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Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN:
SATURDAY.....MAR. 17, 1888.

THE GREAT BLIZZARD!

This Friday morning, March 16, we have upon our table the first mails since last Saturday. As announced elsewhere, the trains on the Kent road succeeded in reaching Clayton Thursday and returned to Chestertown about 7.30 the same evening with the *four days' mail.*

It is a luxury to be able again to peruse the city papers. The Baltimore *Sun's* familiar face looked in upon us a little earlier than per mail through the kindness of Mr. T. S. Dodd, the purchasing agent on the steamer Gratitude.

Centreville, Easton and down-the-shore papers are still missing, and we presume the local trains are not yet thro' the drifts.

In the city dailies we have full accounts of the great storm. It seems to have extended all over the country, except possibly in the far South. Trains were blockaded all through New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Business in New York city and Philadelphia was paralyzed. In New York travel was next to impossible by car lines or ferry. Philadelphia was cut off from telegraph communication with other cities, and the *Times* actually has a telegram from Boston *via* London! Great suffering is reported among people snowbound on trains. The Brighton Beach Hotel, at Coney Island, was wrecked by a huge wave. Geo. D. Barrymore, of New York city, was found in a snow-drift frozen to death. A train load of New York legislators was blockaded, with scarcely any provisions. Roscoe Conkling made a narrow escape with his life in New York by being caught in a snow-drift in Union Square, in the heart of the city.

In Baltimore the *Sun* says the storm commenced Sunday morning, and will go down into history as one of the most remarkable on record. Considering the fact that it occurred at the very opening of spring, it is probable it has never been surpassed for severity and length. That Baltimore should practically be shut off for thirty odd hours from all railroad, telegraph and telephone communication with the East and West, and to a lesser extent with the South, seems hard to realize in this day of push and progress, and yet such has been the condition of affairs. The first train which left New York city after the storm had wrecked the telegraph lines and blockaded the railroad, pulled out of Jersey City at eight o'clock Monday morning, and did not reach Baltimore until six o'clock on Tuesday evening, thus consuming thirty-four hours in making a run which, under ordinary circumstances, is made daily in about five hours. So far as has been learned, the actual damage has not been great, the railroads, telegraph and telephone companies being the heaviest losers.

Mr. I. N. Mills, superintendent of the Delaware Railroad, telegraphs from Clayton the following report from Lewis at one o'clock Tuesday morning: "A tugboat within the Breakwater has sunk out of sight. The wrecking company's steamer sunk near the railroad pier. One tug is ashore. Twenty-three sailing vessels of various kinds are also stranded. It is the greatest disaster and accompanied by the heaviest loss that ever occurred in this harbor. It is estimated that 25 lives were lost, though but two bodies have as yet been recovered."

THE Supreme Court in New York sustains the verdict of twenty-five thousand dollars damages for the loss of a man's arm, and the Massachusetts Supreme Court sustains a verdict of twenty-seven thousand dollars damages for the loss of a boy's arm. Had the man or the boy been killed the most that could have been recovered would have been five thousand dollars. That is the result of legislation in one case and the absence of legislation in the other. The amount recoverable for loss of life is limited by statute. The amount recoverable for personal injuries is left to the discretion of a jury.

THE Mitchell-Sullivan fight took place last Saturday on the grounds of Baron Rothschild, near Criel, France. Sullivan was out of condition when he entered the ring, and Mitchell had the best of the fight. Mitchell's friends assert that he would have won the fight, had it been continued. The fight lasted a little over three hours. Up to the end of the eighth round Sullivan appeared to have the best of the fight; but the fact that he could not knock Mitchell out seemed to discourage him and after that he fought with little spirit. Mitchell showed great pluck throughout, and his friends are jubilant, as the result is virtually a victory for the little Englishman. At the end of the fight both men were in poor shape, and Mitchell's backers finally consented to the proposition, made by Sullivan's backers, it is said, that the fight be declared a draw.

SENATOR INGALLS would do well to paste in his hat the following extract from a leading editorial in the Philadelphia *Telegraph*. It reflects back to the Kansas Senator just about the exact judgment of the American people of all parties in this brief paragraph:

> Senator Ingalls for his gross, indecent insult to the President and his foul libel upon the memory of McClellan and Hancock should not only have the door of the White House shut against him, but the door of every other house in which an honest, self-respecting American lives. Such fellows of the baser sort should be permitted to herd only with their kind and not be permitted where gentlemen do congregate.

APROPOS of trusts, Mayor Hewitt at the recent Williams College Alumni dinner in New York, said:

> "When has it ever before been that a dozen men can meet in secret session to decide whether they shall withhold the food and fuel from those who are ready and willing to work for the support of themselves and their families? If this is to be, then God save the republic."

A lamentable state of affairs, truly. All such combinations are purely sordid and should be legislated out of existence.

The firm of E. E. Jackson & Co., composed of Gov. Elihu E. Jackson and brothers, have purchased 50,000 acres of yellow pine lands in lower Alabama, in addition to the 80,000 acres acquired by them in November last, making 130,000 acres in all. The lands were acquired from the government at a cost of about $1.25 per acre.

FREDERICK III, the new Emperor of Germany, left San Remo for Berlin on Saturday. He was enthusiastically cheered as the train started by an immense concourse of people. King Humbert met him on the Italian border, and a very affecting interview ensued.

BARNUM'S HOTEL, in Baltimore, is advertised for sale at public auction on the 28th of this month. The property will be offered as an entirety, and if not sold in that manner, will be sold in eight separate parcels.

HENRY BERGH, the philanthropist, died in New York on Monday.

AN EASTERN SHORE BLIZZARD!

The Railroad Blockaded—The Wires Down—The 'Phone Out of Sorts—The Roads Impassable—Four Days Without a Mail—A Lonely Week in Chestertown.

The snow-storm, which commenced here on Sunday night and continued with intermissions until Tuesday night, was accompanied throughout with the heaviest gales of westerly winds that perhaps ever prevailed in this latitude. Sunday was a rainy day and the snow at night found the ground in a thoroughly saturated condition, but it fell so fast that in the morning several inches covered the earth. The high winds of course caused heavy drifts, and the deep cuts on the railroad were filled and many places on the public roads rendered impassable. The river on Wednesday morning was frozen over from shore to shore.

On Monday morning the train started out as usual, but it took all day to get as far as Worton; on Tuesday it got nearly to Kennedyville, on Wednesday well on to Masseys, and the Delaware railroad was not reached until about 4.30 P. M. on Thursday, returning to Chestertown with the mail at 7.30 P. M., being the first we had received since Saturday. This is the longest period for 36 hours that we have ever been without a mail, at least since it has been carried by rail.

With no boat from Baltimore from Monday till Thursday night, the wires down and the telephone out of sorts, we were completely shut in from communication with the outside world. The public roads running north and south were so blocked as to render traveling upon them impossible for any considerable distance, and as a consequence Chestertown had in the meantime almost the appearance of a deserted village. There was no session of the Orphans' Court or County Commissioners on Tuesday and but two or three lonely countrymen found their way to town. The Rock Hall mail carrier started out on Monday morning, but before reaching Edesville he found the drift so heavy that he was compelled to go back. He made the trip with difficulty on Tuesday by taking to the fields in many places, but did not return till Wednesday. He came up on Thursday, however, not more than an hour behind the usual time. The weather moderated very much on Thursday, the steamers made their trips from Baltimore, the mail got in as above stated, and everybody breathed freely again. With the aid of the supervisors the roads, even in the worst places, will probably be open to travel in a few days and everything move on smoothly as heretofore, but leaving an eventful epoch in our history to be remembered and talked about.

The Wilmington Conference.

The Wilmington M. E. Conference, which met in Wilmington on Wednesday of last week, Bishop Foss presiding, adjourned *sine die* on Tuesday. Dr. Jacob Todd, of Wilmington, J. A. B. Wilson, presiding elder of Dover district, and N. M. Browne, of Wilmington, were elected clerical delegates, and H. B. Cannon, of Dover, and Lewis S. Melson, of Berlin, Md., were elected lay delegates to the General Conference which meets in New York on the first day of May next. The report of Presiding Elder France states that Easton district last year spent $7,000 for new churches and parsonages and contributed $4,624 towards missions. There were 1,200 conversions in his district and 1,200 probationers taken into full membership during the year.

The following are the appointments for Easton District:

John France, P. E.—Appoquinimink, George S. Conoway; Bayside and Tilghman's Island, J. M. Lindale; Cecilton, E. C. Atkins; Centreville, Charles A. Hill; Chestertown, R. W. Todd; Church Hill, J. A. Arters; Crumpton, to be supplied; Easton, W. W. W. Wilson; Galena, I. G. Fosnocht; Greensboro', W. H. Hutchin; Hillsboro', G. W. Townsend; Ingleside, A. Chandler; Kent Island, Joseph Robinson; Kenton, W. W. Sharp; King's Creek, J. A. Brindle; Marydel, W. M. Warner; Massey's, D. P. Gollie; Middletown, R. H. Adams; Millington, R. K. Stephenson; Odessa, R. C. Jones; Oxford, E. P. Roberts; Pomona, J. D. Reese; Queenstown, G. T. Alderson; Rock Hall, N. McQuay; Royal Oak, W. R. Mobray; St. Michael's, W. B. Walton; Sassafras, W. R. Sears; Smyrna, W. S. Robinson; Smyrna Circuit, E. E. White; Still Pond, J. D. Rigg; Sudlersville, T. H. Haynes; Talbot, to be supplied; Townsend, S. M. Morgan; Trappe, A. P. Prettyman; Wye, G. P. Smith.

Rev. J. D. Kemp goes to Georgetown, Del., Rev. E. C. Macnichol to Fredericа, Del., Rev. T. H. Haynes to Sudlersville, Rev. N. M. Browne to Newark, Del., Rev. L. E. Barrett to St. Paul's, Wilmington.

The next session will be held at Easton.

Small Pox Over the Line.

The several cases of small pox near Bridgeville has caused a scare all over this section of country, yet the physician says the contagion is so well confined to one house that there is little or no danger of it spreading. Mr. Wm. Cordrey and family lived about two miles this side of Bridgeville. Miss Annie Davis, a sister of Mrs. Cordrey, contracted the disease at Wilmington and rather than go to a hospital there, as she should have done, she came down the road en route for Laurel, but the conductor finding that she had the disease put her off at Bridgeville, from which place she went to the residence of her sister. The consequence is that every member of the Cordrey family contracted the small pox in its most malignant form, consisting of Mr. Cordrey, his wife and six children. Mr. Cordrey died on Thursday or Friday of last week, his wife followed him to her grave on Sunday, and the little three-year-old boy on Monday. The other children are still suffering with the disease, but there is some hope of their recovery. Miss Davis has almost recovered and is heartbroken at the terrible consequences of her rash act.—*Laurel Gazette.*

THE "WOMAN IN BLACK."—We gave in our last issue the rather sensational account from the Baltimore *American*, of the visit of a woman incognito, dressed in black, at a late hour of the night, to the residence of a gentleman living on Chester river in Queen Anne's county. The Centreville *Record* gives this explanation and statement: "In justice to the gentleman and his family we state that her visit had nothing whatever to do with any member of the family. She desired to ascertain the whereabouts of a servant girl who cooked and did housework on the farm the latter part of last summer and early fall. The last information the mysterious woman heard from the girl was that she lived in this family. Her visit was an effort to learn the whereabouts of this young and possibly wayward girl. This settles the mystery."

GOV. JACKSON VISITS WASHINGTON.—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun*, under date of the 9th inst., says: Among the visitors at the Capitol to-day was Gov. Jackson, of Maryland, who, for the first time since his inauguration, availed himself of the privileges of the floor of the House of Representatives. Upon his arrival at the Capitol he sought Congressman Chas. H. Gibson, and found him attending a meeting of the committee of rivers and harbors. The Governor was presented to Chairman Blanchard and the other members of the committee. Gov. Jackson remarked that he was not present for the purpose of submitting any requests in behalf of the rivers and harbors in Maryland, as his State is already well represented on the committee. He afterward accompanied Mr. Gibson into the House, where the members of the Maryland delegation paid their respects to him. It was the first meeting between the Governor and Representative McComas. A number of prominent democratic members were presented to the Governor, and he enjoyed his brief visit in the House thoroughly.

A MAN writes to an editor for $4, "because life is so terribly short," and gets the heartless response: "Do as I do; stand up in a chair."

LIBERTY county, Georgia, boasts of the fact that there is not a mortgaged farm within her boundaries.

THE OYSTER DREDGING OUTRAGES.

The accounts published in the NEWS last week of the high-handed outrages recently perpetrated by oyster dredgers has caused much comment, and the expressions of indignation upon the part of our people are general. We find upon further inquiry that our statement was no exaggeration of the terribly lawless condition of affairs in the waters bordering upon our county. On the contrary many additional facts have been furnished us, and actually it is now dangerous for any person to make his appearance on the shores within rifle range of a dredge-boat!

Several ducking points on the river, rented by clubs of gentlemen, are abandoned for fear of the bullets of these dredgers. The numerous tongers who gain their daily bred by oystering are deprived of this means of subsistance, as the dredgers force them off the oyster bars, in order themselves to more successfully steal!

This is the condition of affairs upon the exempted oyster grounds at Swan Point. The fleets of dredge boats number almost one hundred at times, and in a very little while these rich beds will be utterly ruined. Nothing but the continued presence of one of the police steamers—under the present law—can avail to prevent this lawlessness, and if Commander Plowman will make a short visit to lower Kent county, and will *take a walk on the shore* opposite the coveted dredging grounds, he will be convinced of the fact, if not already so. The members of the Legislature might also profitably visit this target ground and dodge some of the dredgers' bullets; they could then appreciate the claim these outlaws have upon their forbearance.

We say again if the Legislature at this session will not give *effective protection* to these oyster grounds then this nominal protection should be withdrawn. It is a miserable farce as now existing. We have people in Kent county able to own dredge boats and just as competent to take oysters in this way as Baltimoreans, but they are deterred by the law. A police sloop which is utterly worthless against the stranger may be effective against our own citizens, therefore the law as now operated *is only in the interest of foreign law-breakers.* Repeal it altogether—if it can't be improved—and OUR PEOPLE will compete with others in taking oysters with the dredge—and they won't be driven ashore either!

The Legislative session is rapidly drawing to a close, but we trust that in the face of the facts presented, some well defined measure may be passed which will relieve the honest oysterman of the disadvantages under which he now suffers and our citizens may be protected from the perils to which some of them are subjected.

AN ADVENTURE.—Two estimable young ladies, one from Chestertown and the other from the fifth district, attempted to make the trip in a carriage from one farm to another, a distance of several miles, on the snow-barricaded roads and in the midst of the wind storm of last Monday. The Chestertown lady was driving, and she ventured most too freely into the snow-banks, for they both found themselves once or twice out of the carriage and almost up to their necks in the drifts, and in one tumble the horse fell upon one of the ladies, and they were both very badly frightened. The horse and team were righted and they were soon again making good headway, but almost frozen. Yet they bravely struggled on and met with very little further mishap until they reached their destination. We are glad to learn that neither of them suffered any serious injury from their adventure, but they will not care soon to brave such inclement elements and fearful snow-drifts as those of the day named.

ENTERTAINMENTS.—MRS. Wm. J. Vannort will give a "parlor musicale" on Tuesday evening, March 27. A limited number of tickets will be disposed of.

The Catholics announce a grand entertainment for the benefit of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Chestertown, to be held in Stam's Hall on Tuesday evening, April 3. Particulars next week.

A grand fair and festival for the benefit of the Episcopal Sunday School, Chestertown, will be held early in April. It is proposed to enlarge the Sunday School room and otherwise improve the property.

The sciopticon exhibitions advertised to be given by Rev. J. W. Gray on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings last at St. James' and Lynch's Chapel, were, of course, prevented by the great storm. These exhibitions would no doubt have been very fine, and it is hoped may yet be given at some future date.

Oak Grove public school entertainment, which was announced for last Thursday evening, was postponed on account of the blockaded roads. It will be held next Tuesday evening. Don't forget it,—encourage the school by your presence. The exercises will be of a most interesting character.

THE LOWEST TIDE FOR YEARS.—The heavy northwesterly winds which prevailed from Sunday till Tuesday night caused the lowest water in Chester river that has been known for many years. At the steamboat wharf at Chestertown, where at an ordinary tide there is from seven to eight feet of water, the ground was bare at the outer piers on Monday afternoon and remained in nearly that condition all day Tuesday. Captain Palmer, who has been employed about the wharf for more than a quarter of a century, remembers only one or two previous occasions when the water was so low.

JUSTICE WHEATLEY says he walked across Sassafras river *on the ice* at Georgetown on the 12th day of March, 1838. It was on a Sunday. Thermometers were scarce in those days, but it was a remarkably cold spell of weather. Mr. W. further states that on the *first* of March, 1858, after fine springlike weather, during which he had finished *seeding oats*, a cold snap came along and the Chesapeake bay was frozen over for several days! On the 12th of March, 1865, a blizzard blocked the roads and we were without the mails *for three* days.

NEITHER of the County Courts were in session last Tuesday, all the members, except the two in town, being snow-bound. Judge Walker was at his post and adjourned the Orphans' Court to next Tuesday. Mr. Wm. Morris, president of the board of county commissioners, was also in his office with chief clerk Russell, but were not disappointed in the failure of the other members to appear.

NO BUTTER.—There has been a butter famine in Chestertown this week. The stores sold out of the article on Monday and our country friends not being able to get in, the repetition of the inquiry "Have you any butter?" became monotonous. Sparks was lucky enough to get a 35-pound tub of the article from Mr. W. H. Stewart, near town, on Wednesday but it was all sold in short order at 30c. per pound, and the demand only increases.

DURING the severe storm on Monday afternoon a large tree in the northeast corner of the court-house green was blown down, falling across the new iron fence and demolishing a panel.

A SPECIAL MEETING of Fairlee Grange will be held on Thursday, 22d inst. Miss Minnie M. Smyth will read the *Garner* and Prof. T. N. Williams, of Washington College, will deliver a lecture.

MR. WM. H. CACY invites the attention of farmers to his specially prepared fertilizers for corn, truck, oats and potatoes. He is also prepared to mix special formulas or to supply those wishing to mix their own goods with best quality of raw materials.

JUDGE STUMP ILL.—Judge Stump, of this Judicial circuit, has been very ill of pneumomia for a week past at his residence near Perryville, but at the last account was recovering, and now no serious results are expected. Judge Stump is 51 years old today.

THE PEACH CROP in Kent is not supposed to be injured as yet. The late blizzard may have damaged the orchards somewhat by the breakage of limbs but the cold during the whole winter has not been sufficiently severe to injure the buds. The critical period with the peach in this latitude is yet to come. The whole crop was killed last year about blossoming time.

A MEETING NEXT MONDAY.—The Kent Co. Agricultural Association hope to have a meeting next Monday. The association has been peculiarly unfortunate in having very inclement weather nearly every meeting day since Christmas. Only one meeting has been held. Important matters are now pressing the association for consideration, and it is hoped the membership generally will be present on the day named. Do not allow any slight inconvenience to prevent you. Steps must be taken at once relative to the next exhibition. If the association would make this a success it must act—*and act in time.* Delays are dangerous, and *neglect* will be as fatal to the interests of the agricultural association as it could be to any individual concern. The membership of this association have heretofore manifested a commendable spirit of enterprise and self-sacrifice. Let this same spirit continue, and increase, and a future even brighter than the past is in store for this the oldest agricultural association in the State.

CONFERENCE DELEGATES, &c.—A general meeting of the membership of the Meth. Prot. Church, Chestertown, was held last Thursday evening, when Col. Wm. J. Vannort was elected delegate, and Mr. J. D. Bacchus alternate, to the Maryland Annual Conference, which meets at Broadway Church, Baltimore, April 3d. This church is unanimous in its desire for the return of its present pastor, Rev. W. R. Graham. His pastorate here has been remarkably successful and pleasant; the church under his ministrations was never more prosperous, so that any hint of a change would be met with prompt and earnest protests from the entire membership. The community generally will welcome his continued residence here, and it is no reflection upon him further to say that his estimable wife is equally as popular as the reverend gentleman himself.

THE STEAMERS.—The steamer Corsica, Capt. Taylor, braved the storm of Monday and reached Chestertown without mishap. The B. S. Ford left Chestertown at the usual hour Monday morning but was compelled to seek a harbor in Grey's Inn Creek, where she remained at Harris' wharf until that night. The Corsica left here again Tuesday morning and went across the bay in the midst of the storm, reaching her city mooring almost as promptly as though the seas had been smooth. She returned to Chestertown on Thursday evening. The steamer Gratitude, Capt. M. M. Larrimore, left Chestertown at 6 A. M. Monday, but had to return on account of the rough weather. She again left Chestertown at 6 A. M. Tuesday, and arrived in Baltimore safely and promptly at 12.30 P. M. Her crew reports a schooner ice-logged and full of water at Bodkins bar, at the month of the Patapsco river. Another schooner was seen ashore at Lloyd's Gift, in the Chester river. There were rumors of numerous schooners being ashore on Kent Island. The Gratitude arrived at Chestertown Thursday before night, and left at 8 yesterday morning. She will return to-day, and next Monday resume her regular daily trips.

FIRE IN QUAKER NECK.—The oyster shucking house of Mr. Richard Groves on Mr. Edward B. Emory's shore, just below Quaker Neck wharf, was destroyed by fire about one o'clock Monday night. One hundred gallons of freshly shucked oysters had been removed from the building on Monday, but a large quantity in the shell were lost. The fire is believed to have been caused by the bursting of a stove. The loss is estimated at $450, with no insurance. Mr. Groves thinks of rebuilding at once.

VENDUES.—Wednesday, March 21, Gustavus Startt, adm'r of John N. Startt, in Quaker Neck.

Friday, 23d—George W. Hatcherson and John Brice, mortgagees, personal property of Dr. J. H. Price, near Lankford. This sale is positive and Dr. Price requests all his friends to attend and bid.

Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., advertises a fine little fruit farm in another column to be sold March 23d.

GOSLEE'S weather bureau was knocked out clean and clear this week. We have looked in vain for his flag indicators but the bare pole day after day invariably answered "No good." Goslee is all right again now, however, and his flags are again waving. He must not be held accountable for the failure of the telegraphic service, and upon this he is dependent for weather information.

SHERIFF CASEY took to the House of Correction last week the boy Matthew Williams, col., for stealing chickens, and the girl Mary Holland, col., for general incorrigibility, both sentenced for six months.

MESSRS. C. W. KENNARD & CO. call the attention of the farmers to their fertilizer goods, and publish testimonials from prominent farmers. Read their advertisement.

CAPT. JOS. W. THOMPSON has an important notice to phosphate and lumber dealers in another column. Read it.

"ST. PATRICK'S DAY in the morning" (March 17) is said to be the lucky time to sow cabbage seed.

EATEN BY WOLVES.—A dispatch from Fargo, Dakota, says: Word has reached here that a man and his son, living at Poplar Grove, near Fort Totten, were eaten by a pack of wolves last week. The facts as near as could be obtained are that the father and son left their house with shovels to clear the snow from the haystack not more than 15 or 20 rods distant. The father and son were at once fiercely attacked by a pack of 16 wolves, which literally ate them alive while the wife and mother gazed through the window at the horrible sight, knowing that it was certain death to go out. After the brutes had eaten all the flesh off the bones, they came up to the house and ran around it several times and went away.

THE orange crop of Florida for the ensuing year is estimated at between four and five million boxes.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. James Willis, of Locust Grove, has just returned from a two weeks' visit to Seaford, Del., and is looking remarkably well. It is hinted that he left behind attractions sufficient to induce an early return.

Mr. Wm. O. Shallcross, of the second district, who recently met with an almost fatal accident by a premature explosion while blasting stumps, will not lose his eyesight, and is in an improving condition.

Mrs. Owen Hayes, of Locust Grove, has retuned from a pleasant visits to Seaford, Delaware.

The choir of the M. E. Church, Chestertown, gave a supper to the retiring pastor of the church at the residence of Prof. R. K. Pippin, the leader, on Thursday evening last. A pleasant social evening was spent by all present.

We congratulate our *old* friend, Rev. L. E. Barrett, upon his appointment to so desirable a charge as St. Paul's, Wilmington. The reverend gentleman is recognized as one of the ablest ministers in the Wilmington Conference, and there are none more popular.

Mr. P. T. McFeely is visiting Virginia, North Carolina and other Southern points in the interest of the commission house of Wright & Loney, Baltimore. His wife is spending the time of his absence at her parents' in Chestertown.

Rev. Webster M. Strayer, of Starr Church, Baltimore, was in town this week.

Miss Annie Hubbard returned home from a month's visit to Washington Thursday.

Superintendent Fleming of the Kent R. R. was in high spirits yesterday on getting through the blockade, especially in that he was ahead of some of the other roads. He says he stands ready to render any needful help in his power to his friends of the Queen Anne's road when they get stuck again!

Dr. John H. Parvis, whose death by railroad accident near Middletown, Del., was mentioned last week, married in 1870 Miss Henrietta Hart, daughter of the late Garrett M. Hart, of this county, who survives him with four children, three daughters and one son. He was president of the Parvis, Williams & Co.'s phosphate company. The Middletown *Transcript* says that during the revival at the Methodist Episcopal Church, in March 1887, Dr. Parvis was converted and was a consistant member of that communion at the time of his death.

Mr. Louis K. Stam sustained a severe sprain of the ankle a short time ago by a misstep in coming off his porch in the darkness. He was confined to the house some three weeks, but is now able to walk down to his store.

Mr. S. F. Crew, of the house of J. P. Moyer & Co., Philadelphia, came down on Saturday intending to pay a brief visit to his parents on his way South, but the storm decreed that he should spend the whole week in Kent instead of Norfolk.

Our Legislative representatives have found it no easy thing to reach Annapolis this week. The Corsica, Capt. Taylor, came over from Baltimore on Monday and returned on Tuesday, and Senator Burchinal was fortunate enough to secure passage on her. Delegates Brice and Baker were blockaded by the snow at their homes. Mr. Brice succeeded in reaching Chestertown on Wednesday, but waited in vain for boat or railroad conveyance to Baltimore, and Mr. Baker was here on a like fruitless errand on Thursday. They will not go over until Monday.

Mrs. Sarah McBride Jackson, widow of Mr. Hugh Jackson and mother of Governor Jackson, died on Wednesday at her home, in Salisbury. Mrs. Jackson was 73 years old, and had been ill several months. She was a very estimable woman, and had many friends who were very much attached to her. Her children are Gov. Jackson, William H. Jackson, of Salisbury, Col. Wilbur F. Jackson, of Baltimore, R. W. Jackson, of Baltimore, J. N. Jackson, of Washington, and Mrs. Jacob Phillips and Mrs. George Phillips, of Salisbury.

Mr. J. S. Vandegrift, yesterday received the following postal:

> Second Comptroller's Office, Washington, D. C., March 10, 1888: Dear Sir—I saw your advertisement in the KENT NEWS about your Hair Tonic. Would like to try it. Where can I buy it here? If not to be had here, could you send me a bottle by mail. I believe liquids can now be sent by mail in appropriate packages. Yours, &c., J. C.

The Tonic was promptly sent.

DIED.

In Swan Creek, March 8, 1888, of pneumonia, GRACIE RICAUD, youngest daughter of John L. and Agnes Lewis, aged 1 year, 7 months and 7 days. [Baltimore Sun please copy.]

> She has gone to a place of calm repose,
> Where she will sweetly sleep;
> Her throbbing heart no sorrow knows,
> And left her friends to weep.
> Oh, Gracie, darling, can it be
> No more thy look of love I'll see?
> Thy bright blue eyes now closed in death
> I'll think of with my latest breath. MAMA.

OUR 2 for 5 CIGARS can't be beat. SPARKS.

WE HAVE IT and can prove it—the BEST 5c. CIGAR in town. Try one. H. A. SPARKS.

KENNEDY'S CRACKERS, the best made, just received. Fresh and Choice Confectionery, full stock, (15 cents per pound plain candy.) French from 20 cents up. SPARKS.
ma17. under NEWS office.

FOR OATS.—We manufacture a Fertilizer that is especially adapted to the Growth of Oats. Mr. C. H. Raine, of Upper Falls, Baltimore county, Md., says he used it on 10 acres, about 100 pounds per acre, and threshed from the machine 615½ bushels. Give it a trial. T. R. HUBBARD & SON.
March 10, 1888—3t.

CHESTNUT RAILS.
I have for sale Fifteen Hundred CHESTNUT RAILS, cut full length—Twelve Feet.
EDWARD PLUMMER,
mar 10-3t. Smithville, Kent co., Md.

TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Explanation of the Communication which appeared in the KENT NEWS *of March 1, 1888, entitled "Colored Church Difficulty."*

First, I want to say and do say, on the authority of at least nine-tenths of the membership of the church, that they do not endorse, therefore, solemnly disapprobate any such course as that pursued by Wm. Perkins, nor *did they in any way authorize it.*

EXPLANATIONS. Whereas, Wm. Perkins charges F. Nichols, Jr., with having accused him (Perkins) with stealing $60 from society, $500 from church and $5,000 from Capt. Burchinal, and with doing it to injure his standing in the society; he also charges F. Nichols with using Sunday school money for his own personal benefit, which he (Nichols) had collected in the name of the Sunday school, at different times and on different occasions, and with cutting leaves out of books, &c.; *and now for the explanation.* As regards the stolen money, two witnesses testified for the prosecution (whose names I have, but for their credits sake will not give) and said the charge was correct, &c.; and some ten or more testified for the defense, that F. Nichols did not say these things as charged against him. Their veracity for the truth has never, to my knowledge, been questioned. Yet the committee said as they were not able to weigh the evidence they could but conclude according to the charge that F. Nichols was guilty; and as regards the lodge money, &c., it had been all settled and receipts for the same produced, and as testified to by Mr. John N. Dodd—settled years ago. About the Sunday school: Two witnesses testified that they paid into my hands 56 cents each for two years, and I proved that it had not been used for my benefit as charged by producing receipts for same, yet the committee said according to charge, not the testimony, guilty. And about the rewriting and changing the minutes of lodge meetings to hide money transactions, &c.: In the first place, I am not nor have I been treasurer; and again, the minutes of one meeting was and is always read at the next meeting, then they are rejected if not right and adopted if they are right. So we showed that they had not been altered as charged, by producing books with minutes made at the meetings, and they are open for inspection. Now about the seine, &c.: That I sold the whole concern without saying a word to him (Perkins) and when on the stand he was asked how he knew he (Nichols) sold them, the truth then slipped out, for he said Nichols told him he had sold them, which, of course, contradicted the charge. Besides this, his own statement, F. Nichols produced a bill of from $65 to $75 against this same Wm. Perkins, with some credits, one for $5, being one-half of one boat sold to Wm. T. Dunn for $10, and another for $7.50, being one-half of another boat sold to Wm. Trusty and Perry Wilson, Sr., for $15. Yet a majority of this notable committee say as they were not able to weigh the testimony they must conclude according to the charge that Nichols is guilty. And now, lastly, about trustees' book: Over two years ago I was secretary of the trustee board, and at the close of the conference year I told the pastor, J. H. Riddick, that I wanted to come out of said board. (My reason for it was the seeming disposition of certain parties to be boss.) So at the fourth quarterly conference of Janes station, I, as the secretary of the board, submitted at this conference, as per discipline, the annual report, which was adopted by said conference. I at this conference was left off the board trustees. Notwithstanding the adoption of the report by the quarterly conference, Perkins said that it was trumped up, and to satisfy his whim the pastor, J. H. Riddick, appointed the following committee, viz.: F. T. C. Chambers, James H. Harris, Fred. Nichols, Wm. Perkins, Rev. J. H. Riddick, to audit this same report which had just been adopted by the quarterly conference, and the same books now in question, which they did, and their report was read to the congregation of the church, showing that the report and books were correct, except 33 cents, which F. Nichols had charged twice. The books were then turned over to the new board, and have been in the hands of Perkins, Dent, Hanson, Granger and others for over two years; and now, two years after, I am charged with tearing leaves out to hide a money transaction. Thos. Wright being treasurer and I secretary, and as such had nothing to do with the money whatever. The matter having been so explicitly set before the committee, I was perfectly willing to let the committee have the case, supposing that they would do as the law in the matter says. Thus the committee retired, and after being out for several hours brought in a verdict that they could not agree. They stood two for acquittal and 3 for guilty according to charges. The penalty, pronounced by J. D. Elbert, expulsion. On hearing this, I gave notice that I was going to appeal to the next quarterly conference, believing as I do that every intelligent person will see the whole matter, that it is a personal fight against me to keep me back.

Respectfully yours, &c.,
11*. FRED. NICHOLS, Jr.

REID'S CREAMERIES, Butter Printers and Churns
mar10. for sale by W. A. WHEATLEY.

NOTICE.—A meeting of the KENT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION will be held NEXT MONDAY, at 2½ P. M., at the Hall, Worton Station. The members are earnestly requested to attend as matters of vital concern will be presented. A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held immediately after the adjournment of the association. H. T. MASSEY, SEC'Y.

FOR SALE:
ONE HORSE and ONE MULE.
Both young and sound.
mr17-3t. J. B. MERRITT, Hanesville.

SEED! SEED!
As agent for ROOP & ZIEL, of Westminster, I am prepared to furnish farmers with improved varieties of SEED OATS and SEED CORN.
Apply early to insure orders being filled.
R. G. NICHOLSON,
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SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.
The CHILDREN of OAK GROVE will give an ENTERTAINMENT at
FAIRLEE HALL,
—ON—
TUESDAY, 20th of March, 1888,
consisting of
DRAMAS, CHARADES, PANTOMIMES, &c., &c.
Proceeds for benefit of School. Doors open 6.30; admission 25 cents; children 15 cents. The public are invited. J. A. GREENWOOD.

Musical and Literary Entertainments
ENTERTAINMENTS will be held at EDESVILLE HALL, on the Evenings of
WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
March 21st and 22d, 1888,
consisting on Wednesday Evening, of Vocal and Instrumental Music, Dialogues, Readings, &c.; and on Thursday Evening of an Excellent Supper, followed by an interesting programme of Music, &c.
ADMISSION:
On Wednesday Evening, 25 cents.
On Thursday Evening, 50 cents.
Children under 12 years, Half price.
Proceeds for Church benefit. Entertainment will commence at 8 o'clock. COMMITTEE.
March 10, 1888—2t.

FOR SALE ON EASY TERMS.
HAVING accepted a position on the road, I will sell on easy terms my entire stock of PUMP and PLUMBING TOOLS, and stock on hand in that line. Also, Agricultural Implements, except those on consignment, and will aid any good man who wishes to go into the business to secure the agency for a line of the best Agricultural Implements on the market. Wareroom and office also for rent.
Apply to B. M. HAZELL,
mar10-2t. Millington.

$10 REWARD.—A Setter Bitch, named Frank; color, orange with black nose and small black spot over each eye, either strayed away or was stolen from my premises on Saturday afternoon, March 3, 1888. The above reward will be paid upon the return or information leading to the recovery of the above described bitch to me at Chestertown. *No questions asked.*
WM. H. MCFEELY,
mar10-3t. Chestertown, Md.

STRAYED:
From the subscriber on February 25th, 1888, a WHITE MALE HOG with curly hair. Any information of his whereabouts will be thankfully received and a liberal reward given.
mar10-3t. H. L. CREW, Still Pond.

FOR SALE:
TWO PAIR OF MULES, young, quiet, well broken. Can be seen at Barnard's wharf. Address CHAS. A. JACKSON,
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HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN CALVES FOR SALE:
As creameries are now being established in Kent it is important for farmers to secure improved stock, and this breed is noted especially as milkers.
Apply to WM. H. STEWART,
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—TO—
Phosphate and Lumber
DEALERS.
300 Tons of Fine Ground Plaster!
1,500,000
REGULAR RUN BRIGHT SPRUCE LATHS
direct from Maine and will arrive about April 15th, 1888.
160 TONS PLASTER, 980,000 LATHS } yet unsold.
For sale Cheap for CASH or Reliable Acceptances.
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YOUNG SMUGGLER!
Record 2:29¼.
WILL MAKE THE SPRING SEASON
OF 1888, COMMENCING WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 21, AND WILL STAND AT
KENNEDYVILLE,
CHESTERTOWN,
and C. C. WOOD'S.
TERMS:
$25 for the season and $50 to insure a mare with foal, and all persons who breed will please decide whether they breed by the season or insurance before the first service. Settlements for the season to be made by giving money or note at six months with interest, at second round of the horse. Persons who breed by insurance, if they part with the mare, will be held responsible for the services of the horse.
J. W. HINES,
March 17, 1887—2m. AGENT.

—THE—
Thoroughbred Kentucky Jack, Nimrod
Will travel the Spring Season of 1888 in Kent county. This is one of the finest and purest animals of his kind ever brought to this county. As a proof of his success his numerous valuable Mule Colts can be seen this coming summer, being the result of the brief chance he had last spring. Those desiring his services should apply early as his number is limited. Communications by mail answered promptly. First call, first served. TERMS:—Absolutely insured ($15.00) fifteen dollars; 25 cents to groom in each case. Season commences March 15th and closes June 25th.
mar10-6t. M. ASCHER, Rock Hall.

WHITE MOUNTAIN, Jr.
I will stand my horse at the Bell farm in Fairlee Neck, this season, on the following terms: $10 to insure; $5 for the season; $2.50 must be paid in advance when the colt is insured, and no return will be made in case of failure. Persons parting with mares will be held responsible for the insurance. P. H. GEARS.
March 3, 1888—3t.*

TAX NOTICE.
EVERY TAX PAYER that has not paid his Taxes will be presented with a bill in a few days; please read carefully the notice at the bottom of bill, as I shall expect it after 30 days.
JOS. N.