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KENT NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, MD.

Saturday, March 16, 1850.

☞The appointments for Kent county have been received and will appear next week.

Conference.

On Wednesday the 27th instant, the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Maryland District will assemble in Chester Town, and continue in session about a week. The meetings of the Conference during the day will be in the Church,and we presume that preaching will take place every night during the session, and that on Sunday, the ministers would be willing to scatter themselves through the county, if invited, and preach at the Churches in the various neighbourhoods.

We presume that the daily sessions of the Conference will be public, except during the period allotted to the examination of official character.

Our citizens will have an opportunity of giving examples of that kindness and hospitality. which has been one of the characteristics of the people of the Eastern Shore. Our Town is not large—doubtless, all will be done, that can be, to make the ministers and lay-delegates, as comfortable as may be. Some of our country fellow citizens, residing within four or five miles, who have carriages, could render some assistance,and accommodation.—The assemblage of a religious body, is always one of interest—and as the Conference will be composed of about one hundred members the occasion cannot fail to be interesting.

Mutual Life Insurance.

There is no object that commends itself more powerfully to the thoughtful and benevolent mind, than that of Life Insurance. A small amount saved from our annual expenditures will enable every man to secure for those dear to his affections, a fund sufficient to place them above the reach of immediate want, in case of his being called suddenly from them.

Death, at all times is an uncertain, and most unexpected visitor,is striding through the land and is often among us. Let us prepare for his approach. Let our families be provided for and our minds at peace and whether the rider of the 'Pale Horse' shall smite us with his up-raised javelin or not, we would be satisfied.

We invite attention to the advertisement of the New York Life Insurance Company, which will be found in our paper of to-day. The Company is a most liberal and responsible one, and any information as to terms and means, will be given most cheerfully by the Agent. We recommend all interested in the subject, to give him a call at the Hotel of the late Charles B. Tilden, where he can be found during the ensuing term of our county Court.

Oystermen.

The Deputy Sheriff of Kent county, and his posse, taken the Steamer Osiris on Saturday last to go after a party of Philadelphia Oystermen, who were violating the laws of the State. They captured three boats and their crew, thirteen in number, with about twenty five hundred bushels of oysters.

Kent County Court.

The March Term of our county Court will commence on Monday next. The session will be a short one, judging from the number of criminal cases upon the docket.

The Legislature.

The Legislature of Maryland adjourned on Sunday morning last, after having passed 555 acts and nearly a hundred resolutions. A large number of bills were necessarily laid over for the want of time, among them the general assessment bill.

THE FALLS OF NIAGARA MYSTERY—*Mr. Baker.*—The Charlesotwn Va., Spirit of Jefferson, in copying the publication made by the friends of Mrs. Miller in relation to Baker, says:

Mr. Baker, to whom reference is made above, passed through our town on yesterday week, on his way to Winchester—He remained there until Thursday, disposed we learn, of about $5,000 worth of property, and again started for Baltimore. At Harpers Ferry, it is said a telegraphic despatch was received by him from Washington or Baltimore, to the effect—"Be on your guard, an avenger is at hand!" Mr. B. supposing discretion the better part of valor, again returned to Winchester the same evening, and has by this time, we presume, joined his redoubtable heroine,at some point near Washington. Baker looks considerably worsted, and in all his movements manifests the greatest uneasiness.

ARREST.—We learn that a man named E. H. Reynolds, has been arrested at Centreville, Md., charged with attempting to kidnap a slave, and was committed to jail in default of $5,000 bail. The affair created much excitement, as Reynolds, (who was originally from Delaware,) has been a respectable citizen of Centreville for two years

R. Meachem, Auctioneer, writing from San Francisco to the Baltimore Sun, under date of January 20th, 1850 says:

"I have been six months at San Francisco, without having the least inclination to return. Business is here for business men. There is no mistake about this matter.—The gold basis exist beyond all precedent. Cash, in gold, is paid on the nail, and no haggling about prices. The price to-day has nothing to do with to-morrow's business. Pork and flour the great staples, have been sold from 9 to $45 within the last ten days; lumber 100 to $600 within the same period.

Rents and private expenses are enormous. I have a store and dwelling at 22,000 per annum—considered *very cheap*. For a barrel of superior Oregon butter, weighing 234 lbs., I actually paid $351 for my family use. A pair of heavy boots cost me $30. Long rubber boots bring 6 ounces. Loaf sugar 55 cents. I sold 60,000 lbs. brown Sandwich Island, about equal to common Havanna brown, for 15 to 22 cents, which was considered very low. Sperm candles sell for 2 to $3 50 per lb.; oil in proportion.

GUBERNATORIAL CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the Whig members of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the Hall of the House of Delegates, on the 6th day of March, 1850, the following proceedings were had:

On motion General William Lingan Gaither, of Montgomery county, President of the Senate was called to the chair, and George C. Morgan, of Saint Mary's county appointed Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Hambleton, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the *first Thursday in June next*, be recommended by the Whig members of the Legislature, as a fit time, and the City of Frederick, as a fit place, for holding a Whig Gubernatorial Convention, for the purpose of nominating a Whig candidate for the Gubernatorial chair of Maryland.

Resolved, That in said convention, the representation of the different counties and Baltimore city, shall be the same as that in the Legislature of Maryland.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, *Resolved*. That the meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and published in the Whig papers of Maryland, and in the National Intelligencer.

WM. LINGAN GAITHER,
Chairman.

GEORGE C. MORGAN, *Sec'y.*

Proceedings of Md. Legislature.

ANNAPOLIS, Mar. 7, 1850.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

On motion of Mr. Spencer, a message was adopted and sent to the Senate, proposing to elect Bank Directors on the part of the State, this afternoon, at 4 o'clock and making the following nominations:

For the Farmers' Bank of Maryland—Alexander Kilgour, of Montgomery co.; George N. Weems, of Calvert co; Wm. R. Baker, Prince George's co For its branch at Easton—Jacob C. Wilson, of Caroline co.; George Vickers of Kent co.

For the Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore—Alexander Penn and Wm. Chesnut.

For the Hagerstown Bank—Andrew Kershner and Isaac Newcome.

A message was received from the Senate, appointing Mr. Done on their part, to carry into effect Resolution No. 8, of 1840 to count and destroy cancelled coupons and certificates and examine accounts of Commissioners of Loans.

ANNAPOLIS, Mar. 8, 1850.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Mr. Marshall, of Baltimore, submitted resolution complimentary to Brigadier General Hennet Riley U. S A., a native of St. Mary's county, Maryland, for gallant conduct in the late war with Great Britain,and in the Mexican war, and that the Governor procure and present to him a suitable sword, which was unanimously passed.

The supplement to enlarge the powers of Courts of Equity was passed.

Senate resolutions to furnish a copy of Dorsey's Laws, to certain Libraries in this state, was passed.

Mr Weems, from committee on claims, reported unfavourably on the petition of Wm. Gray, of Calvert county. Concurred in.

Also, unfavorably on the petition of Tench Tilghman, of the Board of State Agents. Laid over.

The resolution in favor of heirs of Elizabeth Stewart, was amended, as suggested by the Senate, and passed.

The bill to fix and make permanent the salaries of certain officers of the civil Government, [relates to salaries of Chief Clerks of the two Houses,] was passed.

ANNAPOLIS, Mar. 9, 1850.

SENATE.

A Senate bill, supplementary to act incorporating Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company, was passed.

The following bills were passed:—To pay Journal of Accounts, for relief of persons carrying wood for sale to city of Baltimore; supplements to acts of 1817, ch. 316, and 1833, ch. 249; to prevent frauds upon the revenue and punish perpetraitors, legalizing issues of Howard street Savings Bank.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

On motion of Mr. Biser, (Mr Tilghman in the chair,) it was unanimousl, resolved that the thanks of the House be tendered to the Hon, John R. Franklin, for the ability, impartiality and faithfulness with which he has discharged the duties of the chair during the present sessions.

Mr. Farnandis, chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, made a report on the State finances, and reported favorably on Senate bill to authorise the business of banking.

Mr. Causin submitted a message to His Excellency, the Governor, his attention to the great amount of business which must go over for want of time. Among them are mentioned—the Assessment Bill, the Revision of the Treasury Department, the Board of Public Works, Free Boarding,&c. and requesting him to take the subject into consideration, &c. After debate it was rejected—ayes 30, nays 51.

A bill was passed relating to free negroes in Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's counties.

Mr. Spencer, from committee, made a report on the charges preferred by Jno. and James Cochran against Judge Purviance and the Attorney General, setting forth that the charges are groundless. The committee was discharged.

Various motions were made and much noise and confusion prevailed during the whole night.

During the evening Mr. Speaker Franklin delivered a beautiful and touching valedictory address.

The Governor finished signing the laws this morning (Sunday, March 10) at 7 o'clock, A. M., when the sine die adjournment took place, and in a few moments the noise and confusion in the Hall gave way to the stillness of death. The members nearly all left the city this morning for their respective homes.

The Legislature have passed at the present session, the unprecedented large number of 555 laws.

COL. FREMONT.—Col. J. C. Fremont, Senator elect from California, with his lady and child arrived in Washington city yesterday evening by the cars from the North. We are gratified to learn that the physical condition of Colonel Fremont has much improved since his arrival at New York; and that the health of his estimable lady is entirely recovered.

LIFE INSURANCES.

While nations are erecting statues to triumphant generals, whose only claim to gratitude is having slaughtered thousands, we wish some person would start the idea of erecting a statue to the originator of insurance on lives. Surely so great a benefactor to his race deserves some signal mark of the esteem of mankind! Of all the cares which beset the father of a family, the most harrassing is the fear that before he can accumulate a competence he may die suddenly, leaving his infant children and their mother penniless. The life insurance principle provides for this evil. A man, in good health, by paying a very small premium, not much over one per cent, if his age is but twenty five, can insure his life to any amount, so that if he is cut off prematurely, his family will be comfortably provided for. At thirty, by paying about sixty-five dollars yearly for seven years, a person can insure his life in favor of a wife, or any one else, for five thousand dollars, for the seven years;—or by paying rather more annually for the term of his life, can secure that sum to his heirs whenever he dies.

A creditor can, in like manner, ensure his debtor's life, or a debtor his creditor's. A wife can insure the life of a husband ,or a child that of its parent. There are thousands of fathers in the habit of squandering every year, as much money as would pay the premium on their lives for three, five or even ten thousand dollars, who might, almost without self-denial, secure a comfortable provision for their families, in case of death, by availing themselves of the life insurance scheme. Why do they not do it? Every few months we hear of cases where men have died suddenly in the prime of life, leaving their families destitute, when a little forethought and economy would have secured a competence to the widow and orphan. In most of our principal cities life insurance offices have been established, with competent capitals, and under the control of responsible men, so that there are facilities for this purpose which it is really criminal to disregard.—Our advice to every married man is to insure his life.

BANK DIRECTORS ON THE PART OF THE STATE.—The following directors on the part of the State to the several banks, have been chosen by the Legislature:—

For the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, at Annapolis: Alex. Kilgour, (member of the House) of Montgomery; Geo. W. Weems, (member of the House) of Calvert; Wm. B. Baker, of Prince George's co.

For the Farmers' Bank at Easton: Jacob G. Willson, (member of the House;) Jas. Dixon; Georgs Vickers, in place of James E. Barroll declined

For the Mechanics' Bank, at Baltimore: Alex. Penn and William Chesnut, in place of Thomas and Hall, declined.

For the Hagerstown Bank: Andrew Kershner and John Newcomer.

TAXATION IN OHIO.—The Ohio Statesman of the 7th inst., says:

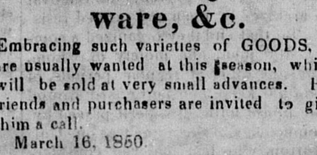
"Mr. Debolt, the Treasurer of Hamilton county, paid into the State Treasury, on yesterday, the snug little sum of *one hundred and seventyseven thousand dollars!* Twenty-five years ago the whole State of Ohio only paid about *twenty-five thousand dollars of State taxes!* The whole State revenues now amount to about *two millions annually*, yet our State debt scarcely diminishes preceptibly."

NEW and rich styles silk Vestings, superior French Clothes and Cassimeres, Italian Cravats, Stocks, Suspenders, &c., for sale by

W N E WICKES.

MARRIED.

In Washington, on the 7th inst., by the Rev. Mr. O'FLANNEGAN, Mr. JAMES W. COOMBS, formerly of this place to Miss MARY E. MICKUM of Washington.



DIED.

In Chestertown, on Monday last, after an illness of two weeks, of Erysipelas, Charles B. Tilden, Esq., inn keeper, leaving a wife and five children, and a large number of relations and friends, to lament their loss.

Near Chestertown, on Thursday last, Mrs. Skaggs, consort of Mr. Lemuel Skaggs.

This morning, at the residence of John L. Stam after a short illness, Francis A. Hollingsworth, in the 44th year of his age.

Baltimore and Delaware papers please copy.

Oyster Shell Lime.

THE subscriber proposes to deliver this article to order, well burnt, at any of the Landings on the Chesapeake Bay or Sassafras River, at 7 cts. per bushel, cash—or 7½ on 4 and 6 months time. To learn the merits of shell lime, see Dr. Higgins' Report.

WILLIAM T. SKIRVEN,
Failee Point.

March 16, 1850. if

NEW SPRING GOODS.

W. N. E. WICKES,

Is now opening a stock of

Dry Goods, Hardware Groceries, Queensware, &c.

Embracing such varieties of GOODS, as are usually wanted at this season, which will be sold at very small advances. His friends and purchasers are invited to give him a call.

March 16, 1850

A fine assortment *IRISH LINEN*, for sale very cheap by

W N E WICKES.

SPADES, Shovels, Forks, cut, wrought and fencing nails, for sale by

W N E WICKES.

VERY choice *CAVENDISH* and low priced Tobacco, Havana and other Segars, for sale by

W N E WICKES.

SHOE, scrubbing, horse and white wash brushes, for sale by

W N E WICKES.

A *LICANTO MATS*, Buckets, Tubs, and Brooms, for sale by

W N E WICKES.

LOAF, crushed and brown *SUGARS*, Rio and Maracaibo *COFFEE*,choice green and black Teas, for sale by

W N E WICKES.

GLASS AND PUTTY, for sale by

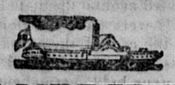
W. N. E. WICKES.

March 16, 1850.

THE POPULAR

AND

FAVORITE STEAMER



CAMBRIDGE;

CAPT. J. R. GRIFFITH,

HAS been thoroughly refitted with a new boiler and other additions, at great expense, and cannot be surpassed for speed, comfort and accommodation for passengers, will resume her trips for the season, on Monday morning, 11th March, leaving Light street wharf, Baltimore, at 7 o'clock.

For Corsica, Chestertown, Kent Island,

The steamer Cambridge will leave Light street wharf every MONDAY Morning, at 7 o'clock, for Chestertown, Corsica and Kent Island, and return same day. Passage, 50 cents; Excursion passengers taken the round trip for 50 cents.

For Annapolis, West River, Cambridge and Easton—The steamer Cambridge will leave Light street wharf every TUESDAY Morning at 7 o'clock, for Annapolis, West River, Cambridge and Easton, and return on WEDNESDAY, by way of the same route to Baltimore—leaving Easton at 7 o'clock.

For Chestertown, Corsica and Kent Island.—The Cambridge will leave Baltimore every THURSDAY Morning for Chestertown, Corsica and Kent Island,and return same day.

For Annapolis, West River, Cambridge and Easton.—The Cambridge will leave Baltimore every FRIDAY Morning, at 7 o'clock, for Annapolis, West River, Cambridge and Easton, and return on SATURDAY, leaving Easton at 7 o'clock for Baltimore. The above routes will be continued throughout the season.

March 16, 1850—tf

FOR SALE.

HOUSES AND LOTS OF LAND.

THE subscriber having made up his mind to remove upon his farm, will offer at private sale the following Houses in Chestertown and Lots of Land in and near said town, as follows, to wit:

The 2 story dwelling house, now occupied by Mr. John L. Ringgold, with the kitchen and garden attached thereto.

Also the 1½ story frame dwelling house occupied by Saml. Perkins, both these houses are situate upon main street opposite Judge Eccleston's—they have been newly repaired. Also the Ice House with the right of way to and from it. (This is one of the largest Ice houses in Chestertown and made of the best materials and always dry.)

Also the small tenemen: on the Hoop's lot and the garden attached thereto, and at present occupied by Jack Barrett. Also the balance of the Hoop's lot containing ¼ an acre, more or less.

Also the lot of land commonly called the Mansfield Lot, containing 12½ acres, more or less, lying and being on the main road opposite the Taylor h use, where S. W. Milby now resides. This lot is in a state of high cultivation, and has for the last 3 years paid from $15 to $20 per acre for each year, and if nothing happens to the wheat now growing upon it, it will pay $25 to $30 per acre the present year.

Also his College Lot containing 8 acres, adjoining the lots of Col Wickes, Dr. P. Wroth, G. W. T. Perkins, and on the college road. This is one of the prettiest lots of land in and about Chestertown, it is nearly square and rolling enough to carry the water off—it is well set in grass and in a state of high cultivation; it has paid me the last 3 years per annum, from $12 50 to $17 per acre. If desired by purchasers, these lots will be divided into 2, 4, or 6 acres each. A liberal credit will be given on the most of the above property. The Houses will pay from 10 to 15 per cent. per annum, after deducting taxes, insurance, &c. For terms apply to

A. W. SPARKS.

Chester Town, March 16, 1850.—4w

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Rich Foreign

AND

AMERICAN SPRING GOODS.

A. G. MATHIOT & CO. No. 27 North Gay st. are now daily receiving their stock of French, Swiss, Italian, British and American

Dry Goods,

adapted to the spring and summer trade, which will consist of one of the handsomest assortment of Goods they have ever had the pleasure of offering to their friends and customers. We will name in part the following Goods which we invite your attention:

Rich Barèges, of the choicest colors and patterns; French Mousselines and Mousseline Barèges; Polka styles of English and French Chintzes; handsome *Mourning Goods*, of all descriptions; Boyl's English double and purple prints; high col'd plain (all wool) Muslin DeLaines; double and single damask Cloths and Napkins; Richardson's and Barklie's best Irish Linens; Huckaback, bird eye and Russia Diaper; Linen Cambric, embroid'd Nevine, Hemstuched and cor. bordered Lawn and L. C. Hak'fs; Lace Capes, Collars and Cuffs, Gloves, Hosiery, &c.

Baltimore, March 16, '50.

CHINA HALL,

No. 159, Baltimore street, Baltimore, opposite the Museum.

THE undersigned have opened the above named extensive establishment, for the sale of all kinds of rich CHINA dinner, tea, toilet and desert sets; rich cut, plain, pressed and Bohemian glass ware, Stone China goods, common Liverpool, common Stone ware, and all kinds of goods usually found in a China Store, which they will sell to Storekeepers, Hotels, Steamboats, and Families, at the very lowest possible rates, and will carefully pack every article in the safest manner, Their stock is now full and completed, and they would respectfully invite the attention of persons wishing to purchase, and will exert themselves to please, both in prices and quality of goods.

PARR & BANKS

March 16, 1850 ——3w

FASHIONABLE

TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.

J. P. HARTMAN,

No. 163, Baltimore street, between Charles and Light sts.,

BALTIMORE,

BEGS leave to inform his friends and customers that he has now on hand, and is daily receiving a choice assortment of goods adapted to wear; such as Cloths, Cassimeres, Cashmerets, &c. In fact, goods of every description in the above line, and of the very *latest styles*. He flatters himself that he can offer GREAT INDUCEMENTS to purchasers. His stock of *READY MADE CLOTHING* is surpassed by none. Doing an almost exclusive cash business, he is enabled to *sell below the market price*; and he would say to those who buy for the ready money, that, by giving him a call, they will *save from ten to twenty per cent.* An examination of his stock is most respectfully solicited.

Balt. Mch. 16, '50——3m

Plough Shares.

MINOR HORTON & CO. Plough Shares Just received from NEW YORK and for sale by

T. W. ELIASON.

Sept. 1, '49.



VENDUE.

THE subscriber will sell at public sale on

MONDAY

the 25th March, instant, if fair if not the first fair day thereafter, at the late residence of Francis Usilton, dec'd, in Worton, all the personal estate of said deceased, (negroes excepted) consisting of




6 Horses, Cattle, a good yoke of Oxen,





Sheep, Hogs,

Farming Utensils, Household and Kitchen Furniture, Corn, Corn Blades, Wheat in the ground, &c. &c. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M. when the terms will be made known.

JAS. H. GALE,
Ex'r of Francis Usilton, dec'd.

March 14, 1850.

TAXES AND Fees.

FOR convenience to those who may be indebted to the subscriber as Late Sheriff and Collector for TAXES AND FEES,my books have been left with George Vickers, Esq who will be authorized to receive any money that may be offered by my Deputies and others.

My Deputies have received again, positive and unqualified orders to close their books—without respect to persons—they having extended indulgencies unreasonably and subjected me to a suit from the State at a particular time, I have, of necessity been compelled to place their Bonds in the hands of an Attorney, to be proceeded on, and who has taken the necessary steps to have suits docketted on them at the approaching March Term of Kent county Court. No one can expect, any time, from these officers, and they will, now, no doubt take the promptest measures to secure themselves.

All delinquents in the Upper District, where I have attempted to make collections, are notified to make payment to Mr. V. or to myself, at once I shall in a few days employ an efficient agent to close my books in that District, in the shortest manner.

GEORGE W. SPENCER,
Former Sheriff and Collector.
Near George Town X Roads,
March 16, 1850. 6w

"IS YOUR LIFE INSURED?"

N. Y. Life Insurance Company.

(A Savings Bank for the Widow and Orphan)

No. 68 Wall street, New York, and No. 4 North street Baltimore.

Local Board of Directors at Baltimore.

JOHN CLARK, Chairman,

Thomas Whitridge, Orson Kellogg,
Wm. Woodward, B. H. Richardson,
Adam Denmead, Chas W. Ridgely.

THIS COMPANY transacts its business on the Mutual Plan. Every holder of a life policy participates in the profits of the business which is divided annually among them. The Company is under the most careful and prudent management, its Capital is ample to meet all contingencies, and the terms to applicants very liberal.

The man who has the power, but neglects the opportunity of providing in this way for the comfort and independence of his family, fails in the duty which he owes to them and himself.

Where the Annual Premium amounts to fifty dollars, upon a policy for life, the Company requires only sixty per ct. in cash, and a note for the balance without guarantee, payable in 12 months. Where the whole premium is paid in cash, the payments can be made annually, half-yearly or quarterly, to suit the convenience of the insured.

Four annual dividends of fifty per cent have been declared by the Company, payable in scrip which bears interest of six per cent in cash.

Present Capital of the Company

$250,000.

Persons may effect insurances on their own lives and the lives of others. A married woman can insure the life of her husband, which will enure to the exclusive use of herself or children.

Pamphlets explanatory of the principles of Mutual Life Insurance, and illustrating its advantages, with forms of application, may be had at the office of the Company, No. 4 Franklin Buildings North st. near the Post Office.

EDW. J. RICHARDSON,
March 16, '50. Agent.

UST received direct from the importer N. Y. 1 case (small) plaid Ginghams in the following colors, green, blue, orange, cherry, purple and brown, which we are running off at the low price of 12½ cts per yd.

A. G. MATHIOT & CO.
No. 27, N. Gay st. Baltimore.
March 16, 1850.

FINE and low priced L. C. Hankfs. Hosiery and Gloves, for sale by

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