANNESVILLE PROPERTY situated in the Third Election District of Kent County, Md. For information apply to MRS. ARILLA A. VANNORT, Palmyra, N. J.
fe11-3m.

FARMERS and HORSEMEN!
Look to Your Interest!
Prices to Suit the Times!
REMEMBER I do not sell Stoves, Medicine, Muslins, Calicoes, Sugars, nor Coffees, but I do keep
A HARNESS STORE
SELL, MAKE and REPAIR
all kinds of Carriage, Wagon and Dearborn Harness, Bridles, Collars, Riding Saddles, Whips, Rope and Chain Traces, Backbands, Curry-Combs, Brushes, Robes, Blankets, Sleigh-Bells and every thing kept in season that is usually kept in a First-Class Harness Shop, from a 10-cent Hame Strap to a Set of Fine Harness.
Encourage me by buying your Harness Goods where you can have them neatly and promptly repaired. Thankful for past patronage I remain yours respectfully,
WILLIAM PARR,
fe11-1y. STILL POND, MD.

FOR RENT:
THE NEW DWELLING located on College Avenue, for the present year.
fe4-3t. Apply to JAMES BRICE.

FOR SALE OR RENT:
A DWELLING HOUSE on Cannon Street, Chestertown. Also a small sum of money to loan on mortgage. Apply to JOHN D. URIE,
f4-3t. TRUSTEE.

FOR SALE:
A Fine Lot of PLYMOUTH ROCK CHICKENS. Price for Cockerels $1.00. Pullets 75c.
ALDAY CLEMENTS,
f4-3t. Crumpton, Md.

WANTED.
All GOOD BUTTER-MAKERS to call at H. A. SPARKS', under the NEWS office. We think it will pay you to do so. H. A. SPARKS.
Feb. 4, 1888—tf.

LIBRARY NOTICE.
Subscriptions to CIRCULATING LIBRARY expire in February. If we can get 50 subscribers for the year at $1.00 per year we will at once put in a supply of new and better books. Bring along your cash. This is cheap reading.
fe4-tf. Resp'y, H. A. SPARKS.

$50 REWARD.
A reward of Fifty Dollars is offered by the School Commissioners of Kent county for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who have been breaking into and otherwise injuring the public school houses at Still Pond and Lambson's Station. By order of the Commissioners.
fe4-3t. EBEN F. PERKINS, Sec'y.

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.
f28-3t. B. T. WILKINS.

FOR SALE:
A SMALL FOOT-POWER TURNING LATHE, Splendid Grindstone, Machinist and Carpenter's TOOLS of Lemont Downing, to be seen at my office.
J14-tf. JOSEPH TURNER.

CLOVER SEED! CLOVER SEED!
CHOICE, RECLEANED, WESTERN. In any quantity. Bottom prices. J. H. IRELAND,
J14- Locust Grove, Md.

CLOVER SEED! CLOVER SEED!
For sale at Bottom Prices.
☞ A choice lot to arrive.
jan7-tf. Respectfully, R. F. PARKS.

VANDEGRIFT'S
HAIR INVIGORATOR

ABOUT a year ago I obtained a VERY VALUABLE RECIPE for making a
HAIR TONIC
which is a Pure and Wholesome Preparation, for Dressing and Promoting the Growth of the Hair, for Allaying and Preventing Inflamation, Allevlating and Curing All Ordinary Diseases of the Scalp and Skin, it also Prevents the Hair from Falling Out, and where it has Fallen Causes New Growth, Prevents the Formation of Dandruff, Cures Tetter, Sores and Humors of the Scalp and Strengthens the Roots of the Hair, Renders the Hair Soft Pliant and gives it a Beautiful Lustrous Gloss. It has met with such popular favor that I have a general agency established in Baltimore. It is agreeably perfumed and is the Cleanest of all Preparations for Toilett Use, and have placed it within the reach of all, and sold at the small price of 50 Cents per bottle.
SOME WHO HEVE USED IT:
Joseph W. Thompson, Wm. H. Lambert, L. C. Justis, Jr., R. F. Fleming, Wm. W. Hubbard, Col. Copeland, Geo. McWhorter, Fred. Gerker, L. J. Smith, R. G. Nicholson, H. H. Barroll, H. C. Chase, J. C. Bolton, Father Murphy, R. Bergen, Miss Hodgkins, Mrs. Kimble, and scores of other
—FOR SALE BY:—
C. F. Stam, M. A. Toulson, Jos. P. Ireland, DRUGGISTS.
—Manufactured by—
J. S. VANDEGRIFT,
fe11-6m. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

CHARLES CAREY,
late of Trenton, New Jersey, decease.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned, on or before the 24th day of August, 1888, or they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate.

Given under my hand this 7th day of February, 1888.

JOHN D. URIE,
Feb. 11, 1888—4t. Administrator.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

John D. Urie, Trustee,
versus
George H. Bennett and A. Florida Bennett, his wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 8th day of February, 1888, that the Sale of the Real and Personal Property, made and reported by JOHN D. URIE, Trustee, by virtue of a Deed of Trust, from George H. Bennett and A. Florida Bennett, his wife, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 12th day of April next;—PROVIDED, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 12th day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,942.94.

SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
Feb. 11, 1888—4t.

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.

IF you want a PIPE, for the best selection go to J. L. McFEELY'S.

Mirth! Melody!
—AND—
BEAUTIFUL MUSIC!
MR. AND MRS. HARRY DIXIE
will give a charming entertainment in
Stam's Hall, Next Monday Eve., Feb. 13.
The Entertainment will consist of Pocket Editions of the Comic Operas,
THE MIKADO,
LA MASCOTTE,
LITTLE TYCOON,
Four In Hand Bell Duets, Duets for Guitar and Mandolin, Zither and Harmonica Solos,
BRILLIANT COSTUMES,
FINE ACTING,
SUPERB SINGING.
☞ Tickets for sale Saturday morning.
It. COLIN F. STAM.

Fairlee Minstrels!
MILLINGTON,.....Tuesday, Feb. 14.
ROCK HALL,.....Thursday, Feb. 16.
EDESVILLE,.....Saturday, Feb. 18.
—PROGRAMME:—
PART I.—Overture, Gathering the Myrtle with Mary, Love on the Brain, I a'int Going to Tell, Sitting on the Golden Fence, Finale, Intermission.
PART II.—Banjo Solo, Song and Dance; The Great Arrival; Solo, "Is that you, Mr. Reilly?" Scene in a Hotel; Solo and Chorus, "Massa in de cold, cold ground;" The Rival Stump Speakers; The