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KENT NEWS.

THE KENT NEWS

CHESTER TOWN, MD.

Saturday Morning, December 19, 1846.

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The President's Message.

We have commenced on out first page, the publication of the review of the late Message of President Polk. It is copied from the National Intelligencer, one of the oldest and ablest public journals in the U. States. This paper, we believe, was established about 1801 under Mr. Jefferson's administration, which it efficiently sustained, by its present Editors and Proprietors. Its conductors have grown up with the government are intimately acquainted with its history, its diplomacy, &c. and know what they say about public affairs. There is not a newspaper in the U. States that sustains a higher character for intelligence, dignity and patriotism. To their article we call the attention of our readers and ask them to peruse it carefully, calmly and dispassionately. A few years ago, Senator Benton made a speech relative to Texas, annexation and her boundaries. The extract from that speech, taken from the B. American and not denied to be genuine, we append. The places mentioned in that speech; are in that portion of Mexico which President Polk claims as a part of Texas and into which country he ordered the army of Gen'l Taylor. Mr. Benton talks of "aggression of Mexico." Mr. Polk in his message, denounces all who have the spirit to exercise to right of freemen in expressing opinion upon the war, guilty of treason.—Mr. Benton is of course included. The following is the extract:

Mr. Senator Benton will have an opportunity to renew with Mr. Polk the issue which he made with so much force when Mr. Tyler's treaty of annexation was under discussion in the Senate. During that discussion Mr. Benton offered a resolution declaring "that the incorporation of the left bank of the Rio del Norte (Rio Grande) into the American Union, by virtue of a treaty with Texas, comprehending, as the said incorporation would do, a part of the Mexican departments of New Mexico, Chihuahua, Coahuila and Tamaulipas *would be an act of direct aggression on Mexico, for all the consequences of which* the United States would stand responsible."

Extra.

The Extra containing the President's message was not received last week from the office of the Baltimore Patriot, till after our paper had been distributed and mailed. Our Town subscribers were supplied before sunset, and copies for our county subscribers, sent in seperate bundles, or mailed the same evening. The message would have filled our paper for two weeks, and we preferred purchasing copies that our patrons might have both the message and the paper.

Snow.

We had an old fashioned North East Snow Storm on Thursday last. The wind was excessively high, and altogether the day was about as "ugly," as any we have seen for a long time. We heard a gunner who went a ducking say that he had one eye almost "put out" by the hail. A man must love ducking who would venture out on Thursday! Yesterday was a mild and lovely day.

Maps.

We have received a copy of Mitchell's coloured map of Mexico and Texas, with a map of Monterey &c. It is handsomely gotten up—the price is $1 for 6 copies—the postage is only about 2½ cts per copy. A line addressed to S. Augustus Mitchell, N. E. corner of Market and 7 sts. Phil. will be promptly attended to.

Watches and Jewellry.

We publish in our advertising columns the card of Mr. O. Conrad of 96 North Second street, Philadelphia. We have read a number of very favorable notices of this Watch and Jewelry establishment, in the Philadelphia and other newspapers.

☞We regret to learn that Francis Brengle, of Frederick, is dead. He died at his residence in that town, on the 10th inst, in 40th year of his age. Mr. B. was formerly a member of the legislature of Maryland, and more recently a member of Congress.

EDGAR A. POE.—This distinguished writer is ill with the consumption. His wife is also down with the same disease.

San Juan d'Ulloa.

It it thought that an attack, by sea and land, will be made shortly upon the Castle of San Juan d'Ulloa. If such is the case, the squadron in the Gulf to co-operate in this enterprise, will consist of the following vessels:

		Guns.
Frigates—	Cumberland	44
	Raritan	44
	Potomac	44
Sloops—	John Adams	26
	St. Mary's	20
	Albany	20
Brigs—	Porpoise	10
	Somers	10
Steamers—	Mississippi	10
	Princeton	9
	Spitfire	3
	Vixen	3
Schooners—	Reefer	1
	Petrel	1
	Bonita	1
Storeship—	Relief	6
		236

Total number of guns,

These will probably joined by the line of battle ship Ohio, which will sail from Boston with sealed orders, in a few days. The number of guns in the gulf will then amount to 310.

PACIFIC SQUADRON.

Razee—	Independence	54
Frigates—	Savannah	44
	Congress	44
Sloops—	Portsmouth	20
	Levant	20
	Warren	20
	Cyane	20
	Saratoga	20
	Dale	16
	Preble	16
Schooner—	Shark	10
Storeships—	Erie	8
	Lexington	8
Total number of guns in the Pacific		300
" " " " Gulf		236
Whole number on the coast of Mexico		536

Arkansas Election.

Arkansas seems to be hopelessly locofoco, but there are many gallant whigs there who never 'give up.' Among them is C. F. M. Noland, who thus announces himself a candidate for Congress in the Arkansas Telegraph:

To the Pople of Arkansas:—I am a candidate for Congress. If you should elect me it would only be for a period of about six weeks. Too short in which to do either much good or harm. All that I could expect to do would be to attend to any private business you might have, and to impress upon my Whig brethren in Congress the necessity of doing something generally for Arkansas, and the northern portion of it in particular.

In the recent contest between Col. Ashley and Gov. Yell for a seat in the U. S. Senate, I took no part. As a legislator I cast my vote for that talented, consistent and unflinching *Whig*, Col. A. Fowler—a vote that I now am, and ever shall be, proud of.

I have been a citizen of North Arkansas upwards of twenty years. As to my politics. "Jim Spriggs once met a fellow on a race course with a wolf in his arms.—Says Spriggs, where did you get that wolf? On the plains of Tippecanoe, was the reply. Then you must be for Harrison. Yes, sir-*ree*, WOLF AND ALL. Them's my sentiments."

In conclusion, should you elect me, I will be grateful· if you don't, I have the consolation to know you leave me in no worse fix than you found me.

Your friend and fellow-citizen,
C. F. M. NOLAND.

Little Rock, Nov. 20, 1846

The following is an extract from the Washington Correspondent of the United States Gazette, Philadelphia.

The wholesale charge of treason, brought by the President against the people of the United States, or that a large portion of them who have exercised what they deemed to be the birth right of free born man, to canvass and express their opinions of the acts and measures of their own servants, is calling forth, in every quarter, that expression of just indignation, the want of which would indicate that the American people had already reached a depth of degredation and servility that fitted them for the yoke of a master; though there are those who cry amen to this charge, and who would, doubtless, be willing to pass an act of pains and penalties against all who should dare bring in question the propriety, justice, and constitutionality of any act of the Administration. We should not be surprised at this, however much we may lament it, for when did usurpers and tyrants want flatterers and willing tools? When was there a time that those who trampled upon law and the rights and liberties of the people, could not find those who would justify every such act? Tyrants were harmless but for their tools. Let Mr. Polk undertake to silence the press and the people, and he will hear a cry more grating to his ear than ever "Wilkes and Liberty!" was to the of George the Third.

We extract from the Matamoras "Flag" of the 21st a few items which we have not before seen:

MEXICAN DUEL.—Two Mexicans went out on Tuesday last to settle a point of honor—weapons, dirk knives. The parties stood up to the scratch until the entrails of one were cut out, when the other fled. The wounded man survived but a short period. The murderer has not been arrested.

THE LEGISLATURE of South Carolina have elected David Johnson Governor of that State. Mr. J. recently resigned the office of Chancellor with a view to this new honor.

Correspondence of the Baltimore Patriot.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 1846.

When the bill sanctioning the war with Mexico was before the Senate at the last session of Congress, Mr. Calhoun was reported to have said that he would sooner plunge a dagger to his heart than vote for it, with the information which he possessed!

What was that information? I have it from reliable authority, that a correspondence of an important nature, in this connection, has been suppressed by the Executive from the Legislative department of the Government, and is now on the files of the State Department.

This correspondence shows, that before our army was ordered to proceed from the Nueces to the Rio Grande, by Mr. Polk, a letter, or direction, was sent by the Mexican President, Herrera, to the General commanding the Mexican Army of the North, Arista, to propose to General Taylor of the American army, that the forces of the two nations should keep entirely out of the disputed territory between the Nueces and the Grande del Norte—that this proposition was made accordingly, and that it was forwarded by General Taylor to the President of the United States. The document was kept in silence in the State Department, and not communicated to Congress. At the same time that the President kept this important proposition from Congress, he, without condescending to consult Congress, orders our army to take possession of this disputed territory! This, I am credibly informed, is the truth of the case. Was it a knowledge of this important fact, that caused Mr. Calhoun to express himself so emphatically as he did at the time alluded to? Perhaps the facts in the case will be called for by a resolution of Congress.—*Nous verrons.*

A GOOD MAN GONE TO HIS REWARD.—The Rev. George Pickering died on the 8th inst, at his residence in Waltham, Mass., aged 77 years. This venerable man, at his death, was the oldest effective Methodist preacher in the world, having been in the itinerant ministry for *fifty seven* years.—Few men were more generally known in the denomination of which he was a member, and none more esteemed for child-like simplicity and religious fervor. If we recollect correctly, Mr. Pickering's early field of labor was on the Eastern shore of Maryland, at a time when the Methodist Church was in its infancy. He generally enjoyed excellent health, and until within a few months was enabled to attend to his duties as pastor with as much vigor as in his youthful days.

MAJOR RINGGOLD'S TEAMSTER.—The Ringgold committee have with them that lamented officer's favorite teamster—named Kelly. But a few days before the battle of the 8th the poor fellow had served out his time; and on the evening of the battle Major Ringgold, knowing his skill in driving, said: "Kelly, I cannot go to fight without you." "Very well, Major," replied the brave fellow, "You shall not go without me." On he went—and before sunset of that memorable day, poor Kelly had lost his right arm near the shoulder. Here he is, commended to these gentlemen and to Baltimore sympathy by Major Gardner, the officer in command at Point Isabel, having served his country, but not entitled to pension, owing to his being simply a volunteer. Surely our country will see him righted!—*N. O. Picayune.*

RENCONTRE.—We learn from the Richmond Republican that a personal combat took place on Monday, in the street near the Depot of the Potomac and Richmond Rail Road, between Messrs. Chas. T. Butts, editor of the Southern Standard, and John Lambert, growing out of a newspaper controversy, relative to the Mayor of the city the father of young Mr. Lambert. One or more blows were struck, and several shots with revolvers were exchanged. We are glad to say, however that but little injury was done; Mr. Lambert receiving no wound, and Mr Butts only a slight flesh wound from a ball.

THE WASHINGTON correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce says—

"I cannot say that Congress has come together in good temper. On the contrary, I see every where around me evidence of bad feeling, distrust, and uneasiness. The Western Democrats who were disappointed by the veto of the River and Harbor bill, and are not reconciled to Mr Polk, nor his administration, nor his policy. They will, if I am not mistaken, raise a storm."

LETTERS from Matamoras represent that town as being very quiet, business brisk, though to those who visited it before, the city looks dull. This arises from the closing up of the gambling houses. If any gambling is carried on now, it has to be kept from from the eye of the authorities. To be caught offending, subjects the offender to *transportation to New Orleans.*

A WASHINGTON letter says that there was a general burst of laughter in the House when Mr. Polk's explanation of the admission of Santa Anna into Vera Cruz was read. Mr. Polk has been duped in this matter, almost as badly as he duped his Democratic friends of Pennsylvania, when it was intamated that the Tariff of '42 would be safe in his hands.—*Phila. Inq.*

THE BALTIMORE BATTALION IN MEXICO.—We have seen a letter from an officer of the Baltimore and Washington Battalion now at Monterey, dated on the 9th of last month, which says: "We have lost a great many men by deaths and discharge—the aggregate of our battalion is only 377, having lost 206 men since we arrived at the Brazos." This shows a terrible falling off.

☞His Excellency, Gov. Pratt, has pardoned George Graves, the young man convicted a few days ago by Washington County Court for stealing.

THE NEW YORK papers state that a meeting was yesterday to be held in the Tabernacle of that city, for the purpose of organizing a body of German Catholics, on something of the principles of Ronge in Germany. The new organization is said to be composed of two hundred, among whom is a former priest of the Roman Catholic Church

THE PERSONAL income of the French King, is about the same as that of the Queen of England—two millions two hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year. To use the language of the Course, it is payable in monthly instalments, and always in advance. The heir to the throne receives, besides, about four hundred thousand dollars a year.

NOBLY DONE.—We understand that the officers of our gallant little Navy attached to the Gulf Squadron, have with the magnanimity which is characteristic of their profession, determined to present all the prize money now due them to the window of Lieut. Charls W. Morris, the officer who fell at the attack on Tobasco.—*N. Y. Cour.*

THE VIRGINIA Legislature on Wednesday passed a bill appropriating ten thousand dollars from the State Treasury for the support and equipment of the Volunteers for Mexico, now organizing in the city of Richmond. The bill passed the House of Delegates with only one dissentient vote, and the Senate unanimously.

THE COMPANY organized in Boston by Edward Webster, (son of Daniel) for the Mexican war, has been mustered into the service of the United States, and will soon be ready to set out for the seat of war.—The regiment called for from Massachusetts is fast filling up.

THE SOUTH Carolina Legislature has adopted a resolution appropriating twenty thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Field officers, to equip the regiment of South Carolina Volunteers, for service in the war against Mexico.

A GOOD IDEA.—A case is now pending in Mississippi, in which an attempt is to be made to enforce the law of that State which requires that a man shall pay the debts of each individual whom he kills in a duel.

THE VOLUNTEERS.—The quota of volunteers for the war, from Massachusetts, will be brought into service by companies. One company is now full, and is commanded by Capt. Edward Webster, a son of Senator Webster

A PATRIOT.—A young man who went off with the Philadelphia volunteers for Mexico on Wednesday, was worth, it is said, a fortune of $150,000, which he left to shoulder a musket as a private soldier, and share the hardships of a soldier's life.

☞The Balt. Clipper says the water was let into the new reservoir a few days ago. It holds 15,000,000 gallons.

PREPARE for winter—put on your flannels—lay aside thin shoes—let bachelors get married.

AGRICULTURAL.

The following is a letter from Major Jones, to the committee on compost manure heaps, of the Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute of New Castle county, Delaware:

To the Committee on Compost Manure Heaps:

The subscriber begs leave to state that on the 9th of May last, he put up a compost heap on the Bommer principle *nearly.* That on the 18th, after heap was set, the thermometer stood at 142 degrees of Fahrenheit, when placed in a hole, made for the purpose, two feet below the top of heap; that on 27th the mushrooms were growing out of the side and top of the heap, and that in twenty days from setting, the heap, which was put up of dry wheat straw, would have done very well to haul out, if immediately ploughed under.

The subscriber would respectfully further state, that he set a compost heap on what he considers a much more economical and effective plan than the Bommer.—The base of which consisted of a lot of near one hundred acres; the principle ingredient was clover seed, sown after wheat and oats in the spring of 1845, at the rate of about one bushel of seed to five acres, on a good portion of which a light dressing of manure was spread, the autumn following the sowing of the seed; that in the spring of 1846 he gave this lot or compost heap a further dressing of one bushel of plaster to the acre. That during the month of August last he turned this said clover *well under* with a centre draft plough; and to facilitate the complete covering of which a heavy harrow was used to comb down the grass previous to ploughing; and that during the early part of the present month, September, he harrowed this land well with a set of small, light harrows, lengthwise with the plowing; then sowed with Pennock's drill 88½ bushels of Mediterranean wheat on seventy five acres, including a part that was an oat stubble. This lot or compost heap had received a dressing of lime about ten years ago, of not exceeding about forty bushels of lime to the acre, but has neither been pastured or mowed the present season.—This the subscriber considers the most economical and regular mode of making up, getting out, and spreading a compost, or dressing a field preparatory to sowing wheat and gives a much better yield of wheat, and much less liable to fall, if of rank growth, than if manured in any other way.

J. JONES.

Markets.

From the Balt. Patriot of Tuesday the 15th

Flour—$4 75.
Wheat white—100 to 110.
Wheat red—85 to 95.
Yellow corn—47 to 48.
White corn—46 to 47.
Oats—31 to 33.
Rye—62½.

BACON.

Shoulders—5 to 5½.
Sides—5¾.
Hams—7a8.
Lard—8.
Whiskey—21a22.

New York, Tuesday December 15th

Flour—5 25.
Prime wheat—116.
Corn white—64.
Corn yellow—65.
Oats—37.

☞Those in want of "fine old Ham" for Christmas, would do well to call at Wickes & Bro's and secure it.

☞Tobacco chewers and segar smokers are reminded that Wickes & Bro's have just received a choice lot

MARRIED.

In this place, on Tuesday evening last, at the residence of Mrs. Tilghman, by the Rev. C. F. Jones, Samuel W. Spencer, Esq., to Miss Anna Hynson, second daughter of the late Major Thomas B. Hynson, all of Kent county.

[We return to Mrs T. and the happy ones, our thanks for an abundant supply of very fine cakes of different varieties.]

At the residence of Henry Masten, in Still Pond on Tuesday evening last by Rev. Mr. Thomas, Mr. Joseph Carrow, of Delaware, to Miss Henrietta Hepbron, of this county.

[Accompaning the above was a quantity of excellent cake, for which, the happy pair will accept our thanks.]

On Tuesday evening last, in this place, by Rev. W. Roby, Mr. John N. Dudley, to Miss Eveline N. Sims, all of this co.

DIED.

In Quaker Neck, on Monday morning last, Mr. John Hall, aged about 60 years.

In Worton, on the 15th instant, Mr. Philip Buchanan.

At his residence near Worton Heights on the 17th instant, Mr. Pere Beck, an old and respectable citizen.

☞Hance's Sarsaparilla, Vegetable, or Blood PILLS—(FIFTY PILLS in a box—the cheapest Medicine ever sold)—Removing bile, correcting disorders of the stomach and bowels, costiveness, dyspepsia, swimming in the head, &c. Persons of a full habit, who are subject to headache, giddiness, drowsiness, and singing in the ears, arising from too great a flow of blood to the head, should never be without them, as many dangerous symptoms will be entirely carried off by their immediate use

In purchasing these Pills, let me add one word of caution—Always ask for Hance's Pills, and purchase of none but those advertised as agents

For sale by Seth S. Hance, 108 Baltimore st. and corner of Charles and Pratt sts. Baltimore, and by the following agents:
Simon Wickes, Jr, Chester Town
Gooding & Frazier, Geo. Town X Roads
B C Wells, Head of Sassafras
C R Hackett, Massey's X Roads
M V Boyer, Apothecary, Millington
Wm R Forman, New Market
Samuel H Cooper, Urieville.

COMMUNICATED.

☞The Rev. F Stier is expected to preach in the Methodist Protestant Church on Friday the 25th instant, at 11 o'clock.

ON the 19th inst, Providence permitting, a protracted meeting will commence at Welch's Meeting House; Rev. F. Stier will be in attendance.

W. ROBY.

dec'r 12, '46.

THE Lord willing a protracted meeting will begin in the M. P. Church, in Chestertown on Christmas day at 11 o'clk A. M.

W. ROBY.

Dec. 19, 1846.

GROCERIES.

T. W. ELIASON,

Has a large stock of Groceries, received from Philadelphia and Baltimore for sale at small advance for cash or produce.

Brown Sugar, 9 to 11 cts.; best double refined Loaf Sugar; good molasses 31 cts; good teas 75 to 1 00. *Best mould Candles*, 12½; best hard soap 5a6 cts. Laguira and Rio Coffee, spices, rice, starch, tobacco, flour, lard, bacon, etc.

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MORE NEW GOODS.

WILMER & NICOLS,

Have just received from Baltimore an additional supply of dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware &c., which will make their stock complete; which they will sell cheap.

Chester Town,
Dec. 19, 1846.

UMBRELLAS,

Constantly on hand, and for sale low by

Sept. 19, '46. T. W. ELIASON.

POSTSCRIPT

IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIL!

By Sloop Gen. Washington Capt. Browne.

ANOTHER GALLANT MARYLANDER—Passed Midshipman J. Ringgold Hynson, who behaved so gallantly at the taking of the brig under the Castle of St. Juan d'Ulloa, and who was injured in exploding the train for burning the vessel, is a native of Chester Town. He entered the navy in 1839, and is one of the most noble hearted and daring young officers in the service.—We predict for him a brilliant career.—Truly Maryland is the "Banner State" of heroes.

BOSTON CHARTER ELECTION.—Complete returns of the vote for Mayor show the following result,

Quincey, (Whig)	3851
Goodrich, (Dem.)	1320
Betton, (Nat)	734
Scattering,	55

The entire whig ticket for Alderman is chosen. Of the members of the common council, thirty-six whigs are certainly chosen, and four democrats; and there are eight vacancies in wards 3 and 12.

☞REV. HENRY SLICER, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was elected Chaplain to the Senate of the United States.—Mr. Tustin, it is proper to state, was not a candidate for re-election, having accepted and appointment at Hagerstown.

☞The grand funeral procession of the lamented Ringgold will take place on Tuesday next. The route of Procession will be up Broadway to Baltimore st.; up Balt. street to Eutaw st.; up Eutaw to Madison—down Madison to North—out North to the Cemetry, the place of interment.

TAILORING.

THE undersigned respectfully informs their friends and the public, that they will take the shop on the 28th inst, lately occupied by Major B. Vanhorn dec'd, two doors below Mr. Westcott's store, where they will carry on the above business. All work warranted to be made in the best manner, to fit, and at the shortest notice. They hope, by close application to business; to receive a share of public patronage. ☞Cutting &c. also done at the shortest notice.

CRUIKSHANK & NEAL.

Chester Town,
Dec. 19, '46.

Cheap Watches and JEWELRY.

AT the Philadelphia Watch and Jewelry Store, No. 96, North Second street corner of Quarry.

Gold Lever Watches, full jewl'd, 18 car. cases,	$45 00
Silver Lever Watches, full jew'd	23 00
Silver Lever Watches, 7 jewels,	18 00
Silver Lepine Watches, jew'd, 1st qual.	14 00
Superior Quarter Watches,	10 00
Imitation quarter watches, not war.	5 00
Gold Spectacles,	8 00
Fine silver spectacles,	1 75
Gold bracelets, with topaz stones,	3 00
Ladies' Gold Pencils, 16 carats,	2 00

Gold finger rings, 37½ cts. to $3; Watch Glasses—plain 12½ cts, patent 18¾, lens 25. Other articles in proportion. All goods warranted to be what they are sold for

O. CONRAD.

On hand, some Gold and Silver Levers, Lepines and Quarters, lower than the above prices.

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NEW ARRIVAL OF

Hardware, Cutlery, Fancy Goods, Crockery, Glassware, Confectionary, &c.

HAVING just arrived from the city with an assortment of GOODS, I would respectfully request the citizens of Kent co. and the state of Q. Ann's, to call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere, as I am very anxious to sell. My stock consists in part of the following viz:

CONFECTIONARY.

Candies, Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, Raisins, Figs, Citron, Grapes, Currents, Pickles, &c. The best chewing Tobacco in the county, together with an assortment of Segars, Snuff and common Tobacco.

TO SPORTSMEN.

Powder, Shot, Flints, Walker Caps, G. D. Caps, Powder, Flasks, Shot Belts, Gun Nipples, Nipple Wrench, Screw Drivers.

BOOK STATIONARY.

School Books, Slates, Writing Paper, Ink Stands, Toy Books for Christmas and a various assortment of Books suitable for presents.

TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

Solar, glass, brass, Japaned Lamps; Wicks; lamp Glasses; sperm, solar and refined whale oil; sperm and mould Candles; also a general assortment of *Hardware, Cutlery, Casting, Crockery and Glass Ware*, all of which will be sold at reduced prices for Cash or Country Produce.

JOHN L. STAM

Chester Town,
Dec. 19, 1846.

☞Medicines at the same profits as my other goods.