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County Assessments To Be Tested.

Readers of the NEWS—the tax-payers especially—will remember that during the past year the Kent County Commissioners caused an assesment to be made throughout the county of all personal property. This work had not been completed before questions arose as to the legality of such an assessment. Many of those most anxious for it, thought it was in conflict with another statute which required a general assessment in '08, and then came the adverse decision of the Circuit Court in a test case in Queen Anne County. It is true that in the latter case the assessment had been made to include both real and personal property, while in Kent it was only for personalty, and the decision of the court might have been the reverse in our sister county if the work had been confined to personal property. The Kent board of Commissioners, having the advice of able counsel, were justified in believing that they had full authority of law for their action, and knowing the great need for corrections in the assessments throughout the county, they proceeded to complete the work they had undertaken. They did so in the best manner possible. No other course seemed wisely open to them. It is believed that each assessor was faithful in his task and the result was a full demonstration of the inequalities suspected. The commissioners acted from honest motives and conscientious convictions of duty looking to the relief of the poor overburdened tax-payer, by the just equalization of values of all personal properties, and bring under tribute a great amount heretofore exempt.

Now this work of the Board of Commissioners has been done and another step must be taken looking to the collection of the assessments made. It is well understood that the board is required annually to see that all unassessed property is reported by the County Treasurer, who has authority to appoint deputies for the purpose, which he does in every district, and is now about to begin this work. The board at their meeting last Tuesday passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the necessary steps be taken to assess and make subject to taxation the personal property in Kent county not now upon the assessment books and which has been returned as subject to taxation, and to lower or increase any existing assessment of personal property. And the clerk to this board is hereby directed to give the necessary notice in writing to the owner of any personal property whose assessment is purposed to be altered or changed or when a new assessment is purposed to be made.

The Board of Commissioners are just as anxious as any citizen that all its action shall have full authority of law, and to this end, before final action is taken toward the collection of last year's assessments, the counsel to the board will endeavor to get a hearing by the Circuit Court at the earliest possible day, to determine the exact status of this important matter.

We understand the Commissioners propose to act formally next Tuesday, in an effort to get a legal decision, and it is thought the judges of the Circuit Court would hear a case in equity, made up to test the matter. This will definitely settle the legality of the assessment, and all interested will no doubt bow to the decision of that higher court.

This is the wise course to pursue. There is neither good sense or profit in wrangling over what has or has not been done. Much less is it just to the county officials to be questioning their motives or criticising their acts, when they are all the time doing their very best to serve the county's interests.

THERE is a certain element of the Democratic party whom it has become fashionable to designate as "the organization." There are also some people who tax their ingenuity in the invention of ways to assail "the organization." There is, at election times, a continual prating about the necessity of pleasing the "independents" if the Democracy would win. So far as pleasing the "independents" is concerned, that is all right. But, has it ever occured to anybody that it is just essential to have the good will of "the organization" in order to win as it is to have the "independents." That being true, there should always be an exercise of politieal reciprocity.—Telegram.

Thorough Work.—Mr. and Mrs Wilbur W. Hubbard, who are members of the Maryland Original Research Society, have been busily engaged for the past six months and have gotten and arranged alphabetically every tombstone name and inscription in Old St Pauls, Bond Chapel, I. U. Parish Cemetery, Still Pond Cemetery and Shrewsbury, complete up to Jan. 1st, 1907. The work was highly commended by the society at the meeting in Baltimore this week. While engaged in this work, they saw several times, the late Rev. C. T. Denroche, who with Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard also became interested in the work and among other letters he wrote was this (which we have seen and read with interest, in his hand writing.)

My Dear Mr. Hubbard.—How will the enclosed inscription on a tombstone in the burial ground of Christ I. U. Parish, suit your purpose. General Philip Reed, A Soldier Of The Revoution. And Of The War Of 1812. Hero Of Caulk's Field, United States Senator And Member Of The House Of Representatives. Born 1760, Died 1829.

The Chestertown Water Company.

In our local columns is noted a change in the officers of the Chestertown Water Company. Mr. Thos. W. Eliason, the President for a year past, has disposed of his stock and is succeeded as President by Mr. Fred. G. Usilton. This change, which necessitates some notice from us, will justify us in making reference to the work of the company the past year. But for this occasion we should not occupy a single line in regard to the company.

First, we desire to speak in highest praise of the work of Mr. Eliason. His high character and splendid gifts of brain and industry made him an invaluable member of the board of directors, and his associates would never have allowed his withdrawal except for his strong personal reasons to justify it. His membership in the board has been of the most pleasant character, and no official body could have possibly acted together more harmoniously.

The company in assuming charge found it necessary to make heavy outlays of money for improvements. New machinery was purchased and a thorough cleansing of the reservoir and pool was effected, so that now the water is greatly improved and its effectiveness in case of fire in any part of the town is unexcelled in any town of its size in the State. No one can truthfully deny this. Seven new fire plugs—four to replace old ones and three in new locations—have beed added to the thirty-odd already in place during the year, entailing a large outlay, of which the town contributes a share. These plugs are flushed regularly and often to see that they are in order.

The citizens of Chestertown save over two thousand dollars annually by reason of this fire protection afforded by the Water Company. And what does the town pay for this? Actually less than four hundred dollars! A small sum added by the Kent Mutual Insurance Company helps out a little. Other companies pay nothing. *No town in the State of our size pays so little for its water advantages.* Most other towns pay twice as much as Chestertown and some three times as much.

Then there is some complaint about discolored water at times. In some sections of the town—the upper part in particular—this discoloration rarely occurs. The most complaint comes from the lowest streets, and the company has given its best efforts to find the cause for such evils, and it will apply the remedy as soon as possible. It doesn't need the probe of harsh criticism to force it to duty. The annoyance of impure water in any section of the town is far greater to the company than it can be to the citizen. The cause of all the discolorations is believed to be found in the use of an artesian well, which was bored to an immense depth at a cost of several thousand dollars and used to aid in the supply of a greater quantity of water. This well has been used for years and so long has the discolored water been noticeable. It is of no recent origin. The bulk of the water used is from the Free School Spring, *than which there is none purer or better in the wide world.* This the Water Company hopes to be able to supply exclusively, and will discontinue the use of the artesian altogether as soon as weather conditions permit the building of new pools.

Citizens of Chestertown—a few of them at least—do not appreciate the great value to the town of the Water works. Even admitting the defects—and where is there a town or city without defects in their water systems?—it is certainly better than none, especially when it is considered that the town pays so little for it and the rates to citizens are below most towns and barely enough to sustain the company, much less make extensive improvements.

We make the above statement in justice to the company, and for the benefit of its friends which we hope and believe includes the great body of our citizens. Nothing we can say or do will ever secure a good word from those who want to believe ill of the company and whose object is its injury.

The Company, we are glad to say, have big hope for the future both in perfect water and larger revennes, a sufficiency of the latter at least to make every improvement desired.

Interesting to Tax-Payers.

Mr. Charles L. Dodd, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, informs us that the amount of certificates issued up to this date is over *Five Thousand Dollars less* than at the same date last year. This is certainly a good showing of economy in county expenditures up to this date, and is strong encouragement to hope for a decided lowering of the tax rate for the present year. Another good thing, noted elsewhere, is that the commissioners are determined to proceed *according to the decision of the Circuit Court* in the matter of the personal property assessments made last year. This is the right thing to do. No one can reasonably find fault with the Board for this. It proves their desire to do right, and while discharging their duty, they would be sure to be going according to law.

There can be no further just cause for blame. If the Circuit Court decides the assessment illegal then the commissioners will not attempt to go further in that matter, while should the decision be favorable to the assessment then there can be nothing to do but submit. We re glad to see this decision reached and hope that every one on both sides of the question will rest the matter where it belongs—in the hands of the higher court.

AN appropriation of $60,000 has been made for the harbors at Rock Hall and other points.

PUBLIC SALE
—OF A—
Valuable Farm
IN KENT COUNTY, MD.

BY VIRTUE of the power contained in a mortgage from Jacob T. Shallcross and Laura Shallcross, his wife, to a certain John V. Craven, bearing date the 17th day of October, in the year 1887, recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, Maryland, in Liber S. B., No. 10, Folio 54, &c., which mortgage has been duly assigned to Richard D. Hynson; the undersigned will offer at public sale on the premises, near the village of Sassafras, on

MONDAY, 18th of February, 1907

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON,

All That Farm or Tract of Land

situated in the First Election District of Kent county aforesaid, lying on the public road leading from Galena to Sassafras, adjoining the R. S. Griffith farm and others containing

247 Acres,

One Rood and 27 Perches of Land, more or less. Also, ALL THAT LOT OF LAND and TENANT HOUSE THEREON lying adjacent to said farm. Both of which parcels of land were conveyed to the said Jacob T. Shallcross and Laura Shallcross, his wife, by deed from Annie R. Griffith, John C. Brice and Agnes Brice, his wife, and Wm. G. Watson and wife, dated November 16th, 1882, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent county aforesaid, in Liber S. B., No. 3, Folio 451, &c., as on reference thereto will more fully and at large appear.

THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SAID FARM consist of a

THREE-STORY
Frame Dwelling House

Stable, with stalls for ten horses; Shedding for Cattle, Granary and other usual outbuildings, suitable for a farm of this size. The fencing is in fair repair

This property offers a good home for persons seeking such and a good investment for capitalists. The land is in good heart and is adapted to the growth of grain, grass, vegetables and fruits, and it is located near churches, schools, mills, stores, etc., and near railroad station and lies in a very thrifty neighborhood.

THE TERMS OF SALE are cash on day of sale, but may be modified to suit a desirable purchaser. All title papers at the cost of purchaser.

For further particulars apply to

RICHARD D. HYNSON,
3 26-18. ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGE.

PULPIT AND PEW.

Dr. D. L. Greenfield delivered a common sense discourse in Christ church Sunday morning his theme being "Turning Weapons into Tools." The able preacher exhorted his hearers "to quit wrangling, envying and striving over nothings and put more of their effort into those things which have good in them; this political factional strife is a disgrace, and it is high time it was ended."

Miss Caddie Nickerson had charge of the song service in Church Sunday, the program including a piano solo by Miss Ethel Price; duet by little Misses Helen and Louise Russell; recitations by Misses Anna Smyth and Louisa Urie; quartette by Messrs. A. M. Culp, Warren Hurlock, Fred. G. Usilton, Howard Dodd; solo by Miss Avis Dodd

The revival services at the Chestertown M. E. Church have resulted in two conversions this week.

Mr. James Shuster, of Wilmington, rendered a beautiful baritone solo at Christ Church Sunday evening.

Christ Meth. Prot. Church.—Experience meeting, at 9.30 a. m.; public worship, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p m.; Sunday school, 2 30 p m; Christian workers' hour, 6.45. Morning pulpit theme: "Measured by the Shadow." Special music.

STILL POND NOTES.

Miss Pearl Coleman is the guest of her cousin Miss Jennie Vansant, of Barclay, Queen Anne's.

Mr. Edward Crowding has been visiting his friend Mr. Price Stanley, of Delaware City.

Mr. William Parr spent Sunday with relatives at Galena.

Mr. Lester Coleman returned to his home in Baltimore on Monday, after spending several days with his mother Mrs. Samuel Coleman.

Mr. Chas. Severson has accepted a position with W. S. & A. M. Culp, contractors and builders of Chestertown.

Mrs. Wm. H. Bowers met with a painful accident Wednesday morning last while attending to her household duties; she struck her right eye against a stove door and wounded her eye very badly. Dr. W. S. Maxwell was immediately called and Mrs. Bowers at this writing is improving.

Mrs. Edward Ford entertained at tea last Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Schofield, Mrs. J. B. Crowding and Miss Mary Anderson.

Mr. John Jarvis and Miss Lillie Thompson two popular young people of our town were quietly married on Wednesday evening at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. T. S. Holt. Quite a number of friends witnessed the ceremony. The bride was becomingly attired in a dark blue silk with hat to match and white gloves, while the groom wore the conventional black. Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis will reside in our town; congratulations.

Mr. Harry Stanley spent several days of the past week with his brother Mr. Price Stanley, of Delaware City.

Miss Gertie Robinson is spending sometime with Mrs. J. B. Crowding.

Miss Mary Toulson visited relatives at Lynch on Sunday.

Miss Edith Caldwell, of Galena, is visiting her cousin Miss Mabel Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell, of Galena, spent Wednesday with relatives in our town.

Our merchants are now busy taking stock.

Messrs. Robert D. M. Pearson and W. Coulbourne Wilson, of Westover, returned home Wednesday after a trip to Philadelphia, Wilmington, and several places in Kent county, Md. Mr. Pearson reports the roads in Kent county almost impassable and says that the roads in this county are in better shape than any he traveled over in his trip.—Marylander.

Sand roads are always better in winter than dirt roads, Mr. Pearson. Come up, later and compare them with yours.

Board of Health Notice.

County Commissioners of Kent County met as a Board of Health Tuesday and ordered that the clerk advertise the following law and notice, viz., article 43, section 5, Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and that strict observance of the same relative to contagious diseases be herein observed by practising physicians reporting same to the Health Officer:

"Whenever any physician knows that any person whom he is called to visit is infected with small-pox, diphtheria, membranous croup, scarlet fever, typhoid fever, typhus fever, yellow fever, measles, whooping cough or any other contagious or infectious disease, dangerous to public health, he shall immediately give notice thereof in writing over his own signatute to the board of health of the city, town or county in which such disease exists; and if he refuses or neglects to give such notice he shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars."

And further be it resolved, that Dr. H. G. Simpers, Local Secretary to the Board of Health, and Dr. Simon Wickes Merritt, Chief Medical Director of the small-pox district, have full charge, and that all action taken by said officers relative to small pox or other contagious diseases must be respected, otherwise the law with full penalty for each and every violation will be vigorously enforced.

A. C. LOUD, PRESIDENT.
C. B. DUDLEY.
J. E. MORRIS.
HARRY DAVIS.
WM. WAGNER.

C. L. DODD, Clerk. 3 19-tf.

Bargains in Suits

for Men. New values and styles this week in our $5, $6 and $7.50 Suit Sale. We closed out a small maker's stack of 109 Winter Suits. Plain blues, plain grey and three styles of neat plaid, all worsted $15 Suits that we have put in at $8 50. Sizes 33 to 32. Visit our Shirt Sale. All our maker's "seconds," over 3,790 of them on sale. White, stiff bosom, white negligee, colored stiff bosoms and colored negligees at 65 cents each or 2 for $1.25. White and colored pleated bosoms at 75 cents each. Big values in Tailoring in $15, $18 and $22 50 Suits. $5 and $6 Trousers to order.

Biggest Because Best — **MULLIN'S** — Clothing Hats Wilmington Shoes.

—if—

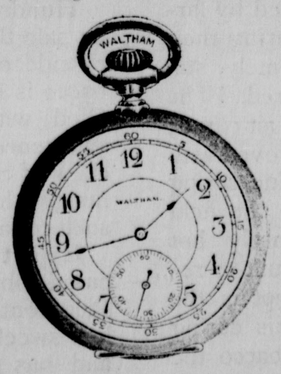
your watch or clock

IS NOT TICKING AWAY THE HOURS OF THE NEW YEAR PROPERLY, BRING THEM TO ROTE, THE JEWELER, AND HAVE HIM LOOK AT THEM. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

ALWAYS A FINE LINE OF

CLOCKS

(both large and small, on hand.)



—ALSO—

Watches

A Fine Line of WEDDING GIFTS in form of Cut Glass and Silverware.

A large assortment of HIGH-GRADE WRITING PAPER.

ROTE, The Jeweler,

Next Door to Savings Bank,

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND

JAMES HARPER GALE, my beloved brother departed this life January 17th, 1907 and in remembrance I would say:

Why should our tears and sorrows flow
When God recalls his own?
And bids him leave a world of woe
For an immortal home.

His toils are past his work is done,
And he is fully blest,
He has fought the fight, the victory's won,
And entered into rest.

BY HIS BROTHER.

Take Out Shares

—IN THE—

Kent Building and Loan Co.

THOS. H. TOPPING, PRESIDENT.

J. WATERS RUSSELL, SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Toulson's Drug Store

Highest grade Drugs and Chemicals, we always carry a full line of Patent Medicines, Horse and Cattle Powders, Liniments and Ointments, Prescriptions a specialty. Bring us your prescriptions. Use Toulson's Cough Syrup for your coughs.

when you are getting glasses

Get them right. Have them fitted as they should be. Have the lenses made for YOU—to your measure, so to speak.

Then you may read when you like, where you like, and as long as you like, and you'll not need to turn and twist the book in order to ease your eyes.

Not an eye pain or an ache, after you begin to wear the proper glasses, no headaches, no inconveniences at all.

To day would be a good time to begin to have your eyes looked after. Consultation and advice are free any time you call.

Don't be misled or taken in by strangers going over the country passing themselves off as "Dr." Eye Specialists, Etc., who charge you two prices and often do your eyes more injury than benefit.

Our optical department is in charge of a competent graduate optician and we can refer you to hundreds of our satisfied customers.

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Chestertown, Md

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ON OUR 10 CENT COUNTER YOU WILL FIND

13-inch Agate Wash Basin, worth	25c
Child's Double Covered Slate, worth	15c
Large 6-quart Agate Pudding Pan, worth	19c
Large Steel Fry Pan	18c

ALL THIS FOR 5 CENTS.

Wood Chair Seats, all sizes,	5c
6-quart Tin Pudding Pan,	5c
Large Tin Wash Basin,	5c
10c Nickel Plated Towel Rack	5c
Mrs. Potts' Sad Iron Handles	5c
10c Heavy Fire Shovels	5c

EGGS 28 PER DOZEN

PIERCE & BOLTON

GALENA MARYLAND

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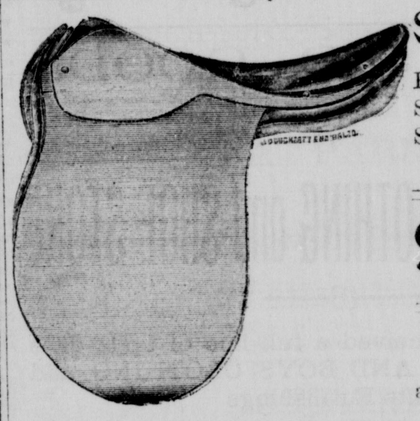
In the Glass Front, Levine Building, opposite Voshell House, where I shall be pleased to serve all comers with a full and complete line of Harness and all necessary Horse and Carriage Accessories at reasonable prices.



Special

English Tree Riding Saddle, a regular $10 Saddle for only

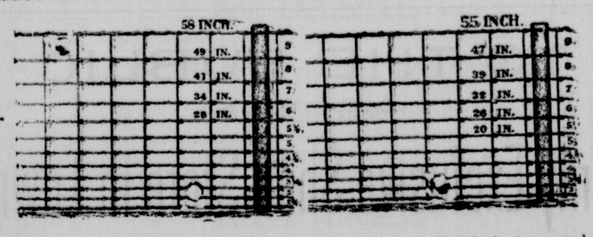
$8.00

Thanking you for all favors, I am,

WALTER T. BRAMBLE,

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND

American Woven Wire Fence



BEWARE OF IMITATION. Beware of the fence that is just as good and galvanized better, for at last it will rust and rob your pockets of well earned cash.

THE AMERICAN WOVEN WIRE FENCE is too well known for us to sing its praises. A farmer can't be fooled all the time. Some have been fooled in trying other makes to their sorrow and have come back to the real thing—THE AMERICAN WOVEN WIRE FENCE.

We carry the largest stock of THIS FENCE and FENCE MATERIAL in Kent county.

BARB WIRE, SMOOTH GALVANIZED WIRE, POULTRY WIRE, GARDEN FENCE WIRE, in fact can supply all your wants in this line.

FARM SUPPLIES

Grain Binders, Mowers, Rakes, Manure Spreaders, Hay Loaders, Corn Planters, Gasoline Engines, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Etc.

SEEDS, SEEDS, SEEDS

Clover, Alsyke, Timothy and other Field Seeds. Also Fresh Garden Seeds. Come and get our prices before you buy.

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We are building the Celebrated Chapman & Lamber Farm Wagons and Dearborns, and using the very best material that can be bought, and work done by the best mechanics.

All kinds of repairing done in short order at reasonable charges.

We ask a liberal share of your patronage.

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PHONE 58.

—LET—

OWEN B. CROW

Supply Your Wants For 1907.

I have just received from Thompson & Taylor Spice Company, of Chicago, the agency for their famous high grade coffees. The different brands of coffee we guarantee to be as good if not better than any coffee you will buy for the money. In order to get you to try these coffees we will sell to each purchaser at reduced prices. Be convinced.

It Will Pay You To Read This.

Dr. Hess and Clark, of Ashland, Ohio, a graduate of M. D. from four different Colleges and sworn before a Notary Republic has been so liberal in offering me a stock food that they positively guarantee to give entire satisfaction or money refunded.

Poultry Panacea

A sure and reliable remedy for the descases of fowls such as gapes, cholera and roupe. An excellent tonic and egg producer.

Dr. Hess's worm powder for horses, cattle, hogs and sheep.

Dr. Hess's healing powder for galls, cuts, scratches grease heels, thrush, burns, fistulo, poll evil. Dr. Hess s Heave Powder.

Notions And Drygoods.

The Jack and Gilt Hosery for boys and girls and a large assortment of underwear. My assortment of pearl buttons, for five cents per dozen can not be beat. Muslins, Calico, Ginghams, Table Linen, Etc.

Boots And Shoes.

For men, women and children. Baled hay, half soles and leather cut in strips 8½ inches wide, hemlock or oak leather.

Ground Alum and fine salt by the sack.

Butter, Eggs, Lard, Potatoes and meat wanted.

Gold Medal and Clifton F E F Flour sold close for cash. Yours for business.

OWEN B. CROW