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The Kent News

CHESTERTOWN - FEB. 18, 1888.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

The bill authorizing the building of a new school-house at Millington has passed the House and been sent to the Senate.

In the House on the 9th inst., Mr. Baker, of Kent, presented a petition from I. R. Leaverton and 25 residents of Kent county in favor of a constitutional amendment, on the subject of prohibition, which was read, and referred to the committee on temperance.

On the same day, on motion of Mr. Brice leave was granted to the committee on the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries to introduce a bill entitled an act to repeal and re-enact chapter 188 of the acts of the General Assembly of Marytand, passed at the January session, 1886, entitled an act to better regulate the time and manner of taking and catching fish in the waters of Eastern bay and Chester river, and their tributaries, within the jurisdictional limits of Queen Anne's and Kent counties.

THE ELECTION LAW.

The committee on elections of the two Houses have held several long sessions to consider the election bills before them. They have made considerable progress and expect to report the bill at an early day. One member says the wish of the majority on the committee is to have a Maryland election law that will commend itself and be suited to a Southern State. The proposition is to have boards of election commissioners for Baltimore city and the counties, with minority representation the boards to be appointed by the Governor. In Baltimore city boards of registration are suggested for each ward, with three members, including a minority representation. The registration under this plan is to be made in 1889 and every fourth year thereafter, with provisions for revision of the lists. One register is provided for each election district in the counties, with new registration once in ten years, and provision for revision of the lists. The idea of the present law is maintained, with amendments giving minority representation all the way through, which is not recognized in the existing law. There is also provision for election canvassers, taken from the election bills before the committees, this being a new feature.

A BILL AGAINST BRIBERS.

Senator Stake has introduced a bill which provides that any person who shall give or offer to give any sum of money in order to obtain any office under the State shall upon conviction, be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, and, in addition, be confined in the House of Correction not exceeding twelve months, in the discretion of the court. It was referred to the judiciary committee.

THE BLUE AND THE GRAY—KIND WORDS FROM SENATOR BURCHINAL.

The bill to give the Association of the Maryland Line the use of the Pikesville arsenal for the benefit of disabled and destitute Confederate soldiers was passed in the senate on Wednesday—yeas 21, nays 0. Senator Burchinal, arose and said: "Mr. President, I am unwilling that the bill now upon its final passage should be passed without comment, lest it should be said that it had gone through unobserved. I desire to say, sir, as a republican and an ex-Federal soldier, for the being of which I have no apology to make, that I am decidedly in favor of the bill, especially as it provides for a temporary home for the disabled ex-Confederate soldiers of Maryland." Senator Goodwin, of Baltimore city, in reply, said: "Mr. President, I listened with great pleasure to the remarks of my friend, the Senator from Kent. As a Marylander and an ex-Confederate soldier, I thank him for the kind words uttered from the bottom of my heart, and when I do this I know that I voice the sentiments not only of the Maryland soldiers, but that of every ex-Confederate in the country. For myself and for my old comrades again I thank him." Both the speeches were applauded. After adjournment the ex-Confederate soldiers present went to Senator Burchinal and personally thanked him for his kind words in advocacy of the bill.

THANKS TO CONGRESSMAN GIBSON.

In the House on Monday night Mr. Campbell, of Baltimore city, presented the following resolution:

"Whereas the honorable Charles H. Gibson, Representative in Congress from the first district of Maryland, by his earnest, manly and intelligible conduct as a member of the committee on rivers and harbors, procured from said committee a favorable report recommending a suitable appropriation for the harbors of this State; and

"Whereas, recognizing the great importance of said report and appropriation to the commercial interests of this State, and particularly to the city of Baltimore, we, the members of the Baltimore city delegation of the House of Delegates of Maryland, do appreciate his valuable services, and cordially adopt the following:

"*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Baltimore city delegation of the House of Delegates of Maryland, extend our hearty congratulations to the Hon. Charles H. Gibson for his successful efforts in behalf of the commercial interests of our city and state, and that we earnestly wish him a long and prosperous career in the public service."

Letter from Locust Grove.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Our greatest trouble has been to get fuel, there being neither wood or coal obtainable. The only way we can get any coal at all is by ordering it of Mr. B. F. Fleming, of Chestertown, sent to Black's Station mill train, by paying an additional cost of fifty cents on the net price of six dollars and fifty cents per ton. We need a coal yard and coal merchant badly.

The Cecilton butcher is again making his tri-weekly trips to our place, supplying us with fresh meat.

A good shoemaker is very badly needed here, the closest being Kennedyville. A good opening is here for some man.

Our sidewalks are to be paved in a very short time. The money is nearly all raised now. This will be a great improvement, as we have had almost to swim this winter.

A target pistol shooting match took place last Saturday between S. J. Watts, of this place, and Mr. John T. Brock, of Wilmington, Del., and, as the average score was about the same, it was not decided who was winner. Mr. Brock, it is said, uses no other gun for squirreling than his Smith & Wesson revolver, and he is said to kill at least three squirrels out of five from the average tall trees.

Our young friend, *Jack Goldie*, who had sojourned with us for more than a year bade us all a final farewell and departed for a trip on foot to Philadelphia the week before last, and after he left Mr. Edward T. Comegys, our benevolent grain merchant, found a note on his writing desk, addressed to him, from Jack, thanking him for his kindness to him, and said remember the poor tramp on his trip.

Our reputable merchants, Mr. Owen Hayes and Mr. Redmile, are kept quite busy waiting on their customers, the result of low prices and courteous manners. Some very beautiful presents in the way of majolica ware, with the Silver Star baking powder, are being drawn at Mr. Owen Hayes' store, some of which are valuable and useful.

Our affable and competent druggist, Mr. George M. Beasten, P. M., is not over-busy, as our Dr. J. Horton Kelley's presence renders our clime so delightfully healthful that the sight of him doeth some patients good, and sickness is almost out of the question, there only being one or two cases of scarlatina and no other sickness, for a very long time. The water here is pure and excellent.

Our Singer sewing machine representative disposes of from two to five of his superior machines each week, without hard work, his machine being a *self-seller*.

Our blacksmith, Mr. Henry Kelley, is kept constantly busy putting on his celebrated anti-slip, anti-forging, anti-clogging, anti-stumbling horse shoes, and with his thorough knowledge and superior skill in adjusting them nobody finds fault.

An old adage, that "after a storm is a calm," is verified, for things have been very tranquil here ever since Christmas, or before; as last fall, and later, things were very turbulent, as words and blows were often exchanged and blackened eyes were of frequent occurrence.

Mr. T. B. Sutton, our cabinet maker, is kept busy at repairing furniture. He can make old and broken-up furniture look like new, and his charges are always moderate.

Mr. J. Z. Byron's brother, from the far West, is now visiting him in this place, after an absence of ten years, and his narratives of adventure and sights in that section are of very absorbing interest.

LEUMAS SR. TAW.

STILL POND AGRICULTURAL CLUB.

CLUB ROOM, February 11, 1888.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Club called to order to-day with more than the usual number present. Minutes read and adopted.

Committee to visit Baltimore in the interest of Fruit Exchange reported that they had not performed that service yet owing to the uncertainty of boats making uniform trips, but that the committee will be ready to report at our next meeting. J. S. Harris and R. T. Turner, Jr., will represent the club on this occasion, and will make the trip by boat, if possible; if not, they will proceed by rail.

The building of one canning house in Still Pond in the spring is an assured fact. A second party is knocking at the door for the privilege of erecting a second one. Messrs. W. D. Pennington, G. W. Davis and Dr. Wm. S. Maxwell were appointed a committee to obtain information and investigate the propriety of encouraging this second enterprise. We say let them come; no danger of too much activity or enterprise. Competition is what we want. Our farmers are eager to engage in the growing of such crops as will pay best. There is so little profit in the production of the cereals now that any crop that promises better results will be hailed with favor.

The peach interest came in for a share of comment. One member stated that there were growing in Michigan now 2,670,718 trees; 1,428,809 are in bearing at this time. The number of peach trees now growing in our own county (Kent) was estimated by our club at 1,000,000, two-thirds of these being five years old and under. Think of this. Better market facilities are sorely needed. An Exchange in Baltimore will be the salvation of the fruit interest. Now that the iron is hot, let every farmer put his shoulder to the wheel and success is ours. Neglect this opportunity, and we fail, and shall be compelled to adhere to old methods, so disastrous in the past, and which must prove ruinous in the future, when the deluge of overflow must and will find its way here.

The farmers must be on the alert. The Legislature is now in session, and some measure may become a law that may block our prospective Fruit Exchange in the bud. There is some danger of railroading a bill through "unbeknowns" to us farmers, detrimental or ruinous to our project. Interested parties will defeat our designs if in their power. The wily are ever on the alert and we must be ever on the watch.

I see Capt. Thompson introduced a bill in the Legislature Thursday, 16th instant, entitled "A Fruit Measurement Bill," which provides that all garden truck, vegetables and fruits, of whatever sort or description, hereafter sold in this State shall be sold in boxes containing either one bushel or one-half bushel. Now, we don't charge Capt. Thompson with an intentional wrong, for we believe uniform packages would be a good thing; but to compel farmers to ship their peaches in boxes when the great majority of speculators, purchasing and reshipping this fruit to distant markets, want it in baskets to suit the conveniences of their trade, this sudden change would operate very injuriously to the interest of the farmer, as these shippers would not pay as good prices for fruit in boxes as in baskets, and our proposed Exchange would suffer serious loss by reason of the operation of such a law at this time. Now, if the word boxes was struck out in this bill and the word packages inserted in its stead, the law would not be so objectionable; but even then it would still work damage for some time to come, as many farmers and manufacturers have quantities of boxes and baskets now in stock which would be valueless if such a law should be enacted to take effect on its passage. A period of two years should elapse before such a law should be made effective. Another defect in the bill is its limit to one-half bushel and one bushel packages. This would compel farmers and truckers to ship cabbage, watermelons, and other bulky vegetables and fruits in bushel packages; in fact, watermelons should be shipped in bulk, cabbage in large, open crates, potatoes and many other vegetables in barrels.

Now, if Capt. Thompson will modify his bill to read somewhat as follows, we see no objection to it, viz.: Let it provide that all garden truck, vegetables and fruits, of whatever sort or description, sold in this State, shall be sold in packages containing either one-half bushel, or one, two or three bushels, except watermelons, which may be sold in bulk. This law shall not take effect until August 1, 1890. This will enable parties to dispose of all the stock of baskets and boxes now on hand, and allow the shipment of potatoes, apples and many other articles in barrels.

There was quite a good deal of wind expended to-day on the windmill question. The sentiment was unanimous that they are a good thing while in order, but a very expensive arrangement when out of order; and out of order they will get, and that, too, often, we think. There is one point in connection with this matter that the members of our club unanimously agreed upon: that the repair parties have learned to perfection—have even become experts at—have learned it all—and that is, they have learned how to charge for repairs; they are extremely liberal in this respect—never making small bills, always large—and usually very large and occasionally outrageous, so that when the bills are paid and they take their departure you mentally vow you will never patronize them again; but the next day, when the thing won't work, you eagerly summon them again and suffer a repetition of this cuss——ss.

There is evidently something wrong about this windmill question, and he who solves it to the farmers' advantage will no doubt be put down as a benefactor.

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Kennedyville Farmers' Club.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The Kennedyville Farmers' Club held its weekly meeting this afternoon, and had a very spirited and pleasant session. In spite of the bad roads and very disagreeable day there were forty-three members present. The subjects under discussion were those of establishing a cannery and a creamery. The farmers seem to realize more than ever the importance of the enterprises, and we doubt not that in a short time we shall see the welcome sight of new buildings going up and the farmers all at home busily preparing for the cultivation of a goodly acreage of corn and tomatoes. It was stated in the meeting that Messrs. Arthur Brothers, of Harford county, had recently visited here and are very favorably impressed with the desirableness of this place as a canning centre. We learn that these gentlemen have had years of experience in the business and are entirely reliable men. We regret that they could not remain to to-day's meeting of the club. We understand that they will contract to do business here if the club will furnish a sight. The farmers were called on to say what acreage each would put out in corn and tomatoes, and it appears that they will furnish as much as one cannery can desire. Some were a little slow to say, preferring to give the subject more careful consideration, and we presume to talk with their better halves about it.

The creamery business was also quite lengthily discussed, and we think that progress may be reported. If any man has any doubt of this branch of farming being profitable, if they will get Mr. E. B. Pennington to give them his experience, we think that his doubts will banish as the clouds before the noonday sun. Mr. Pennington is a thoroughly practical farmer, and we suppose that he has made more money at the business in the last ten years than any man in the community. Some farmers had the idea that the two things could not be successfully carried on at the same time; that they would conflict; but we are glad to say that that idea has lost its hold and all are working for both. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the Still Pond Farmers' Club have, in suggesting one point in Baltimore city to sell the fruit raised on the peninsula, struck the key-note of a very important reform in the fruit trade, and that this club will in every way forward the good work thus started.

The meeting then adjourned to meet Saturday Feb. 18th, at two o'clock.

CANNING ENTERPRISES IN TALBOT.—The Easton correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says that three fruit and vegetable canning factories will be started in the spring in Talbot—two, those of W. L. Hubbard and the Shannahan & Wrightson Company at Easton, and that of Messrs. Tunis & Wheeler, at Tunis Mills. Farmers are making contracts to grow tomatoes at $6 a ton, and sweet corn at $10 a ton. Ex-Comptroller Turner proposes to can the products of his own farm, near Easton.

AN ELOPEMENT CASE.

A Married Man Deserts His Wife and Goes Off with a Young Girl.

The facts of an elopement case have been known to some parties in Chestertown for more than two weeks, but it has hitherto been thought best to suppress them. On Tuesday, January 31, a man who was recognized by a number as Henry Foot, a former resident of Locust Grove, this county, made his appearance in Chestertown accompanied by a young woman whom he represented to be his wife, and stopped at Armstrong's Hotel. He had for the past year or so been keeping a store at Roesville, Queen Anne's county. Foot immediately started out to find a purchaser for his horse and buggy. It was a very good-looking horse, and the buggy was in fair condition. He asked $150 for them. The price seemed so low and the man appeared to be so anxious to sell that the matter created some suspicion that everything was not straight. One party offered him $120, which he declined. They remained at Armstrong's Hotel until Thursday, and the young woman talked of the man constantly as her husband. On Wednesday evening they went out and purchased a trunk, which they packed and expressed to Philadelphia. On Thursday morning they drove to Clayton, where it is learned that the man sold the horse and buggy. On Monday, February 6, a handsome woman, somewhere past thirty, appeared at Armstrong's Hotel and gave a description of Foot, the horse and the carriage, and asked if he had been seen there. When told that Foot had been at the hotel with a young woman, she burst into tears and said she was Foot's real wife and that the young woman who had been with him was a girl by name of Minnie Burns, who had lived in the neighborhood of Roesville. Mrs. Foot appeared to be in the greatest distress. She made the fullest sort of inquiry concerning the actions of the couple. She told Mrs. Armstrong that she is a daughter of ex-Mayor Chapman, of Baltimore; that she had married Foot eight years ago, against the wishes of all her friends. He had made her a kind husband, she said, and they had done very nicely. She had often congratulated herself that none of the evil things prophesied by her friends had come to pass. A few weeks ago her temper changed, and he became ill-natured and abusive. Still, she did not suspect another woman in the case. Her husband stood well and was generally respected in the community. She thinks he took away with him from $400 to $500 in money, beside drafts and checks. He also took her gold watch and chain and a gold breast-pin belonging to her. The top-buggy, she says, he bought only a few days ago, from a young man against whom he had a store account, giving a note for $50 balance on which Mrs. Foot was security. The property left behind is not more than enough to pay his indebtedness and the deserted wife is left penniless. Mrs. Foot at last accounts had failed to obtain any information of her deserting husband beyond Clayton. It is presumed the eloping couple went to Philadelphia as their trunk was shipped to that point. Mrs. Foot has no children. She returned to Roesville, where she will remain at least temporarily.

A BRILLIANT GATHERING.

Mrs. W. J. Vannort gave a ladies' tea from 4 to 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening, at her residence on Front street, in honor of her visiting guests, Miss Annie Thresher, of Baltimore, and Miss Carrie Rowson, of Cincinnati, who received, assisted by Mrs. T. A. Hulme and daughter, Miss Lotta Hulme. The hostess was handsomely attired in moire antique "V" shape, en train, and ornamented with diamonds. Miss Thresher was dressed in black silk and tulle, decollette; Miss Rowson wore yellow surah, decollete, and Mrs. Hulme was neatly attired in black lace and wore a beautiful diamond pin, while her daughter, Miss Lotta, wore a blue kyber cloth dress. Mrs. Walter Graham and Miss Ava Greenwood presided in the dining room, where a most appetizing menu was served. Among those who called were Rev. C. R. Blades, Mr. John P. Nicholson and wife, Mr. Arthur M. Brown and wife, Mr. Walter T. Morris and wife, Mr. Robert G. Nicholson and wife, Mr. T. E. W. Crew and sister, Mr. Alfred T. Thomas, mother and sister, Mr. Wm. T. Nicholson and wife, Mrs. Chas. H. Hurlock and son, and Mr. Geo. W. Hatcherson, from the country; and among those present from town were Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Toulson, Dr. J. T. Twilley and wife, Rev. J. D. Kemp, wife and daughter, Mrs. Harry Rickey, Mr. T. S. Dodd and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Aldridge, Mrs. Dr. W. Frank Hines, Mrs. J. R. Clements, Mr. J. D. Bacchus and wife, Mrs. H. M. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McFeeley, Rev. W. R. Graham, Misses Gertie Lusby, Annie Hubbard, Fannie Russell, Emma Lambert, Lillie Hynson, Edith Hines, Laura Thomas, Mary Chapman, Lottie Russell, Nannie Hines, Morgan Beasten, Hattie Bacchus, Stella Brice, Messrs. W. W. Hubbard, Charles L. Dodd, R. D. Hynson, W. W. Chapman, M. Wilbur Thomas, H. W. Brice, Fred. G. Usilton, D. Arthur Bacchus, Snowden Thomas, Daisy Davis, T. D. Bowers, Fred Gerker, Dr. T. H. Cooper, Wm. Hines and many others.

A Merry Party.

Miss Linda Watson was most pleasantly surprised at the residence of her parents, near town, on Wednesday evening, by a number of her friends. The party arrived, *en masse*, at 8 o'clock. After a mutual recognition of the members composing the company a general conversation took place. Suddenly there was a call to the dining room, where all repaired and partook of refreshments. When ample justice had been meted to the edibles, the party returned to the parlor, where mirth and jollity flowed freely until a late hour.

BALL AT MILLINGTON.

The second annual hop by the young people of Millington came off on Monday night and was a social event of much interest. The new hall of Mr. McWhorter's was utilized for the occasion and the music was furnished by the Middletown string band. Dancing commenced at 8.30 and continued till 5 o'clock in the morning. Mr. William Comegys and wife led the grand march. A fine supper of cold meats was served about 12 o'clock. The following were present from Kent: Sassafras—Miss Bessie Boyer, Stephen Boyer, Harry Griffith and Benjamin Caulk; Masseys—Miss Annie Cacy, Samuel Cacy and Wm. Cacy; Galena—Dr. Edward Scott and Gus Woodall; Locust Grove—the Misses Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. T. Comegys, Julian Hurtt, Woodland Hurtt, John Sutton, Will Sutton, John Comegys and Spencer Comegys; Chesterville—Miss Eva Jarman and Lottie Jarman; Chestertown—Miss Sue Wilkins, Editha Hines, Lillie Hynson, Hallie Beck and Mary Hurtt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hurtt, S. T. Wickes, Stephen Constable, Fred. Gerker, Harry Hurtt, Horace Beck, Wm. Hines and George Webb; Millington—Misses Emily Boyer, Fannie Hurtt, Jennie McWhorter, Lillie Cacey, Florence Powers, the Misses Massey and the Misses Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spear, Dr. and Mrs. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Comegys, W. H. Ford, C. O. Cacy, W. H. Loper, Dr. Walls, Chas. H. Larkins, Eben Massey and Julian Powers. Besides these there were quite a number from Sudlersville, Middletown and elsewhere.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—The Baltimore papers of yesterday quote as follows:

WHEAT—Fultz 92c@95c. for fair to good; Longberry, 97c@92c. CORN—White, prime, 37c@38c. Yellow, 36c@37c. OATS—40c.

C. M. LUCAS

[at the old stand opposite the Kent News office]

—DEALER IN—

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry

—ALSO—

FINE EYE-GLASSES,

and SPECTACLES, ROGERS' SILVER-PLATED WARE. He also keeps the high standard of 18-karat Wedding Rings; Solid Silver Waltham Watches only ten dollars. Jan. 28, 1888.

Teachers' Association.

Though Friday, Feb. 10th, was stormy, a snow storm upon us, yet it was not too bad weather for many of the teachers to venture out to attend the Teachers' Association held in the school-room at Chestertown. There are 90 teachers in the county, and 52 of them were present. The literary committee, whose duty it is to provide matter and questions for discussion at future meetings, submitted the following questions through their chairman, Mr. John F. Copper, which, on motion by Mr. Davis, were adopted to be discussed at the next meeting to be held in April:

1st—What do you consider the most practical arrangement of a programme of recitations and exercises for a week?

2d—What can we do to aid our pupils in becoming good listeners?

These questions were written on the black-board by Mr. Topping at the request of the President, E. F. Perkins, Esq., that teachers might copy them. The president read the first regular question, "How can criticism be made more helpful to both teacher and pupil?" and invited a discussion of the question. Mr. Copper opened the discussion by reading an interesting paper, and among many good points he stated that criticism should be regular, that is an every-day occurrence. Among the many statements pertaining to criticism made by participants in the discussion the majority of statements favored "judicious criticism," as it tended to induce careful attention on the part of the pupil. If a pupil corrected his classmate it would make a deeper impression and consequently be less likely to be forgotten than a teacher's correction would be. Attention is gained in reading lesson, when children are expected to correct mistakes. Some thought that pupils should be allowed to correct the mistakes of teachers, provided it was not done impertinently. Others took the view that criticism was embarrassing, especially to nervous, timid children, and the less critiscism permitted the better for them.

After a thorough discussion of the question, the next item on the programme was in order, but the president announced, after a consultation with some of the teachers, that Prof. Williams had been requested to postpone his address until the next meeting, to be held about the middle of April, and that the professor had acceded to the request. It was explained that the teachers were not in full attendance, and it would be better if all the teachers were present, which was likely to be the case at the meeting in April. The essay was postponed for the same reason.

The discussion of Swett's directions for teaching reading was quite interesting, and the association voted that the president select some subject from Sweet for discussion at the next meeting. After the next regular question, "In arithmetic, would not our pupils know better 'what to do' if they were trained 'how to do?'" This question was discussed by a number of teachers, who were of the opinion that more drill was needed in the four fundamental processes than is usually given to these subjects. The plan of having pupils originate problems illustrating the rules, was thought to be a very good plan.

The examiner called attention to some matters pertaining to reports, and referred the teachers to the by-laws for information concerning school buildings.

There being no further business before the association it adjourned.

Galena Items.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—The tail end of the "cold wave" seems to have struck us on Wednesday, of this week, instead of Thursday as predicted at Washington, and the ice which had begun to move out of the Sassafras river was again frozen solid from shore to shore.

The fishermen about Georgetown and Fredricktown are very busy preparing their nets for the spring haul, but, from present appearances, are not likely to get in use for quite a period. At other seasons fishing has been quite brisk in February.

Mr. G. W. Jacoby, of Galena, recently lost quite a valuable heifer of alderney blood, by strangulation, the creature having gotten entangled in her halter while stalled during the night.

There appears a probability that Rev. Dr. Martin, formerly of Wilmington, will be the successor of Rev. A. R. Walker as rector of Shrewsbury parish, the thought of giving him a call being strongly entertained.

Protracted services at Olivet Church, Galena, have been continued up to this writing—the conversions amounting to the remarkable number of fifty-five. Services probably will be discontinued after this week. The pastor has conducted this work unaided by other ministers, and has been sustained in strength in a remarkable manner during the six weeks of their continuance.

Our Presbyterian friends of Georgetown Church who have postponed their annual public supper that the work in behalf of sinners might go on unhindered, will celebrate Washington's birthday and the evening following by giving a twenty-five cent "turkey feast," in the Odd Fellow's Hall at Galena. The delicious bivale will also be served in the most approved manner. Previous to the supper, the young people of the church will give an entertainment each evening, consisting of tableaux, vocal music, recitations and other matter calculated to instruct and please. Lovers of innocent amusement should not fail to patronize both entertainment and supper. OBSERVER.

Galena, Feb. 16, 1888.

A HEAVILY INSURED LIFE.—The trip of Dr. David Hostetter, of Pittsburg, Pa., who left for California last week in a desperate effort to regain lost health, is being anxiously watched by life insurance companies all over the country. He is the most insured man in the United States, and his death would be a big financial loss to them. The aggregate of the polices held by Dr. Hostetter is $800,000. He intended to add $200,000 more to this to make the sum $1,000,000, but his prolonged illness has prevented any further steps in that direction. This vast amount of insurance is divided among the principal companies of the world, some being given sums as low as $10,000.

A NEW FIVE-DOLLAR COUNTERFEIT.—The secret service division of the Treasury Department has discovered that a new counterfeit of the five-dollar silver certificate has been put in circulation. The bill is three-sixteenths of an inch to short. There are no distinctive lines in the paper. The general appearance is good and liable to deceive.

THE Eagle Creamery is a paying institution for all hands concerned. The milk supply increases daily. Middletown moves.—*Middletown Transcript.*

REMOVAL!

WE have removed, and for the present may be found in the room

UNDER 'KENT NEWS' OFFICE.

As we are going to change our business our goods are for sale at prices that will certainly pay you.

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and are selling more than we ever sold before, because we sell at LOWER PRICES.

—OUR—

CONFECTIONERY AND FRUIT STOCK

will be kept fresh all the time and our prices will be LOWER than the LOWEST.

LAMPS! LAMPS!

In Lamps we are still ahead. Call and see a WONDERFUL LIGHT—30 candle-power, safe, simple, durable and cheap. We use only one in our store-room and have plenty of light. Now just take a little trouble to cross the street and you will be repaid.

H. A. SPARKS,

Jan. 21, 1888. Under NEWS Office.

SPECIAL TAX NOTICE.

THE TAX-PAYERS of the the Fifth Election District will please bear in mind that THE TAXES ARE NOW OVERDUE and prompt payment of same is expected. Delay in same will be AT YOUR EXPENSE and not mine.

J. FRANK WHEATLEY, COLLECTOR.

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STATEMENT

—OF—

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York,

RICHARD A. McCURDY, President.

For the year ending December 31st, 1887.

ASSETS - - - - - $118,806,851 88.

Insurance and Annuity Account.

	No.	Amount.		No.	Amount.
Policies and Annuities in force, Jan. 1st, 1887	29,925	$395,809,202 88	Policies and Annuities in force Jan. 1st, 1888	140,945	$427,628,932 51
Risks assumed	22,935	69,457,468 37	Risks Terminated	11,290	30,657,138 74
	52,860	$465,266,671 25		152,235	$465,266,671 25

Revenue Account.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Balance from last account	$104,719,734 31	By Endowments, Purchased Insurances, Dividends, Annuities and Death Claims	$14,128,423 60
" Premiums	17,110,561 62	" Commissions, Commutations, Taxes and all other Expenses	3,649,514 49
" Interest, Rents and Premium on Securities Sold	6,009,020 8.	" Balance to new account	110,061,718 68
	$127,839,656 7.		$127,839,956 77

Balance Sheet.

Dr.		Cr.	
To Reserve for Policies in force and for risks terminated	$112,430,096 00	By Bonds Secured by Mortgages on Real Estate	$49,615,268 06
" Premiums received in advance	82,314 56	" United States and other Bonds	43,429,877 81
" Surplus at four per cent	6,294,441 52	" Real Estate and Loans on Collaterals	20,150,173 37
		" Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at Interest	2,619,362 66
		" Interest accrued, Premiums deferred and in transit and Sundries	2,993,169 98
	$118,806,851 88		$118,806,851 88

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct.

A. N. WATERHOUSE, *Auditor.*

From the Surplus above stated a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

Year.	Risks Assumed.	Risks Outstanding.	Surplus.
1884	$51,681,620	$351,739,285	$4,745,771
1885	46,507,159	368,981,441	5,012,634
1886	56,832,719	393,809,203	5,643,568
1887	69,457,468	427,628,932	6,294,442

NEW YORK, January 25, 1888.

ROBERT A. GRANNISS, Vice-President.

ISAAC F. LLOYD, 2d Vice-President. WILLIAM J. EASTON, Secretary.

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O. F. BRESEE & SONS, General Agents, Baltimore, Maryland.

Feb. 18, 1888.

$4,000.00 WORTH

—OF—

CLOTHING! CLOTHING!

HATS and CAPS!

AT or BELOW COST!

I WILL SELL my entire stock of MEN'S and BOYS' CLOTHING, HATS and CAPS AT OR BELOW COST FOR THE CASH. I must close them out

On or before the FIRST DAY OF APRIL NEXT

in order to make a complete change in my business. Call and examine my stock as this is no trick but solid facts. They must be sold in order to make the change in my business the exigencies of the times require.

STILL POND CLOTHING HOUSE!

LOUIS LAMBORN, Prop'r.

STILL POND, Jan. 21, 1888.

A. FRIEDMAN'S

CLEARING SALE of CLOTHING

And UNDERWEAR!

This Day We Make Prices UNPRECEDENTED!

WE have had a good trade this season, in fact we have sold more goods this season than any season during the seven years we have been in this county, and at the close of the season we have a goodly number of

MEN'S, BOY'S and CHILDREN'S OVERCOATS

which were bought very late in the season, and which will be sold at a very much less price than it cost to manufacture them, but we would much prefer to sell them at a loss and give our customers a GREAT BARGAIN than to carry them over for next season, so this will be the opportunity of the year to

Get Double the Worth of Your Money.

—HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR PRICES:—

Overcoats we have been selling at $5 to $6.50 are now marked down to $3.75, what a bargain! Overcoats we have been offering at $9 to $10 will now be sold at $7, this is a bargain! Overcoats that have been going readily at $12 to $16 will now be sold at $10 and $11, what a sacrifice.

We have also quite a number of MEN'S, BOY'S and CHILDREN'S SUITINGS of Winter weight, a few of a kind and if we can suit you in size and style we will make the price to suit, for we intend to sell the odds and ends at a loss, for we don't intend to pack away a single piece if possible.

We have also a large lot of MEN'S, BOY'S and CHILDREN'S LONG and SHORT PANTS, and a big assortment of HATS and CAPS and GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS, which will be sold at alike unprecedented low prices. Call and be convinced that we sell as we advertise.

A. FRIEDMAN,

Jan. 28, 1888. *The Popular Clothier, opposite Stam's Hall, Chestertown, Md.*

Coal, Coal.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PUBLIC.

THINKING that our brother Coal merchant might put some false impressions into your minds in reference to having the best coal sold in this market, we must state that we don't agree with him. While we don't claim to have better than our competitor, we do claim to have as GOOD COAL AS IS SOLD ON THIS OR ANY MARKET. There is no Coal that is better adapted to ALL USES than the SCHUYLKILL COAL, operated by the largest coal operators in the country. We also claim that we have prices to meet the lowest coal quotations. Hoping to be favored with your order, we remain, very respectfully,

July 16. J. D. BACCHUS.

SMOKE the 108 Segar, best in town for the money For sale by E. W. F. SIMPERS.

DR. PHELPS' STATEMENT.

Healthful TEETH are a "Lifetime Joy!"

Since in practice here I HAVE EXTRACTED DISEASED TEETH for

Over 1800 Patients Without Giving Pain!

The SAFE administration of Ether and Chloroform a Specialty.

☞N. B.—My services for this purpose at the call of physicians in surgical operations. Why not have your Decayed Teeth FILLED?

W. G. PHELPS, D. D. S., Galena, Md.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

THE Tax-Payers of the FOURTH DISTRICT are hereby notified that I am now prepared to receive their taxes for 1887.

For the convenience of tax-payers I will be in Chestertown every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons until further notice.

STEPHEN LECATES, Collector 4th District

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WILL YOU NOT

KINDLY SAY TO THE

People of Kent County

THAT I HAVE NOT TIME TO WRITE AN ADVERTISEMENT?

☞I AM TOO BUSY WITH☜

Window Shades

TO THINK OF IT. WILL DO SO SOON.

L. K. STAM.

Jan. 15, 1887.

☞IMPORTANT!

For You to Know That

WROTH & ALDRIDGE

Have just opened a FINE STOCK of

WINTER GOODS!

of ALL KINDS kept in a first-class store.

FINEST ASSORTMENT OF

GENT'S NECK WEAR

ON THE SHORE.

☞It gives us pleasure to show Goods and quote prices. Give us a call and be convinced that we stand up to our promises.

A. T. BRADLEY,

Grain Dealer,

WILL PAY HIGHEST CASH PRICE

For GRAIN!

DELIVERED ON BALT. & DEL. BAY R. R., through deposits in Chestertown National Bank.

Also, the undersigned are authorized and will handle grain with dispatch for me.

JOSEPH E. WEER & SON, KENNEDYVILLE.

J. FRANK VANDEGRIFT, STILL POND.

H. CLAY USILTON, NICHOLSON'S STATION.

☞GIVE US A TRIAL☜

CONSIGNMENTS SOLICITED FOR

CHRISTIAN & CO.,

Grain Commission Merchants,

141 North Water Street, Philadelphia, Penna

☞CHRISTIAN & CO., refers to Corn Exchange National Bank, Philadelphia.

A. T. BRADLEY, Chestertown, Md.

Dec. 10—6m.

NEW-YEAR.

Special Low Prices

—ON—

ALL THINGS IN OUR LINE!

LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S COATS TO CLOSE OUT,

Regardless of Cost, They Must Go!

LADIES', MISSES & CHILDREN'S FURS!

China Tea Set! New and Attractive.

Carpets, Rugs, Oil-Cloths.

Our Store is being packed with useful and desirable goods. The invitation is extended to all. Don't fail to pay us a visit before purchasing your Christmas Presents.

Dec. 17. R. F. PARKS.

Winter Goods!

J. T. BLACKWAY, UP TOWN,

Has just opened a full line of

Groceries and Provisions,

which he offers to the Public at lowest prices for CASH. We quote no prices but ask you to come and see us and we are sure you will come again.

Country Produce Solicited.

We will thank you for a portion of your patronage. Yours resp'y,

J. T. BLACKWAY,

Northeast corner High Street and College Avenue, Chestertown. Sept. 24, 1887.

New Store--Old Stand!

Mrs. D. GRUBER.

HAS thoroughly renewed and refitted her business property up town and is now better able than ever heretofore to supply the public with

Fresh Bread, Buns, Cakes and Pies,

and indeed everything in the Bakery Line. Long experience, the best material, and personal attention to the business enables her to give the very best goods for the least money.

CONFECTIONERY.—I have also added to my stock a line of confectionery, such as Fresh Candy, Nuts, &c., to which I invite attention. Give me a call.

MRS. D. GRUBER, Up Town.

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JERMAN & COSGRIFF,

(Successors to W. M. Bell)

MANUFACTURERS OF

Porous Drain Tile!

Egg-Shaped, 2 to 8 inches