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KENT NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, MD.

Saturday, May 25, 1850.

The Gubernatorial Convention.

On Tuesday next, delegates are to be selected from this county to the Whig Gubernatorial Convention, which assembles at Frederick, on Thursday the 6th June, and we hope our best and most experience men will consent to represent our county, as matters requiring the most deliberate consideration will be before the Convention.

The proceedings of the Convention will be looked to with unusual interest, and the selection of a proper candidate, will be the foreshadowing of a successful issue of the campaign. We want an able, firm and independent man—one who is not only a popular speaker, but who is totally unconnected with any clique whatever, and who will know no interests, except the interests of the State and the maintenance of Whig principles. Such a man the Whig party can easily elect, and such men are to be found in our ranks—Whigs and Whigs only, and it is only with such a leader that the Whig party of Maryland will again rally.

If, however, one of those old party hacks, who, for years past, have formed a clique and controlled the patronage of our State, and made themselves obnoxious by their impertinent and dictatorial proceedings, is selected, a damper will at once be given to the ardor of the Whig party of the State, which must be disastrous in the extreme. Or, should the selection fall on any of that little selfish band, who, under the lead of Reverdy Johnson, are ever ready to abandon the Whig to form a third or independent party, who, like Mr. Johnson also, after being warmed and cherished by the Whig party, are at any moment ready to betray that very party, whenever their schemes can be promoted by so doing—defeat is inevitable!!

Forearmed! forearmed! It is our duty to speak out boldly and we have done so. Give us such men as ROMAN or RIDGELEY or any other able and independent man and we shall have a Whig Governor. The nomination of such men we shall regard as a full guarantee of success, for it will be the triumph of the people over a clique and will be ratified at the polls in October by a handsome majority.

The Grand Jubilee Pictorial.

Brother Jonathan, with his semi-annual budget of good things, is again on our table. Thrice welcome! harbinger of the anniversary of Freedom's birth. *The first Liberty Pole!*—how appropriate and life like is this large and beautiful picture, occupying the entire title page. And here is still another spirited engraving illustrating the trial of a Salem Witch. Besides these historical illustrations, there is a large script copy of *Washington's Farewell Address*, to which is appended Washingtons own signature. It is enclosed in a neat border for framing. An abundance of witty, humorous and satirical pictures, fill a considerable portion of the paper, which, altogather, contains a rare collection for the Fourth of July. The price is 12 cents—ten for a dollar. Wilson & Co. New York, are the publishers.

PRIMARY MEETINGS IN BALTIMORE.—The Whigs of Baltimore held ward meetings on Wednesday evening last to select five delegates from each ward to the city Convention, who are to choose six delegates to represent the city in the State Convention for the nomination of Governor. There was considerable feeling manifested, and the meetings were unusually large. The following is said to be the result: Ridgely, 48; Reman, 38; Clarke, 5.

QUICK WORK.—The colored man, belonging to George W. Weems, Esq. who was arrested for the murder of Mr. John Cracklin, of Calvert county, on Sunday the 12th instant was tried before Calvert county Court, on Saturday last, convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hung. This was doing business fast—the murder was committed on Sunday, the negro arrested, a bill found by the grand jury, tried, convicted and sentenced to be hung, all in less than a week.

THE CUBAN EXPEDITION.—"Independent," the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia North American, announces that General John Henderson, the ex-whig U. S. Senator from Mississippi, and more recently of N. Orleans, (who voted for Texas annexation,) is intimately identified with this expedition.

FOR CALIFORNIA.—Among the passengers in the ship Powhatan, which sailed from Baltimore on Monday last, we noticed the names of Thomas McCoombs and Richard W. Lynch, of Kent county.

HAIL-STORM.—We were visited on Monday last with a hail-storm and gust. A cow, belonging to John W. Carroll, was killed by lightning in this place during the storm.

THE CUBA EXPEDITION.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF U. S. NAVAL MEASURES.

The following from the Washington official papers of Monday—the Republic and National intelligencer—shows what measure the President has taken, in view of our treaties with Spain, to prevent the invasion by our citizens of her friendly territory.

Within the last few days, information has been received by the government, rendering it most probable that a military organization has been set on foot, within the United States, formidable both in numbers and from the character of those engaged in it, for the purpose of attacking the island of Cuba and revolutionizing the government.

We are informed that the President of the United States, immediately upon the receipt of the information, directed orders to be issued for the vessels of the home squadron, as also for the steamer Saranac, and frigate Congress, to proceed forthwith to the Island of Cuba, for the purpose of ascertaining whether any military force, organized in the United States, was proceeding from thence to Cuba, for the purpose of invading that island, and revolutionizing the government; with express instructions, in the event of such being the case, to prevent the landing of any such force, or the carrying out of any such expedition or enterprise; and with further instructions, in the event of a landing having been effected to prevent the landing of any reinforcement or of any arms or provision under the American flag, intended for such expedition or enterprise. In obedience to these orders, we understand that the steamer Saranac proceeded to sea on Saturday last, and will probably reach Cuba by Thursday next, where it is expected she will meet the Germantown, the Albany, and the Vixen.

It was confidently expected that the whole naval force ordered thither, will reach the island of Cuba before any considerable number of those engaged in the enterprise can possibly have effected a landing, and thus prevent a violation of our treaty obligations of amity and peace with Spain.

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer, writing on Sunday, says:

"There is the greatest activity here in certain places, in fitting out men and vessels for Cuba. There is no lack of means for the purpose; and I have full assurance that money has been supplied from the Island itself in large amounts, to secure the object desired. If the news should not be favorable to the revolutionist, there will be a demonstration made that will astonish the public as to the extent of the plot. Much is known in this city which can only be developed under certain circumstances—every person engaged in the business being sworn to secresy."

THE MOVEMENTS OF THE EXPEDITION.—The New York Sun, which appears to be the organ of the parties in this movement on Cuba, publishes, in its edition of Saturday, the following statements, which it says it has received from New Orleans:

Gen. Lopez and staff left New Orleans on the 8th inst., by steam.

So admirably were his operations carried out that the *Spanish Consul* at that place, although his spies were out in every direction, *did not know of his departure until the 10th!*

The *activity* of the the Spanish Consul in this instance, is above praise.

The number of men already sailed is about 4000.

Most of them served in the Mexican war.

The whole number positively engaged is 10,000

Gen. Lopez published an address before leaving New Orleans, according to the account in the New York Sun, in which he states that the balance forming the second expedition under the command of a *distinguished American General*, will sail as soon as the first body effect a landing in Cuba.

[Telegraphed for the Baltimore Sun.]

NEW ORLEANS, May 18.

There is much excitement in regard to the Cuban affair and great anxiety to learn the result of the expedition.

NEW ORLEANS, May 20.

Invasion of Cuba!—Landing of Ten Thousand Men on the Island!!

The Franco-American asserts, positively that ten thousand men were to land in Cuba on the 14th; and that the inhabitants, by a preconcerted signal, were made aware of their approach—and that such has been the secrecy and efficiency of the organization, that a failure is considered impossible. This report is credited here.

SEIZURE. The Sheriff of Anne Arundel county last week, seized the sloop Lydia and Elizabeth, Capt. Taylor, and crew of Philadelphia, at Whitehall, on the charge of dragging for oysters. They were subsequently released.

Gubernatorial Statistics.

The following table, compiled from authentic sources for the Sun, will be interesting to many of our readers, it exhibits the vote for Governor, of the respective parties at the several Gubernatorial elections which have taken place in this State:

	Gov.—1838.		Gov.—1841.		Gov.—1844.		Gov.—1847.	
Counties, &c.	Grason.	Steele.	Tho's.	John'n	Carroll.	Pratt.	Thos.	Golds'o.
Alleghany,	988		1089	1035	1520	1433	1536	1518
Anne Arundel	1315	1407	1476	1287	1650	1730	1623	1641
Baltimore city,	6074	6191	7435	6386	9190	7968	10302	8735
Baltimore county,	2452	1477	2318	1404	2902	2153	2490	1919
Calvert,	357	415	353	436	395	462	381	422
Caroline,	577	568	551	603	639	657	597	605
Carroll	1646	1343	1618	1444	1731	1831	1854	1524
Cecil,	1336	1251	1295	1189	1585	1625	1467	1366
Charles,	510	715	430	643	560	761	407	623
Dorchester,	847	1113	816	1142	976	1328	864	1281
Frederick,	2532	2532	2789	2583	3104	3132	2898	2980
Harford,	1255	1129	1160	1114	1411	1490	1395	1373
Kent,	544	530	486	597	544	701	462	635
Montgomery,	742	852	730	909	905	1035	862	933
Prince Georges,	684	778	625	835	749	1027	787	885
Queen Ann's	686	641	716	702	745	759	688	766
Somerset,	m.	163	802	1134	1031	1335	892	1270
St. Mary's,	449	764	450	743	494	764	397	662
Talbot,	732	599	776	683	745	778	778	730
Washington,	2226	1966	2346	2196	2576	2632	2434	2391
Worcester,	m.	379	698	1284	1013	1487	1198	1251
Total,	25,971	25,730	28,959	28,320	34,492	35,040	34,368	33730
	25,730		28,320			34,492	33,730	
Majorities,	241		639			548	638	

[Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun]

WASHINGTON, May 25, 1850.

Imprudence of the President's Scheme—Mr. Clay and the cabinet—Speech of Mr. Downs—Mr. Pratt's Amendment—The President's Champion—Cuban Message, &c.

I spoke of the revival of the President's plan of 21st January, as *imprudent*, not imprudent, as the types make me say. It is imprudent, because if it succeeds, it will not be till after a struggle that will shake the Capitol and the Union; it is imprudent because, if it does not succeed, it may contribute to the defeat of that general scheme of compromise which the country demands; it is imprudent, because it will leave unsettled the threatening controversy between Texas and New Mexico; it is imprudent, because, for all these reasons it hazards the popularity which has lately been attributed to the administration, and may even destroy confidence in their judgment.

Mr. Clay alluded, yesterday, to the fact that there was a majority in both Houses for the admission of California *per se*, but still he expressed his conviction that, owing to certain causes which it would be painful to anticipate, that measure would not pass. It is the opinion here that California will not be suffered to pass, except as a part of a general scheme. Some say that this is a threat. If it was a threat at one time, it is a determination now.

An issue is now made between the friends of compromise and the present administration; and it is one that may absorb all other minor conditions. It has long been intimated that the administration were jealous of Mr. Clay, and it is a remarkable fact that the conclusion to press the President's plan of non-action in opposition to the compromise, was arrived at as soon as it was determined that the Cabinet should be retained, one and all, and the President should stick to them, and they hold on to him.

Mr. Clay and some of his friends have the impression that the recent administration movements has an ultimate political object in view. Mr. Clay, at least throws out intimations of the possibility that the protracted agitation consequent on the defeat of the compromise would perhaps be considered as favorable to the political pretensions of some of its opponents.

The speech of Mr. Downs, of the compromise, to day, was very acceptable, and the more so as it follows the hostile demonstration made by his colleague, Mr. Soulo.

Governor Pratt's amendments to the tenth section will be generally approved by the friends of the bill. Mr. Clay, Mr. Downs, Mr. Jefferson Davis and others have approved of it. I presume it was approved on consultation. It will have the effect to put the bill distinctly on the basis of the Clayton compromise bill for which every Southern Senator voted.

It is now probable that most of the southern Senators will ultimately support the bill, after a few amendments have been made. I doubt whether more than four Senators from the South will ultimately oppose it; but some may be very indifferent to it.

We are desirous of seeing the Senator who is to come forward and maintain in the Senate, the President's plan. Some say that Mr. Bell will do it, and others that Mr. Smith will undertake the task. We shall see. Mr. Bell himself was originally one of the most stringest friends of compromise.

The pamphlet just issued by the delegates from Mexico, Mr. Hugh N. Smith, attracts much attention. It urges the people of New Mexico, to form a provisional government, prohibiting slavery. It is in favor of a territorial government. It accuses the military Governor of New Mexico of conniving at the introduction of African slaves; and it demands military protection from the Indians, also protection from the aggressions of Texas. The message received to-day, from the President enclosing the correspondence with Gen. Riley, contained letters marked private, and one not to be printed. It was supposed that a message of executive character, relative to Cuban affairs, was received, and perhaps, read in executive session to-day.

JON.

JOHN W. BAER.—The suits commenced against John W. Baer, the Buckeye Blacksmith, in Pottsville, Pa., have been withdrawn at the instance of the prosecutor, who admits that he acted under improper advice.

THE DISCUSSION IN THE SENATE.

The Senate makes little progress with the bills reported from the Committee of Thirteen. Yesterday was passed in a discussion between two Senators, on a question of personal consistency, and then the subject was passed over till to-day.

The accounts from Washington represent that there is less favor shown for these bills, by a majority of the Senate, than was first indicated by them, and that the impression is gaining strength that they will will not pass that body; or, if they do, that they will certainly fail in the House. Whatever may be the fate of the bills, or others that are in abeyance to be proposed, it is certain that nothing is gained by a prolonged discussion. Members may deem it important to themselves that they make expiatations as to their past and present course, but what the public now desire is *action*. The members of the Senate have no doubt made up their minds what they will vote for, and if they have not, after all that has been said, it would be idle to expect them to do so, in any given time. Nor is it so material that they should vote in a particular way, as that they should vote at once, and settle the question, and thus decide upon what they will do. We say this, because our advice authorizes the belief that a majority of the members will, when it comes to the trial, be found in favor of some of the measures which have been proposed for settling the vexed questions, which differ only as to the mode, but not as to what ought to be done.

An impression has got abroad, that the President was wavering in opinion upon the best plan of settling the question. To correct this mistake, the Republic of yesterday states, authoratively, "that he remains firm in the opinion that the course of policy which he recomended was, and is, under all the circumstances, the best practicable, and that he has never for a moment changed or modified that opinion." It has all along appeared to us that Congress would fall back on the plan of the President, and the indications now are stronger than ever.

We repeat, we want the question settled—settled fairly and settled forever. And we are in favor of any measures which the two houses Congress will pass, that will secur this result.—*Patriot of Tuesday.*

A THREATENED EXPOSURE.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune, intimates in the following paragraph, that an expose of certain officious parties at the capital, will shortly be made:

You may rely upon it, that the course of some men in attempting the destruction of the whig party, by creating dissensions between the President and Mr. Clay, and the President and Mr. Webster, as well as other prominent whigs, will not only be ere long be exposed, but their condition with the honorable minded of both parties will be everything else but enviable. I look upon this as the brightest ray of hope that has yet shone upon us during the session of Congress.

The brutal assaults that have been made upon Messrs. Bullitt & Sargent, by certain writers, and certain papers since they have retired from *The Republic*, have given rise to a good deal of indignation among their numerous friends. They have been advised, as an answer and refutation of these vile assaults, to publish a full and free statement of all the facts connected with the change that they assented to.—Should they do so, the revelation would be anything else but complimentary to those instigating or making the assaults.

RETURNED.

Three, or four young men who left Berlin last spring for California, namely—Messrs, Zadiock Purnell, John Powell and Thomas Tingle, have, much to the joy of their relatives and friends reached home in safety. The fourth one, young Taylor is still in California, and is supposed to be engaged at the mines. We learn the account given of that far off land by the young adventurers is any thing but flattering. They have in possession some pieces of gold ore, and other curiosities not frequently to be met with in *these diggings?*—*Shield.*

A FIENDISH OUTRAGE was perpetrated at Hagerstown, Md., on Saturday night. The body of the child of Mrs. Bruning, after being buried three months in the Episcopal ground, was dug up by some one unknown and brought and placed upon the roof an oven at her house. It was found on Sunday afternoon and re-interred.

FORESTS AND STREAMS.

That remarkable man, Humboldt, has reduced it almost to a demonstration, that the streams of a country fail in proportion to the destruction of its timber. And, of course, if the streams fail, our seasons will be worse; it must get drier and drier in proportion. Everybody knows, who can number twenty years back, that the water courses have failed considerably, and that the seasons have been getting drier every year. Humboldt, speaking of the valley of Aragua, in Venezuela, says the lake receded as agrieulture advanced, until beautiful plantations of sugar-cane, banana, and cotton-trees were established on its banks, which (banks) year after year were farther from them. After the separation of that province from Spain, and the decline of agriculture amid the desolating wars which swept over this beautiful region, the process of clearing was arrested, the old lands grew up in trees with that rapidity common in the tropics, and in a few years the inhabitants were alarmed by a rise of waters, and an inundation of their plantations.

[Telegraphed for the Baltimore Sun.]

WASHINGTON, May 22—8 P. M.

Ratification of the Nicaragua Treaty—Rumored Landing of Americans in Cuba, &c.

The Nicaragua Treaty, or rather the English Treaty relative to Nicaragua, has been fully ratified by the United States Senate—only two Senators voting against it.

A rumor is in circulation here this evening that General Quitman, with his forces, has effected a landing in Cuba.

CALIFORNIA EMIGRATION. The *Fort des Moines* (Iowa) *Gazette*, of the 4th inst., says that up to that date, 846 teams and 2246 persons had crossed the river at that point, on their march to California.

At Counsel Bluffs, on the same date, there were 5000 persons waiting for the grass to rise, before stating across the Plains to California and the Salt Lake.

ACQUITTED.—E. S. Reynolds, tried at Centreville, on the charge of enticing and assisting slaves to escape from J. W. Story and E. Covington, has been acquitted, but he is to be tried on the 15th of July on the charge of obtaining goods under false pretences. A charge of similar character is pending against him in Talbot county.

THE FACTORIES.—The Howard (Md.) Gazette says that the cotton Mill of the Granite Manufacturing Company, which is now stopped, will commence to run again in three weeks, and run one month and if the market justify, it will continue to run; if not it will stop another month.

REV. RICHARD REECE.—The English papers announce the death of this venerable man. He was the oldest preacher in the English Wesleyan Church, and was the representative from that body to the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

DARING ATTEMPT.—An unsuccessful attempt was made of Monday night last to cut out of Annapolis harbor the schooner Daniel Porter, one of the Philadelphia boats captured by the Sheriff of Dorchester county lately, for violation of the oyster laws, and since purchased by Mr. Henry Medford and William Johnson of Annapolis.

FIRE—A destructive fire occurred at Charleston on Friday last. It commenced in a large warehouse on Adser's wharf, and before it was subdued, three cotton ware houses and a number of stores contiguous were consumed. $4000 of cotton and a considerable quantity of rice were destroyed. The loss is set down at $200,000.

DUEL FOUGHT.—Judge Walker, of the New Orleans Delta, and Dr. Kennedy, of the True Delta, fought a duel on the 13th inst., that is, they fired a pistol each, at 12 paces, without injury, and then separated and went home, satisfied. It is said that Mr. Megionis, the partner of Mr. K. has also challenged Judge Walker.

ORDINATION OF BISHOP BASCOM.—The ceremony of ordaining Dr. Bascom as bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, took place Sunday week at Centenary church, St. Louis, before a congregation of about 2,000 persons.

☞Governor Ujhazy and companions arrived at Burlington, Iowa, on the 30th ult., when a public meeting was held and the Mayor was requested to welcome the refugees, and the municipal authorities recommended to pay their expenses during their stay in the city.

☞The scarlet fever is raging, though not fatally, at Elkton, Md., fifty cases having occurred during the last few weeks, attended with but one death.

☞A patent brick machine has just been put in operation at Savannah, which turns out 25,000 to 30,000 bricks per day.

☞Miss Cushman is said to have cleared $20,000 in New Orleans, during her late engagement there.

☞A gang of rowdies severely flogged a temperance lecturer, at Hollowell, on Wednesday of last week.

☞Strawberries sold in Norfolk, on Saturday, for 37½ cents per quart. Green peas at 62½ cents per peck.

MELONS.—The Philadelphia are feasting on fine ripe water-melons, raised at the south.

Baltimore.

Baltimore, May 21, '50

White Wheat—$1 15 to 1 20.
Red do—1 10 to 1 15.
Yellow Corn—58a60.
White do—54a57.
Oats—38a40.



MARRIED.

On the 21st inst. by the Rev. Mr. Valiant, Mr. Robert Calder to Miss Mary only daughter of Mr. John L. Ringgold all of this Town.

[We return our thanks to the happy pair for a quantity of Cake, and wish them a long and happy honey-moon.]



DIED.

On Tuesday last, in Queen Ann's county, Eugene, only son of David H. Crane, Esq., aged about 2 years. [Baltimore papers please copy.

WHIG MEETING.

THE Whigs of Kent are requested to assemble in County meeting, on *Tuesday* 28th day of MAY, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the Court House in Chestertown, for the purpose of selecting four delegates, to represent the county in the WHIG GUBERNATORIAL CONVENTION to be held in Frederick, on Thursday 6th of June next.

☞A full attendance is particularly desired, as there will be other business before the meeting.

MANY WHIGS.

May 18, 1850.—2t

Notice.

THE members of Chester Division, S. T., are requested to attend the Hall next Tuesday evening, as matters of importance will be before the order.

JNO. N. USILTON, R. S.

May 25, 1850.

Thrashing and Cleaning

WHEAT & OATS.

I take this method of offering to my friends and the farmers of Kent county, generally, (who are not prepared with one of their own,) the services of my very superior Wheat Thrasher, Horse Power and Fan—the whole concern is nearly new and in first rate working order. This machin, fan, &c. is said by good practical farmers to be superior to any thing of the kind now in use among us, (it certainly does good work) She will thrash, fan and bag 18 to 25 bushels per hour. All Oats that was got out by her last year brought 2 cents per bushel more, than those got out by other machines,

Mr. Wm. W. Byrom will have charge of the machine and is fully authorised to make contracts for getting out grain. Persons wishing to employ her would do well by applying early.

A. W. SPARKS.

May 25, 1850—tf

FOR SALE,

THE subscriber will sell, at public sale, on

Saturday,

the 15th June 1850, at 11 o'clock, A. M. at the tavern of Mr. John Pennington, in George Town X Roads, a



Dwelling and

Store House.

in George Town X Roads, formerly the property of Robt. B. Pennington, dec'd; the lot contains about

ONE ACRE.

There is a good Carriage house, Stable and Meat House—also a Well of good water in the yard, and the premises well enclosed with palings and plank fencing. The Dwelling has two rooms below and four above and is occupied by the Rev. G. W. Lybrand. Terms made known at the sale.

GEO. VICKERS,
Agent for Sam'l O Meginnis.

Chester Town, May 21, 1850. } tds

N. B. Thos. K. Stephens, will shew the premises to any one who may wish to view them.

Notice of Assignment

NOTICE is hereby given, that John Stull, of Queen Ann's county, State of Maryland, has this day made an assignment to the subscriber of all of his Estate, Real and Personal, for the equal benefit of all his creditors, wheresoever the same may be; and that all persons having claims or demands against said Stull will present them to the subscriber, under oath or affirmation, within three months from the date hereof.

JAMES M. NEWELL,
Assignee.

Bridgeton, New Jersey, April 6, 1850.

N. B.—Creditors in the State of Maryland may hand their claims to John Stull, Forestville, Queen Ann's county, who is authorised to receive and transmit them to the subscriber. J. M. N.

May 25, 1850. 3m

ALICANTO MATS, Buckets, Tubs, and Brooms, for sale by

W N EWICKER.