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THE KENT NEWS

CHESTER TOWN, MD.

Saturday, December 16, 1848.

Concert.

It will be seen by reference to our advertisements, that Mr. and Miss Harrison, from Baltimore intend giving a concert to night, at the court house. The concert given by them yesterday evening was well attended and was a delightful affair. His Songs, Lectures, &c. &c. drew forth tremendous applause. The Programme this evening will be entirely new, and we advise all who wish to spend an hour agreeable, to be present. The Chester Band will be present and play some of heir pieces.

The Concert

Which was advertised by the Chester Band to take place on Thursday evening next, for the benefit of the poor, will take place on WEDNESDAY EVENING NEXT, the 20th inst., at half past six o'clock, in the court house. Miss and Mr. Harrison the unrivalled extemporaneous and comic Vocalist, have very kindly offered their services and will assist the Band in the entertainment. The object of the concert is certainly a praiseworthy one, and should elicit a general turn out.

Mr. Clay's Health.—The Cincinnati Chronicle, of Friday last, says.

"We had the pleasure, on Monday and Tuesday, of taking the venerable patriot by the hand at Ashland. He is now entirely relieved of all disease, and is every day regaining his strength, being able to rise out in his carriage in good weather.—He intends to spend the winter in the milder climate of the South, and expects to start for New Orleans in a fortnight.',

The Lexington Reporter says, Mr. Clay visited that place last Tuesday for the first time in five weeks.

MR. CLAY AND GENERAL CASS.

The following letter has been furnished for publication to the correspondent of the Philadelphia North American. It is said to have been written by General Cass immediately after his reading Mr Clay's address to his constituents, exculpating himself from the charge of "bargain and sale:"

COPY "*Detroit, April* 14,1825.

"Dear Sir: I have just finished the perusal of your masterly address to your late constituents, and I cannot refrain from expressing to you the high satisfaction it has afforded me. It is a triumphant refutation of the vile slanders which have been propogated respecting the motives of your conduct in the peculiar circumstances in which you were recently placed. You may safely commit your character to the judgement of your countromen and of posterity. They will not fail to award you full justice.

"I must ask your indulgence for this almost involuntary tribute to your claims and services. So strong is the expression which your appeal has made upon me, that I could not restrain this expression of my feelings.

"With warm regard, I am, dear sir, sincerely yours, Lew. Cass.

"Hon. H. Clay."

Mr. Macready.—The Baltimore Sun of Tuesday last, thus speaks of Mr. Macready's first appearance in that city:

Front Street Theatre was crowded last night in every part to witness Macready's personation of Macbeth, and he was greeted with great enthusiasm, not the slightest attempt at disturbance having, been made. He was well sustained by Mrs. Wallack as Lady Macbeth, and by Mr. Ryder as Macduff.

When the curtain dropped, there was an unanimous cry for Macready, and when he appeared before the curtain the cheers were deafening. He bowed his thanks repeatedly and was about retiring, when numerous voices called on him to speak. After hesitating a moment, he stepped forward and said:

"Ladies and gentlemen—You ask me to say something to you. What can I say but that I feel proud of this reception.—You must, however, permit me, without the charge of egotism and vanity, to add that the character of the country has been vindicated—yes! nobly vindicated from the attempt made by a few characters to tarnish her fair fame, by outrage and insult heaped on me. For the reception you have given me, a stranger in your midst, I thank you—yes thank you sincerely, deeply—proudly thank you."

Sharp Shooting.—The Centreville (Md) Times, states that Woodman I. Gidson and John W. Perry, Esqs., in two mornings lately bagged 127 patridges, two rabbits, and seven squirrels.

Chlorofom has been tried upon cholera at the N[illegible] only [illegible]

Correspondence of the Kent News.

From Washington.

Washington, Dec. 6, '48

Mr. Editor.—Nothing now *rages* here except the California gold fever. It is talked of in every circle. I see a great many persons looking at the strange phenomina in the moon to-night. The upper horn presents a ragged appearance there is observable even to the naked eye, a bright streak running out from the inside edge Some declare that there is a volcano eruption going on up there, and that the bright yellow streak refered to its melting gold, and that it is no doubt droping into California. And some members of Congress from Ohio give it as their opinion that that bright streak is a river of burning lard oil. Some again say that a comet has struck the moon and knocked it to pieces. At any rate its appearance is singular. The accounts from the gold region of California, though, occupy the mind of this community, where every thing is is fully discussed to such an extent that they have not time to think think of Millerite apprehensions. Gold, no doubt, will shortly be so plenty that no one will care about it! it will be perfect drug! There is already such a prospect of a great inflow of heaps of the precious metal, that persons begin to tarnish and be careless with that they already have!—Money is easily picked up in the avenue your humble servant found an eagle there the other day; findings have of late become so common, that I fear Government will be induced to appoint a committee of search for thrown away, *silver*, to assist in defraying incidental expenses which would prevent your correspondent from enjoying more of the pleasures he has yet but once experienced in walking the Pa. avenue. But never was the Multicaulis fever before capped, that had gold for its indirect object; but this fever is of gold itself. The Presidents message of to-day was full of it. All the affectionate young people in Washington are now preparing to consumate the bonds of love, in prospect of an easy livelihood in *prospect!* Oh! gold what a pleasing, but delusive dream, thou begettest!

The first part of the Message is of a pleasing character, but the latter part is worthy of the man and his associations. Its littleness and despiseable character I have not room here to discuss. The Administration has so waned in interest, that even the prospect of hearing the last annual message of the President, did not bring more listerners to the galleries of either House to day than could be easily and conveniently seated.

The President calls the War "just and necessary!" as usual. He calls the whole cords of the Navy service, clerks and all, energetic and for-seeing. Concession is recommended; and he urges the adjustment of the territorial matters by the present Congress, npon the grounds that Cass udvocated: He approves of the Wilmot Proviso as applied to territory north of the Mo. compromise line, &c. I am sorry to believe that the Abolitionists will not compromise. They are generally intrigueing Yankees, who love to agitate,—as much from selfishness as anything else, and more. There is a pealing of amity existing among the members of Congress, though, at present, which savors of good. But some Abolitionists, I know would be sorry to see the controversy settled even upon their own grounds. They would receive no more money for being factious. You will perceive that New Mexico has petitioned to come into the Union as free territory!

Gen. Taylor's election has widened the breach in the Locofoco party. The Northern Locos are dreadfully enraged at Cass's defeat, and they think that it is time now to finally withdraw, and have no more Union with the South The Whigs North and South are alone united—the good Whigs at least; if Taylor's Administration should only be tolerable good, the Whig star will be long in the ascendant Mr. Calhoun will now act, perhaps, like a game cock with both eyes out. He will fight all round him: blind like. He is a fine man, but has always been wrong and shortsighted.

I am sorry to understand that Mr. Badger of the Senate, and Mr. Clingman, of the House, from N. Carelina, are at daggers' points; and, that it is likely to jeopordize the election of a Whig U. S. Senator in the place of Mr. Badger; or he himself, by the present Legislature of N. C. We Whigs have but 7 majority on joint ballot. I hope the difference will be adjusted in time.

The Washington Typographical society is preparing to celebrate its anniversary.—I understand that a proposition will be made on that occasion to get up a National Convention of Editors to confer with each other with reference to various matters of national interest. It is proposed to have one or to representations of the press from each Congressional District. A "Union of Editors, for the sake of Union."

The clerks in the different public offices here are generally a drunken, cheating set of scamps; and the few worthy ones among them are compelled to perform double labor on account of this state of affairs. The worst of it is, that these fellows are the peculiar favourites of the powers that be. I heard of one clerk who had been idle for 5 months, who was drunk and dishonest to his creditors, that received a $1,200 promotion from a $1000 salery, while more worthy and active clerks were kept at the latter price,—and that to where they performed the other's duties for them.

Such is my first inkling of the sayings and doings in this city of great designs. I hope to furnish you with something more interesting next time.

Mr. Gales of the Int. looks as bouyant and fresh as if he had just entered upon manhood; with the exception of grey haire.—editor the most profound of all others in this country, Mr. Gales is that man.—More anon.

OBSERVER.

P S.—McIlhany's Hotel, here, is a first chop Virginia House.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Town.

Mr. Editor:

Can you inform me, whether there are any Baliffs in Chester Town? Charity would induce me to suppose the negative; For on to night, from 20 to 30 report of guns have been heard in one neighborhood of our Town under the sound of the Baliffs and some immediately by them. Is there not an ordinance against firing guns and crackers in the streets of Chester Town except on military parades? How then can the laws be broken with impunity? If there are Baliffs, ought not new ones to be appointed if they do not see the laws enforced? If there are none, is it not the duty of the commissioners to appoint baliffs? To add to the discord a Drum was beat for a considerable time—Is there not anordinance against Drum beating at night? These things can be heard almost at any distance—the Baliffs and some of the commissioners hear them!—It is presumed that these annoyances are preparatory to the great christmas noise!—But if such things take place in the "green tree," what may be expected, in the dry?—Those who pay taxes to keep up a corporation and to employ persons to see that the laws are obeyed, and who desire quiet and retirement, after nine o'clock at night, have a right to ask the commoissioners to have the laws strictly enforced! The time has been when good order was preserved even during Christmas eve, and the holliday week. Why cannot the same state of things be restored. A little energy and persevereance can accomplish much. A failure to enforce laws, opperates as an invitation to break them!

A HOUSE-KEEPER,

Thursday night, December 14th, 1848.

SINGULAR MURDER TRIAL.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts, at Worcester, are engaged in the trial of John Cook, of Ashburdam, for the murder of his wife, in February, 1834, by poison. The long time which has elapsed since the alleged murder was committed, adds to the interest of the trial.

It was proved that the deceased died suddenly, havinz taken ill while at tea, though she was in excellent health and hour before. Cook would not allow a medical examination of the body, which was desired by her friends. Dr. Cutter testified that he was called to visit the deceased on the morning of her death, and her symytoms were such as would attend a case of poisoning. The body was examined, the contents of the stomach taken out in the presence of three physicians, one of whom delivered them to Dr. Webster of Harvard College, who made a chemical examination of them and obtained four grains of arsenic, which he exhibited in Court. Mrs. Ward, the chief evidence against Mr. Cook, had a dream which was offered in evidence, but was ruled out. According to a correspondent of the Times, it was in this wise:

That Mrs. Cook was murdered and that the murder was discovered fourteen days after the act was committed. She interprets days to mean years, and as it was discovered forteen years after her death, that there was poisen in the body, and as there is sufficient evidence of murder to bring Cook to trial, she judges one part of the dream is as likely to be true as any other part. It was proposed to introduce this dream as showing that it had an impression on the mind of Mrs. Ward prejudicial to the prisoner, but the court would not admit it on any ground.

CALIFORNIA GOLD.

Within the last few days full $40.000 in gold from the mines of California has been disposited in the mint in Philadelphia, and the greater proportion of it has been found to be of usual purity—say from 22½ carats fine, which is as near as may be, pure gold, too pure in fact for coining or mechanical purposes.

A verry intelligent officer in the navy, says the N. Y. Tribune, who has been recently over the entire gold region of California, for the purpose of examining the matter thoroughly, states that by the month of March we shall be receiving from California three millions per month in gold. This officer himself has a considerable quantity of the gold, which has reached New Orleans, and other large amounts he knew to be on the way. Under the circumstances, the establishment of the Pacific mail line of steamships, in connection with the line hence to Chagres, is a most fortunate happening, as it gives a regular and rapid communication with the States, by which gold can be sent home in thirty days, and merchandise received in return.

In Talbot County (Md.) Court, last week, Ben Thomas, slave of W. H. Goat, was convicted on four-indictments, of enticing slaves to run anway, and was sentenced to the Penitentiary for fifteen years and six months.—James E, Work, (white man,) formely of Baltimore, was convicted on two indictments for abducting slaves; and three other indictmedts against him for similar offeces, were removed to Queen Anne's County Court to be tried. The four indictments against Capt. Bailey, for the same cause, were also removed to Queen Anne's. These cases were regararded so important, that Mr. Richardson, (the Attorney General of the State,) at the request of the Governor, attended and conducted the prosecution.

Another President's message.—The President, a dispatch from Washington says, has received such information from the gold region in california as will authorize him to send a special message to Congress.

Sugar.—The culture of sugar has been

ATTEMPT TO ROB THE SUB TREASURY.

A daring attempt was made to rob the New York sub-treasury on Friday evening. It appears that when about to close the Custom House, the watchman discovered a boy about 16 years of age stowed away in a large box, who he immediatly arrested, and on searching him found the following articles:

Several books, among them "the life of Monroe Edwards," "the life of Dr. Jennings, the celebrated victimizer," "the Newgate Calendar," and "Traveller's Guide," a pair of handsome revolving pistols, one of which was loaded and capped; a flask of powder, bullets and moulds; a box of matches and two short sperm candles, a pair of false whiskers and moustaches, a piece of yellow ochre, used to discolor the skin and make one look older; $45 in gold, and last, but not least, a small bottle of Chloroform and a sponge. The latter, his intention doubtless was to administer to the watchman in charge of the sub-treasury, but how he was to get at the money does not appear to have been thought of unless he had accomplices outside, and that he had, there is no reason to believe. But the discovery does not end here. In his pockets were directions copied on small pieces of paper in beautiful hand writing to alter one's complexion, to write invisibly, &c., and also two small memorandum books, in one of which he had written in cyphers, and in the other he had kept a diary since Nov. 16th.

The Mirror says he gave his name as Charles R. Judson, but it was subsequently ascertained his name was Russ, who ran away from home two weeks ago, after having robbed his father of $160. He had, it appears, been on to Washington, and on his return attempted this robbery. His father says he had always been a dutiful and moral child untill recently, when he took a great passion for reading such books as were found in his possession. In his diary were found the names of some of the most noted rogues in the country.

Dreadful Occurrence.— The Springfield (Ill) Journal of Nov. 28th, published the following:

A most melancholy occurrence took place at the house of Mr. Harrison Baker, on the South Fork, in this county, on Saturday last. The parents were not at home, and there were some small children of the neighborhood present. The eldest son of Mr. Baker, aged about 7 years, took down a gun, which was heavily loaded for deer, and discharged it. The charge carried away a portion of his sister's head, two years older than himself, and instantly killed her; it cut off some of the fingers of an other child, and then passed through the side of a third, which was alive yesterday noon, but there was little expectation of it surviving.

Wisconsin.—The seat of the Hon. J. P. Walker of Wisconsin, in the Senate of the United States, expires on the 4th of March next, The present Legislature is to fill the vacancy.

Accident.—Mr. John Goldsborough, of Centreville, Md., had his face dreadfully burned last week by the explosion of a flask of powder as he was reloading his gun, just after firing.

Smoking produces gastric disorders coughs, and inflamitory affections of the larynx and pharynx, diseases of the heart and lowness of the spirits, and in short, is very injurious to the respiratory, alimentary, and nervous system.

More Specie.—The steamship Cresent City arrived at New York on Saturday evening, from New Orleans and Havanna, and brings from the former place $200,000 in specie.

MARKETS.

Baltimore, December 15. '48.

Best White Wheat—$108 to 112.
Best red do —100 to 106.
Yellow corn—50. to 51.
White do. 47. to 48.
Best Oats—27 to 29
Rye—65 to 70.

MARRIED.

On Thursday last, by Rev. Mr. Pierson, Mr. John E. Lawrence, to Miss Marietta Newcomb, all of this county.

(We tender to the happy pair our thanks for the cake which accompanied the above notice, and for the untied *bouquet* which we received on the evening of the serenade.)

On Thursday morning by Rev. William J. Dale, Mr. Francis Kirby, of Baltimore, to Miss Mary, third daughter of Daniel Collins, Esq. of this place.

On Tuesday last in Still Pond, by Rev. E. R Williams, Mr. James S. Leary, to Miss Mary C. J. Beswicks.

DIED.

At Church Hill, on the 1st inst. Mr. Nathan Dunbracco.

ANOTHER PHYSICIAN'S TESTIMONY.

Mr. Fowle—Dear Sir: I could send you a dozen certificates, strong and decisive, of the really sanative effects of your valuable Balsam of Wild Cherry, within the past twelve months, under my own supervision and direction, Indeed, I know of few persons who have used it, comparatively, but commend it in the strongest terms. A case of Asthma, the severest I ever saw, to which I was called a month ago, evinced the superiority of the Balsam. The disease had lasted six weeks, and the dyspnœa and suffering were dreadful; he sat up every night. The gentleman told me to give him something to last him home, (21 miles,) so that he might see his wife and child, and die in peace! I gave him one bottle of the Balsam and four ounces syrup squills, directing him to take tea-spoonful doses of the best Bor-

spondent will, and made him take six bottles of the Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherre home with him as a present, he having alleged that he had used so much expensive medicine to no profit. Last week Mr. A. called and expressed his gratiude to me in the warmest manner, said the medicine had saved his life, paid his whole bill, and took six bottles more, and left my office for home, rejoicing.

WM. A SHAW, M D.

Wshington, North Carolina, Aug 12, 1847,

☞Those in want of Cloths; Cassimeres satinetts &c., should call and examine the stock offered by W. N. E. Wickes—it comprises a great variety of styles and prices—a chance is given to those wanting clothing to save from 50cts. to 2$ per yd on the Cloth.

☞A very choice assortment Calicoes, Cashmeres Plaids Lyonese Cloths Ginghams and other dress goods for Ladies, White Red and canton Flannels bleached and Brown goods, are for sale at greatly reduced prices at W. N. E. Wickes.

☞Terkeri, Woolen and other Shawls Kid Gloves &c., Hankerchiefs, Irish Linens &c., &c., for sale by W. N. E Wickes.

☞Boots and Shoes of all descriptions for sale by W. N. E, Wickes.

Vocal & Instrumental

CONCERT.

Miscellaneous Entertainment,

AT THE COURT HOUSE, THIS

Saturday Evening,

Dec. 16, 1848.

MR. HARRISON, the celebrated and unrivaled Extemporaneous and Comic Vocalist, from the city of Baltimore, will give a humorous and select EVENING' ENTERTAINMENT, consisting of Comic and sentimental *SONGS, DUETTS, LECTURES* and Improvisations, introducing his budget of Comicalities, also his astonishing faculty of composing songs impromptu upon any subject proposed by the audience. He will be assisted by the pretty and popular Vocalist

MISS HARRISON

who will sing many Songs and Duetts.—The whole to be accompanied by the Violin.

Admission 25 cts.—Children with their friends half price—Doors open 6½ o'clk. Commence at 7 o'clk.

Chester Town, Dec 16, 1848.

DONT YOU SEE THE DUST!

MY GOODS ARE COME!!

MULTUM IN PARVO.

I WOULD respectfully inform my friends and the public, that I have just received my winter stock of

GOODS,

and would ask them to call and examine them. They consist of the following viz:

FOR HOUSEKEEPERS,

I have China Tea Setts; Cups and Saucers; Plates Dishes and a very fine assortment of fire proof baking dishes, pans and plates; small wedgewood Tea Pots and Soup Turreens; Bed-pans; Pitchers and Tumblers, Lamp Shades, Chimneys and Solar Lamps. Also an assortment of Etheriael Oil, Lamp-wicks, &c.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A SWEET TOOTH IN THEIR HEAD

I have Candies, Raisins, Currants, Prunes, Cocoa-nuts, Dates Tamarinds, Oranges, Lemons, Pickles, in jars; and best of all SWEET KISSES, for the Ladies.

FOR THE SPORTSMEN,

I have powder Flasks, Horns, Nipple-wrenches, Screw-drivers; Walker, French, and common Gun Caps; Powder, Shot, and a fine assortment of Gun Nipples that I can fit to almost any gun from a Swivel to pop gun.

FOR THE SICK,

I have a large assortment of good Medicines.

FOR THE LADIES,

I have Toilet Soap; Oil to make the Hair grow; Pomatum Cologne water, note paper, envelope motto wafer, tooth brushes, &c.

FOR PARENTS THAT LOVE THEIR CHILDREN AND WHO DOES NOT,

I have plenty of Christmas presents such as Toy Books, China Toys, &c:

FOR THE SMOKERS,

I have good segars, smoking tobacco and German Pipes.

FOR THE CHEWERS,

I have the *Luscious Luxury.*

FOR SNUFF TAKERS,

I have Congress and Rappee Snuff and Snuff Boxes all of which will be sold

CHEAP.

JOHN L. STAM.

Dec. 16, 1848.

Lime for Sale.

THE subscribers are prepared to make contracts for New York or Schuylkill Limes, on accommodating terms and in quantities to suit purchasers, Also all kinds of produce purchased at the highest cash prices.

THOS. B. ARMSTRONG,
Georgetown X Roads,
Kent county, Md.

AUCTION SALES

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Court of Chancery of Maryland, the undersigned as Trustee, will offer at Public Sale, on

Thursday the 4th

day of January next, at the Hotel in Ceciltou, all that very valuable Farm, belonging to the heirs at law, of the late James A. Williamson deceased, and lying in a very pleasant neighborhood on the public road leading from Frederick town to St. Stephens Church, in Sassafras neck, about a mile and a half from Frederick town, and about the same distance from Cecilton. It contains about

180 ACRES

of land well watered and fenced, and in a good state of cultivation. The land has been limed and is kind and productive.

The improvements consists of a comfortable Brick Dwelling House, with a frame kitched, a small new barn and stabling, new granaro, corn cribs, carriage house, meat house, and other necessary out buildings.

There are also a young apple orchard and a young peach orchard on the premises both in thriving condition.

The terms of sale prescribed by the decree, are as follows. $500 of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the residue thereof in four equal instalments, in one; two; three and four years, from the day of sale, the said residue to bear interest from the day of sale, payable annually and to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with a surety of sureties approved by the Trustee.

Sale to commence at 2 o'clock P. M.

JOHN C. GROOME, Trustee.

Elkton, Dec 16, '48—ts

VENDUE.

BY order of the orphans' Court of Kent county, the subscriber will expose to public sale, at the late residence of Thos. P Sappington, at Caulks field, on

WEDNESDAY

the 27th December, inst, if fair if not on the first fair day thereafter, all the personal property of said deed, consisting of Horses, Cattle, Hogs 24 fine Shoats seed Oats 10.000 weight of Blades, a dearbon and Harness,

Farming Utensils,

Household and Kitchen Furniture, a quantity of Tools and a first rate turning Lathe, &c., &c. ☞Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M. when the terms will be made known.

JNO. GREENWOOD (of Wm.)
Admr. T. P. Sappington.

December 16, 1848.

Black and White

SMITHING.

THE subscriber offers his services to the citizens of Chester Town and the surrounding country in the above line of business. He has taken the Shop adjoining Mr. John Greenwood's carriage shop, where he will be happy to see his friends and all others wanting work done in his line.

Horse-shoeing and Cartwrighting and all kinds of jobbing done at the lowest rates.

He hopes by strict attention to business to receive a share of public patronage.

HENRY H. SIMMS

Chester Town, Dec. 16, '48. 1y

Look!

ALFRED M. RUSSELL, would respectfully inform his friends and the public that he has on hand and is constantly manufacturing

Saddles, Bridles and Martingales; Also, Collars, Blind-bridles, Cart-saddles, Britchen, Back-bands, Halters,

and all other articles usually kept in his line, which he will sell as low as they can be brought in Baltimore or elsewhere for the cash. He returns his thanks for the liberal patronage he has received and solicits a continuance of the same.

☞Repairing done with neatness and despatch.

Dec. 16, '48.

Personal Discharge.

NOTICE is hereby given to the creditors of Thomas Jones, free negro, that a personal discharge hath been granted to said insolvent debtor, and that the 21st day of March, being the first Wednesday of our county Court next succeeding this date, hath been set apart for the final hearing in his case, where his creditors may attend and shew cause if any they have why a final discharge shall not be granted said debtor.

Test,

JOS. N. GORDON,
Clerk of Kent county Court, Md.