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Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN:
SATURDAY..... FEB. 25, 1888.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, Annapolis, is endeavoring to secure the government appropriation for an agricultural experiment station. The amount is $15,000.

A DETERMINED effort is being made by Elkton citizens headed by Albert Constable to break up sleigh racing in the streets of that town. Several prominent gentlemen were arrested and fined.

COL. WM. MCKENNEY, of Centreville, says the *Record*, has sold 25,000 bushels of corn to the hominy mill at Cambridge, Md., and is delivering it at the rate of one or two car loads a day. The price is not stated.

THE fisheries treaty between the United States and Great Britain has been made public. It is said to be quite satisfactory to our government and puts an end to what has been a source of contention for many years.

THE men employed at the life-saving station on Wallop's Island, just below Chincoteague, are said to be catching fresh fish and soft-crabs during the present cold weather, out of the ocean, and they are said to be of large size and superior flavor.

President and Mrs. Cleveland left Washington on Tuesday for a flying visit to Atlanta, in the expectation of returning home with the President traveled in a special car at fast time, and was accompanied by a number of Senators.

ST. LOUIS, JUNE 5.

The national democratic committee met at Washington on Wednesday and agreed upon July 3 for holding the national convention, but could not agree upon the place. Seven ballots were taken, San Francisco, Chicago and St. Louis making an interesting race for the coveted prize. The committee then adjourned until ten o'clock Thursday morning when the date was changed to June 5, and St. Louis decided upon as the place.

AT a meeting of the general committee of the Maryland Line of ex-Confederates held in Baltimore Tuesday night a resolution was passed thanking Senator Wm. P. Burchinal, of this county, and Delegate Wm. H. Thompson, of Baltimore, both of whom were in the Federal service, for their good offices in securing the Pikesville arsenal for a home for disabled Confederate soldiers. The bill has passed both houses and been approved by Governor Jackson.

SAD BUT NOT CRIMINAL.

The killing of Capt. Whitehurst, of the oyster dredge boat Nichols, in an encounter with the oyster police schooner Folly off Sandy point on Saturday night last, is one of the sad occurrences of recent date. But sad as it was, it was not criminal. Under the circumstances attending this killing—and we have tried fairly to understand them—the shooting of this man was fully justified and no unprejudiced mind can regard it in any other light than as an act of self defence. It is but natural that the dead man's friends in Baltimore should feel grieved and indignant while smarting under their sense of grief and loss, and without fully knowing or accepting the facts in the case. But if, when these facts are made known, the oyster police are still railed against and charged with *murder*, then we may very properly conclude all such railers to be *particeps criminis*—in sympathy at least—with the illegal dredging business.

We hope the committee appointed by the commission men and dredge-boat owners of Baltimore will thoroughly investigate the matter. The State officials also. If the commander of the Folly is in fault—if he has needlessly sacrificed human life—let him be punished as he would justly merit. But if, on the contrary, the facts appear as stated before the coroner's jury and in all the accounts published in the daily papers, then let the unfortunate dead man's friends cease censuring the law officers and assist the State in upholding the majesty of the law.

A DREDGING CAPTAIN KILLED.

Shot in a Skirmish with the Oyster Police Sloop Folly.

Capt. Frank Whitehurst, of 309 North Caroline street, Baltimore, a married man with five children, was shot and instantly killed Saturday night about half-past nine o'clock, while in command of the oyster dredging schooner Albert Nichols, by a shot fired from the oyster police schooner Folly, Capt. George W. Clark, of Annapolis. The shooting occurred at Sandy Point, about nine miles from Annapolis, and the body with remains on board, was taken to Annapolis at an early hour on Sunday morning in tow of the Folly. Capt. Clark reported the affair to State's Attorney Mudd, and ordered a coroner's jury to be impaneled. The officer who has the reputation of being one of the vigilant deputy commanders in the bay, made the following statement: "The Folly left Annapolis Wednesday to cruise on the grounds. Our beat extends from the mouth of the Magothy river. We left Magothy Friday morning to run over the usual route, anchoring off Sandy Point at 4 o'clock where we waited for the Nichols. At 8 o'clock at night we heard vessels in the vicinity of Sandy Point, about a mile and a half off. The wind being northeast, we could hear the conversations of those on board. We knew that they were dredging, for we could see the lights and hear the creaking of the dredge and dumping of the dredge. I ordered my men to get under way and proceed towards the vessels. There were about seven of them in the darkness. Myself and crew, who were on deck, heard somebody on board of the vessels to us exclaim as we were approaching: 'Here comes Clarky; what are you going to do?' To which a voice came, 'Stand your ground and give him a shot.' Another voice, apparently from one of the other vessels, said: 'Haul alongside and defy him to come aboard,' and still another, 'Don't run; stand your ground.' Capt. Clark believes the Frank above referred to was the deceased, and that there had been a preconcerted plan on the part of the dredgers to attack him. Capt. Clark was then steering directly towards them, and was less than 200 yards off. He afterwards went to the windward to avoid the dredgers' tactics to surround him, and ordered the vessel nearest to him, which proved to be the Nichols, to "heave to and haul down the jib." He further said: "I didn't come to have any trouble, but to act as a gentleman, and I want to be treated as such." As the Nichols would not "heave to" as requested, Capt. Clark ordered his crew to fire in the rigging to frighten them, but to be careful not to fire low. Two or three shots were discharged from a breech-loading rifle, but none took effect in the dredger. The Nichols and two other vessels, according to Capt. Clark, then began to open fire on the police boat, and for a quarter of an hour a fierce fight was waged, during which bullets whistled in every direction. Captain Clark, with four of his crew, was forward on his vessel, and at the first volley from the dredger he gave orders to sink the boat by firing into her hull. The sails of the Folly bear evidence of a fierce combat, the mainsail and jib and foresail being cut by bullets. Capt. Clark says he has heard recently of threats made against him and his crew, and he considers the shooting justifiable. The other two vessels from which shots were claimed to have been fired, including the Edward Leary, which is considered to be under arrest, sailed away when the Nichols consented to surrender. Capt. Clark and three of his crew, in a yawl boat, went alongside, and were told that the captain had been shot. He ordered the crew below and took charge of the vessel. Dr. Ged. Wells, who made an examination of the wound, found the ball had entered the left temple and passed out at the back of the head near the base of the brain. In the opinion of Dr. Wells death was instantaneous. The jury without leaving their seats, decided that Whitehurst came to his death from a bullet fired by some one not known.

What is the Matter with the Republican Statesmen?

Blaine, who was recognized as the strongest candidate the Republicans could nominate, declines the proffered honor. Geo. W. Childs was certainly the next strongest, and he too has declined. Gen. Phil. Sheridan was looked upon as a compromise man by many, with negative statesmanship and military renown sufficient to render him the next most desirable nominee. But the General backs out too! What does it all mean? Can there be any danger of Sherman declining?

TOWN MATTERS.

A Movement to Extend the Limits and Change the Town Charter.

An important meeting of taxpayers of Chestertown was held in the Court House last Wednesday evening to consider measures of concern to the citizens of the town. The first of these proposed to extend the town limits. A "belt" as important to Chestertown as the famous Baltimore county belt is to Baltimore city, is desired to be annexed, and the indications are that the engineers of the movement here will, by wise provisions, succeed without any serious opposition. The town commissioners are the prime movers in this matter, but they have the cordial co-operation of our citizens generally.

W. N. E. Wickes, Esq., was made chairman of the meeting, and Mr. C. W. Kennard secretary, and the following were present: Judge Wickes, J. A. Pearce, C. T. Westcott, J. D. Urie, T. W. Eliason, J. H. Plummer, J. K. Aldridge, J. A. Shaw, C. F. Stam, C. H. Wickes, Josias Ringgold, T. W. Eliason, Jr., T. S. Bordley, J. R. Clements, John F. Howard, J. H. Simpers, H. M. Thomas, T. G. Wroth, H. M. Stuart, J. B. Burchinal, L. K. Stam and others.

C. T. Westcott, Esq., in behalf of the commissioners, stated the object of the meeting and explained the measures proposed, and after a lengthy discussion the extension plan was unanimously adopted. The new limits will include the territory between the following lines, excepting the college buildings and campus and the "flatiron" lot of Mr. W. Melvin, above the college:

Beginning on Chester river at the mouth of Radcliffe Creek, and running with the Easterly shore of said creek and the stream of waste water from the mill pond, to the public road leading from Chestertown to Fairlee; thence easterly by and with said road to the lands of Mrs. C. H. Wickes; thence in a straight line to the point of intersection with College Avenue and Washington Avenue, above Washington College; thence by and with the division line of Washington College and Mrs. Mary R. Perkins, to Chester river; thence with said river to beginning.

A provision was incorporated exempting all the unimproved annexed territory from municipal taxation until it has secured some one of the municipal advantages of sidewalks, light or water.

Another measure of importance remodels the town charter—doing away with the heaps of rubbish in the way of obsolete ordinances, and conferring needed power upon the town authorities. Also, providing for the collection and disbursement of the town revenues.

The town commissioners—Messrs. Pearce, Westcott and Howard—were appointed a committee to present the matter to the Legislature, and for this purpose they will visit Annapolis next week.

The building of that free bridge (Crumpton) made the large business transactions of Mr. Slaughter a success and increased the taxable basis of property in Kent quadruple what it was in that immediate locality. Queen Anne's joined Kent in the building of this bridge as she should have done. When Kent makes the Chestertown bridge free Queen Anne's will not object to help to keep it free, by assisting to keep up repairs. This is the right thing to do.—*Centreville Record.*

Our cotemporary upsets all its former arguments by its reference to the Crumpton bridge. Will not the same rule apply here? By making Crumpton bridge free, it says, Kent was benefited by an increased taxable basis. Make Chester river bridge free and Queen Anne's land will instantly advance in value. Will our neighbor doubt this? Then if Kent did right in the former case, the *Record* is doing wrong in advising a contrary course in the latter.

Again, why should Queen Anne's assist to keep up the repairs and continuing a bridge free when she has not helped to make it free? The argument that would prevail to exempt our neighbor's purse in the one case would certainly do the same in the other. There is no more reason why Queen Anne's should pay anything to keep Chester river bridge in *repair* than there is for her to assist in making it free. No, no, brother *Record*, your people interested in this free bridge question will see the folly of your proposition. The thing must be first made free before it can be kept free.

We maintain that Queen Anne's has a mutual interest in the matter with Kent. *She will receive as much benefit*, and her declination to share equally in the expense *will certainly defeat the enterprise.*

The *Kent News* in its issue of Saturday last says that unless Queen Anne's county pays *one-half* of the purchase money for the bridge spanning the river at Chestertown, the bridge will not be made free. We hasten to assure the *News* that from present indications Queen Anne's is not willing to pay one-half of the purchase money or any other part thereof. Our representatives in the Legislature certainly will not father a bill making the bridge free that has not the sanction of a majority of the citizens and tax-payers of the county, and there is but one way to ascertain that it has, and that is by a vote on the question.

There will be no free bridge this year.—*Centreville Observer.*

The *Observer's* conclusion is certainly correct if the Centreville newspapers are to do the voting. They will no doubt be powerful factors. They seem to have entirely lost sight of that large section of their county directly interested in this matter. The *Observer* suggests the right and certainty of the other sections of Queen Anne's, aided by the press, *outvoting* the Chester river section on this question, but the same right has not been accorded the River people on other matters of public expenditure. The streets of Centreville, for instance, were shelled at heavy expense, and the farmers of the whole county helped to pay for it. Other sections of the county have been provided with roads and bridges at the public expense and those farmers and business men adjacent to the Chester river bridge have paid their full share of the cost. We have yet to hear of their being accorded the right to *vote* upon any of said enterprises. Is there any more reason why the whole county should vote upon the question of expenditures for a bridge over Chester river than upon that of a costly improvement for the county town? Did the river people have a chance to veto that expenditure? Or for the Narrows bridge, *or* Crumpton, or any other like measure? How about the proposed bridge over Corsica creek? That will be a costly structure, and we presume it is to be built as the county commissioners are now advertising for proposals. Have the people *voted* on that?

THE Havre de Grace *Republican* has changed from the quarto to the folio form for the better display of its numerous advertisements, and has otherwise greatly improved its *matter* arrangement. Messrs. A. P. & W. S. McCombs, the publishers, are live business men.

ABOUT 5 o'clock last Sunday afternoon a cyclone struck the town of Mount Vernon, Ill., and demolished 300 buildings, killing 35 persons and injuring 70. The Methodist church fell just a few minutes after 250 people had left the Sunday-school room. Mount Vernon is a beautiful city of 4,000 inhabitants, the county seat of Jefferson county. It is considered one of the most beautiful of Southern Illinois cities. It is situated on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, about 78 miles from St. Louis. Cyclones or heavy storms have never before visited that region, and it was considered safe from any destructive element.

THE three men arrested at Norfolk last week on the charge of robbing the Salisbury (Md.) postoffice turned out to be the guilty parties. They were taken to Baltimore on Friday, and after a hearing before United States Commissioner Rogers were committed to jail in default of $5,000 bail each. The stolen money and stamps were nearly all recovered.

The Right Spirit.

Our Millington correspondent states that the farmers of the first district of Kent are in favor of the free bridge project. This is the right spirit. It is certainly a narrow-minded policy that opposes everything except that which contributes directly to one's own personal interest. The more distant districts of Kent cannot consistently oppose a movement which specially concerns the central section, when they have been conceded like advantages, yet that is the example set by a portion of our Queen Anne's neighbors. The spirit of the first district in Kent is a direct rebuke to that of Centreville toward the Chester river section of that county—that is, provided the Centreville papers have correctly indicated that spirit. We hope by this time, however, they have seen "the error of their way."

THE CANNING BUSINESS.

We again refer to this subject because of its importance. In many sections of the peninsula the farmers and fruit growers are encouraging the location of canneries, and we are glad to say that some of our own citizens, being awakened to its importance, have succeeded in making practical headway in the matter. Several canneries in this county are assured. One or two in Still Pond, one at Kennedyville, and several in Chestertown are likely to be opened.

Messrs. Bellingham and McVey, of Harford, whose visit to Chestertown was mentioned in the NEWS last week, will possibly establish a cannery near the railroad depot, as they seemed to prefer that location after an examination of different points in the vicinity, and were much pleased with the outlook here.

Several parties have been in treaty with Senator Burchinal for a part of his wharf property, but have not as yet concluded negotiations. This is a most desirable property for the purpose, and a cannery there is assured as Senator Burchinal declares his purpose to open such an establishment himself if other parties do not secure the property.

Messrs. Linton, Lamott & Rice, of Baltimore have leased from the Chester River Steamboat Company the old coal yard adjoining the wharf at Chestertown. Before the canning season begins, they will erect suitable buildings and fixtures. They will can vegetables as well as all kinds of fruits, and will run through the entire fruit and vegetable season. If they feel encouraged to do so, they will also keep open during the fall and winter, and can oysters. The firm is well established and has conducted for a number of years a large packing business in Baltimore city. To avoid offensive accumulations of refuse, the wastage from the house will be placed on a large scow, which will be alongside, and will be dumped where it can do no harm.

There is plenty of room for the successful operation of all the canneries named and five times as many more in Kent. Harford county has over a hundred and does not grow peaches to any large extent, and this is one of the most important articles that can be handled in this way.

THE WORK BEGUN.—The widening of the public road between Chestertown and the straw-board mill, which was decided upon last year, was begun the first of the present week. It will be impossible to make the road what it ought to be at present because of the cemetery obstruction and an ugly offset by the yard in front of the old Dr. Whaland residence. The short turn in this road at the latter point has always been objectionable and is now more so than ever and dangerous to travel. From the cemetery to the mill sixteen feet will be added from the Wickes field and the arch at the mill will be widened to about double its present width. These improvements have long been needed, and it is to be hoped will be pushed forward to a speedy completion.

The Straw-board mills is the only large manufacturing enterprise—outside of the fertilizer factories—we can boast of. Mr. Wilbur Eliason, the lessee of these mills, deserves great credit for his pluck and enterprise in taking hold of this large concern when it seemed about dead, and after investing forty or fifty thousand dollars of his own money—in addition to the hundred thousand dollars originally invested in the concern by the company—in order to put it upon a new and paying basis, has now one of the most complete establishments of the kind in this country. Yet, in maintaining this factory he has none of the advantages offered by some of the States where fuel is furnished free in order to encourage such enterprises. This in itself is a matter of thirty thousand dollars or more per annum. Mr. Eliason has gone forward, however, and gives regular employment at good wages to sixty or seventy hands, while the adjacent farmers of Kent and Queen Anne's find a good market for a commodity heretofore almost valueless to them—that is their surplus straw.

The road above referred to is now in constant use by large wagon trains and mill employees in addition to the usual heavy travel thereon, and therefore requires special attention and improvement.

MESSRS. T. R. HUBBARD & SON come out in this issue with their peach tree fertilizer advertisement, which article has been used extensively by the most prominent fruit growers of the peninsula and is endorsed by some of the best farmers in our county. Read their advertisement elsewhere.

FIRE.—George Ringgold, colored, who lives in Quaker Neck, nearly opposite Mr. T. B. Trew's, lost his meat house and several hundred pounds of meat and a quantity of flour and corn, on Wednesday night last. He had been smoking the meat during the day, and the building caught fire after the family had retired, and came near burning the dwelling also. Messrs. Herbert Lusby and Sol. Startt happened to be riding by and aided in saving the other buildings.

RETURN OF AN ELOPER.—We learn that Henry Foot, an account of whose elopement with a young girl from Roesville, Queen Anne's county, was given in these columns last week, has returned to that place and taken up his abode with his wife. It seems that he was pursued and overtaken (we could not learn where) by his wife and on being requested by her to return he readily assented to do so on condition of her forgiveness, which was promised. When asked what had become of the girl he replied that he "gave her some money and sent her to the mountains."

THE postmaster at Edesville sends the following address on a letter which recently passed through his office, except that the young lady's name was given in full:

Fly away as a rapid rate
To Edesville P. O., Maryland State;
In Piney Neck you will find
Miss V— C—, a friend of mine.

SINCE the withdrawal of James G. Blaine, the Philadelphia republicans are booming George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia *Public Ledger*, for President. Mr. Childs says he would not accept the office of President, if elected to it.

"QUEEN ESTHER" IN MILLINGTON.—This beautiful oratorio, announced to be given in Millington this week, closing to-night, could not be otherwise than successful with a master hand like Prof. Wyatt in charge and such an admirable cast of characters as the following:

Queen, Mrs. Sallie Mallalieu; attendants, Miss Ethel McWhorter, Miss Susie Massey; maids, Mrs. J. P. Ahern, Mrs. Lewis Price; pages, Miss Ollie McWhorter, Miss Lulu Todd; Zeresh, Miss Kate Moffett; child, Miss Annie Todd; attendants, Miss Carrie B. Marvil; Miss Lola Staats; Prophetess, Miss Maggie Britton; Mordecai's sister, Miss Lou Moffett; maid of honor, Miss Mary E. Taylor; angel, Miss Lelia Talbot; organist, Miss Ethel Crouch. King, Mr. B. F. Vansant; attendants, Thos. H. McWhorter, Arthur Peacock; pages, Charles Duling, Geo. Harrington; Haman, J. F. Ahern; Mordecai, Jos. Mallalieu; High Priest, R. Wesley Moffett; Hegai, Lewis Price; herald, Benj. Duling; scribe, Dr. J. H. Hill; Harbonah, Joslin Staats; guards, Samuel Duling, Jr., John Duling, Jr., Wm. Colgan, Eldridge Wilson.

The attendance on the first evening was good, and there will no doubt be a full house this evening.

PERSONAL MENTION.

R. Hynson, Esq., has been confined to the house for several days with a severe cold. He was better yesterday and expects to be at his office to-day.

Mr. John M. Pennington, of this county has been reappointed by Governor Jackson one of the assistant weighers of grain at Baltimore.

Miss Lizzie Smith, daughter of Mr. Jno. Smith, formerly of Chestertown, was married in Fayette street M. E. Church, Baltimore, last Wednesday evening, to Mr. Harry von der Wettern, of that city. Dr. W. S. Twilley was one of the ushers.

Dr. Powers, of Millington, whose illness is noted by our correspondent, was better yesterday.

Mr. W. W. Chapman, book-keeper in the Chestertown National bank, is taking a week's holiday, and will visit several of the Northern cities.

Mr. W. B. Copper, book-keeper in Mr. J. K. Aldridge's establishment, has returned from his vacation, which was spent mostly at the National Capital.

Miss Annie Hubbard is visiting friends in Washington.

Miss Emma Hyland, of Galena, is visiting her brother in Chestertown.

Miss Maggie Wallace, of Church Hill, and Miss Effie Wallace, of Merrickton, have been visiting Prof. W. G. Fallowfield, in Chestertown.

Miss Mary Hurtt has been spending a pleasant time with friends in Millington.

Mr. Wm. Archibald and daughter, of Kennedyville, left yesterday morning for a two weeks' visit to Washington.

THE Bel Air M. P. congregation are very anxious to have Rev. S. A. Hoblitzell as their pastor for another year, and have agreed to increase his salary if he returns.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

Miss Maggie Hendrickson, daughter of Mr. Victor Hendrickson, was given a very agreeable surprise by a company of her friends on Tuesday evening last. As is the fashion the present season the party were all disguised, making some very ludicrous and feminine appearances. A sumptuous supper was spread besides refreshments, and all partook heartily of the edibles and enjoyed the delightful social features till a late hour.

The "Sewing Circle" of St. James' M. P. Church met at Mr. Robert G. Nicholson's residence near town on Wednesday evening. Besides the members of the society, quite a number from town and vicinity were present. One of the principal features of this meeting was the elaborate supper served. Everything was arranged and prepared with such neatness and skill that the menu, which included turkey, chicken, salads, duck, oysters, etc., was partaken of and highly relished by over one hundred persons present. The generous host and his estimable wife well deserve their extended reputation for social worth and hospitality.

Miss Etta Usilton, daughter of Mr. R. S. Usilton, was "surprised" by a large company of her young friends masked on Wednesday evening, but she made them feel at home, and all had a good time.

Misses Nettie, Florence and Hattie Casey, daughters of Sheriff Casey, received a call from a host of their young friends and companions last evening, and no doubt all enjoyed the occasion to the fullest extent.

A CLAY PIGEON MATCH was held at Worton Thursday, February 16. There were three matches, which resulted as follows:

John Strattner, Chestertown, broke	18	out of 25
W. A. Hendrickson, Queen Anne's	4	" 10
W. C. A. Thompson, Chestertown	27	" 33
W. W. Newcomb, Worton	13	" 27
Wm. DeFord, Queen Anne's	3	" 10
Joseph Crew, Betterton	21	" 28
Wm. Crew "	23	" 38
J. W. Ivens, Worton	34	" 38
E. K. Copper "	2	" 16
J. P. Rambo "	14	" 25
J. H. Ivens "	19	" 25
John Archibald, Kennedyville	1	" 12
W. B. Gears, Worton	2	" 12
Wm. H. Copper, Worton Point	2	" 6

SUPPERS AT KENNEDYVILLE.—On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of next week the Ladies' Mite Society of Kennedyville M. P. Church will have supper in the town hall for the benefit of the church. The Kennedyville ladies know how to get up a first-class supper, and all who desire to enjoy a pleasant, sociable evening and at the same time aid a good cause, should bear the above dates in mind.

NEW POSTOFFICE.—Representative Gibson has received a petition from Robt. J. Catlin and other citizens of Queen Anne's county regarding the establishment of a new postoffice between Church Hill and Chestertown, with Mrs. Margaret Tucker as postmistress. Mr. Gibson does not anticipate any difficulty in having the proposed office established.

TRANSFERS.—Persons who have sold or transferred any assessable property since the last sitting of the county commissioners for that purpose last year, should give attention to the annual notice published in another column. Collectors of taxes will be appointed on the 10th of April.

THE first game of base ball this season was an extra good one. It was played by the Chestertown and College nines on the 22nd inst., resulting in a score of 9 to 6 in favor of the town club. Now is the time to organize, boys, and prepare to win the championship of the Shore.

THE 22d was partially observed in Chestertown. The mechanics generally took holiday, but some of the stores were open all day. A few volleys from the old cannon served as an additional reminder of the memorable day.

THE Still Pond Sunday-school will hold their Annual Missionary Anniversary on next Sunday evening, Feb. 28th. It is expected to be quite a fine affair.

THERE are three candidates for Congress in Caroline, namely: Col. P. W. Downes, Marshall S. Matchier and Dr. George. W. Goldsborough.

FUR market is now well supplied with fresh fish from Chester river.

THE steamer Trumpeter, of the Sassafras River line, resumes her trips to-day.

ORPHANS' COURT, Tuesday, Feb. 21.—Present Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffott.

J. W. Hubbard, exec'r of H. M. Hubbard, filed an additional account of sales of personal estate of his decedent.

J. W. Corey and S. M. Usilton, adm'rs of J. N. Usilton, filed an additional list of debts due their decedent.

E. E. Hynson, adm'r of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Patten, returned the first and final administration account.

Letters of administration on the personal estate of Mrs. Margaretta Simkins were granted to C. J. Scott.

MARRIED.

In Baltimore, Feb. 21, at the residence of the bride's sister, 1110 Washington avenue, by the Rev. W. J. Young, E. M. TAYLOR to Miss IDA J. DUYEE.

DIED.

Feb. 11, near Chestertown, Miss ELIZABETH VANSANT, late of Galena, aged about 78 years.

At Hanesville, February 20 1888, of consumption, MARY E., wife of Lewin Scott, in the 28th year of her age.

At Fairlee Mills, Feb. 14, 1888, of typhoid-pneumonia, ELIZABETH J., wife of Charles F. Stratton, in the 27th year of her age.

In Crumpton, on the 18th instant, PERRY L. LYNCH, aged 66 years. [Our Crumpton correspondent gives some particulars of his sickness and death.—Eds.]

AN ASSORTMENT of MIRRORS, new and pretty Frames, very cheap. SPARKS.

FINE, Thin Glass, Engraved Tumblers, 150 dozen. SPARKS.

TWO VERY DESIRABLE PIECES
TOWN PROPERTY
at Private Sale, located on High Street and Maple Avenue, Chestertown. Apply to
fe25-3t. JOHN D. URIE, ATTORNEY.

LAMPS and CLOCKS!
CLOCKS and LAMPS!
New Styles, all sorts, sizes, kinds and descriptions, Parlor, Hall, Library, Kitchen, Store or any other place, at the very lowest prices.
H. A. SPARKS,
fe25. under NEWS office.

SUPPER and FESTIVAL.
The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. P. Church of Kennedyville will have a SUPPER in the Town Hall on WEDNESDAY EVENING, February 29th, and on THURSDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, March 1 and 2. Proceeds for the improvement of the church. The public are cordially invited. 11.

MONEY TO LOAN ON REAL ESTATE.
$200, $300, $500, $1,000, $1,500, $3,000, in sums to suit. Apply to JOHN D. URIE,
fe25-3t. ATTORNEY.

I HAVE NOW CUT AND FOR SALE
THREE HUNDRED CORDS OF WOOD, both Oak and Pine, can deliver by Wagon or points on Railroad. Address or apply to
fe25-3t. WILBUR W. HUBBARD.

WANTED TO RENT:
FIFTEEN to FIFTY ACRES.
Water front where Fish are plentiful, soil good for Trucking, within 3 miles of Steamboat Landing. Address M. R. McD.,
fe25-3t.* 1631 Druid Hill Ave., Balto. Md.

A CARD.

CHESTERTOWN, Feb. 28, 1888.

MESSRS. EDITORS KENT NEWS—Gentlemen: May I ask the privilege of copying and answering the last item in the discussion of Still Pond Agricultural Club, as published in your paper February 18, as follows:

"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 *perjure*—have even become *experts of*—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 curse——&."

Now, if the writer of this ("Eusebius") had correctly given the feelings and sentiments of the gentlemen who compose this club, I am sure it would read far differently. I know each and every one of them who have windmills—have done their repairing ever since they have had them—in fact, put nearly every one of them up. I don't believe there is a single complaint, justly founded, in that whole neighborhood, either in regard to repairs or otherwise. Mr. Norris Barnard is the only gentleman who has any right of complaint, and that not for repairs; and I am sure that he will say that I have tried to do my part at all times. As for any outrageous charges, I deny in toto, and challenge any one in that club to prove it; but will here state, and can prove what I say, but with few exceptions I have given double in time and expense to what I have ever received, and if "Eusebius" has correctly stated the proceedings of the club, they have, unjustly and purposely told and discussed for *publicity* an untruth, and that the cuss—as belongs to the inventor.

I believe the whole thing to be the imaginations of a disordered brain, and would advise "Eusebius" at once to consult his family physician. Poor "Eusebius!" Windmill on the brain—repairs to digest! No wonder he imagines himself the Still Pond Agricultural Club, and makes himself Chief Mogul! Don't, gentlemen, let the impression get abroad that your "Eusebius" is a windmill and badly out of repair. Some vampire of a repair man would be sure to finish him. W. A. ELLIOTT.

BUTCHER THOMPSON,
OPPOSITE VOSHELL HOUSE.
HERE is the place to buy CHEAP BEEF. Best Cuts, Standing Rib Roast and Surloin Steaks at **10 Cents per Pound.** Also, Pork Steak and Sausage at 10 cents per pound. Shoulders and Spring Meats from 5 to 8 cents per pound. People grumble at hard times and the necessity of money and I want to put my meat down so it will be in the reach of every one who wishes to buy. These reasonable rates will lay before the people for one year, if not longer.
Feb. 25, 1888—tf.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
CHESTERTOWN NATIONAL BANK
at Chestertown, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business February 14, 1888.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	$173,255.83
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500 00
Due from approved reserve agents	69,704.27
Due from other National Banks	90,047.52
Real Estate, furniture and fixtures	4,000 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	755.38
Premiums paid	1,437 50
Checks and other cash items	2.00
Bills of other Banks	14,330.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	78.42
Specie	35,046.65
Legal tender notes	19,598.00
TOTAL	$420,535.23

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	2,415.00
Undivided profits	6,949.96
Individual deposits subject to check	351,070.32
Certified checks	2,722.95
Due to other National Banks	7,326.89
TOTAL	$420,535.23

State of Maryland, County of Kent, ss:
I, JOSEPH PETERSON, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
JOSEPH PETERSON, CASHIER.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 h day of February, 1888. CHARLES ESTES, N. P.
Correct—Attest:
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT,
N. G. WEST DITT,
THOS. W. ELIASON, JR.
Feb. 25, 1888. DIRECTORS.

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

MARGARETTA SIMKINS,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, on or before the 28th day of August, 1888, or they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate.

Given under my hand this 21st day of February, 1888.

CORNELIUS J. SCOTT,
Feb. 25, 1888—tt. Adm'r.

FARMERS and HORSEMEN!
Look to Your Interest!
Prices to Suit the Times!
REMEMBER I do not sell Stoves, Medicine, Mustins, 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 16-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.

CONCORD GRAPE CUTTINGS.
Superior Quality. Two years old.
For sale by F. HUMBERT,
fe18-2t. at Chester Cemetery.

—READY—
FOR SPRING TRADE
PLOWS, CULTIVATORS, Shovels, Forks, Spades, Chain and Rope Traces, Plow Hames, Wagon Hames, Grub Hoes, Corn Hoes, Bush Hooks, Plow Lines, Cotton and Sisal Ropes, &c. For sale at Lowest Market Prices by
WM. A. WHEATLEY,
adjoining the Bank.
BARBED AND BUCKTHAWN
FENCE WIRES!
For sale by WM. A. WHEATLEY,
adjoining the Bank.
MOUNTED AND UNMOUNTED
GRINDSTONES
For sale by WM. A. WHEATLEY,
adjoining the Bank.
ALL KINDS OF
TINWARE, SMOKESTACKS, &c.,
—Manufactured by—
WM. A. WHEATLEY.
N. B.—Roofing and Spouting a specialty, and old Tins Repaired at short notice.

The Modern Marvel!
THE SOUTH BEND CHILLED PLOW with Reversible Shares and Points, the most Durable and Economical Plow on the market. Jointer attached to standard and will not choke in grass or weeds. Below find names of some persons who use them:

V. Hendrickson,	Samuel T. Rolph,
George Bell,	Daniel R. Woodall, Jr.,
Wm. J. Tarbutton,	W. B. Strong,
E. P. Janvier,	Wm. A. Hendricks,

Twenty-five of them just received and we invite Inspection. The old reliable REMINGTON CHILLED PLOW for sale and Repairs furnished for same.
WM. A. WHEATLEY,
Feb. 25, 1888. adjoining the Bank.

SPRING OPENING!
NEWEST, PRETTIEST,
CHEAPEST!
Dress Goods,
Calicoes,
Linens, &c.
BOOTS, SHOES,
HATS and CAPS.
—AND—
Wares of all Kinds,
NOW OPENING AT
J. H. SIMPERS'.
Call and see my Styles and Low Prices.
Respectfully, J. H. SIMPERS.
Feb. 25 1888.

Public Sale.
THE undersigned having discontinued farming on the J. B. Sappington farm will sell at the Bosee farm, in Morgan's Creek Neck,
On THURSDAY, March 1, 1888,
a part of his Stock and Farming Implements consisting in part of
3 Head of Horses
Two of them Good Farm Mares, with foal, and one Good Driving Mare;
1 COLT, 3 yrs. old; 1 COLT, 2 yrs. old,
5 Head of Milch Cows,
most of them young and soon to be fresh;
1 Heifer 2 years old; 1 Heifer 3 years old;
1 Good Farm Wagon, made by Chapman & Lambert; 1 Set of Good Wagon Harness; 1 Hyland Farm-Roller; besides other small articles.
Sale to commence to 10 o'clock, A. M.
TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash; above that amount a credit of Nine Months will be given; notes made payable at Chestertown National Bank, with security approved by the undersigned.
SAMUEL NICKERSON.
S. M. ENOS, Auct'r. U. A. C. GARRETT, Acc'r. JOHN PRICE.
Feb. 18—ts. Massey's, Md.

CLOVER SEED! CLOVER SEED!
CHOICE, RECLEANED, WESTERN. In any quantity. Bottom prices. J. H. IRELAND,
jl4-tf. Green Grove, Md.

CLOVER SEED! CLOVER SEED!
For sale at Bottom Prices.
A choice lot to arrive.
jan5-tf. Respectfully, E. F. PARKS.

MY VESSELS
are still RUNNING CORN wherever and whenever navigation is open. Other freight also solicited.
jl4-tf. JOSEPH TURNER.

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.

FOR SALE,
A SMALL FOOT-POWER TURNING LATHE, Splendid Grindstone, Machinist and Carpenter's TOOLS of Lemuel Downing, to be seen at my office.
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PEACH GROWERS!
TRADE MARK
YOU HAVE THE PROSPECT OF A CROP, THEN FEED YOUR TREES.
TO DO THIS:—We offer you our FRUIT GROWER which has been used more largely than any other Peach Tree Manure in the world. This seems broad, nevertheless it is true. This goods can only be gotten of us. Its base is a Natural Guano, that runs as high in **Available Bone Phosphate** as **Dissolved Animal Bone**, yet this is **Available** by decomposition. Not one pound of Sulphuric Acid used in its manufacture; hence its superiority as a **Peach Manure**. Farmers have often been induced to try Natural Guanos by being shown how high they run in bone phosphate, but they do not notice that it is **ins