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KENT NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, Md.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1852.

EDITORIAL CONVENTION.—This body is to meet at Annapolis, on the 8th of March. We hope to see every Editor in the State present.

A SINGULAR HAUL OF FISH.—A few days ago, Mr. John Hadaway laid out his sein off Comegys Point, in Chester River, and, strange to say, he caught fifty bunches of fish, which were already strung up, and prepared for market.

BURNT TO DEATH.—A negro boy named Dick Derry, aged about 19 years, in Quaker Neck, was found yesterday, at his residence, with his face and body entirely consumed—it is supposed he was taken with a fit and fell in the fire—no one was in the house but himself. Coroner Carroll held an inquest over the body last evening.

THE ORPHAN'S COURT.—The Bill which recently passed the Legislature, changing the meeting of the Orphan's Court, of Kent county, may be found in our advertising columns. The Court, we learn, will meet every Tuesday.

☞Sunday being the 22d of February, a celebration of the anniversary of Washington's birthday will take place at the Court House in this place on Saturday the 21st at 10 o'clock, A. M. The farewell address of Washington will be read and speeches suitable for the occasion will be delivered.

The Medal Presentation to Mr. Clay.

The committee appointed by citizens of New York, friends of Mr. Clay, to present to him a gold medal, performed that duty on Tuesday last. The medal is pronounced to be the first specimen of this act yet produced in the United States. It is given to Mr. Clay in testimony for the services of this distinguished man. The medal was presented with an appropriate address, which was replied to by Mr. C. in his usual eloquent style.

The medal is of a circular form, three and a half inches in diameter; the case of chased silver. The front of the case presents a view of Ashland, the residence of Mr. Clay—above which is engraved the monument erected to Mr. Clay on the great National (Cumberland) road. On the other side is a picture of the Capital, the prominent theatre of his public life. The front of the medal presents the head and bust of Mr. Clay, in strong bas-relief, encircled by a prominent wreath, representing a union of the States, in which the leading agricultural staples of the North and the South form the principle ornaments. On the reverse side is the following inscriptions, indicative of the illustrious periods of the life of Mr. Clay:

"Senate, 1806; Speaker, 1811; War, 1812; Ghent, 1814; Spanish America, 1822; Missouri Compromise. 1821; American System, 1824; Secretary of State, 1825; Panama Instructions, 1826; Tariff Compromise, 1833; Public Domain, 1833 and 1834; Peace with France Preserved, 1835; Compromise, 1850.

After the delivery of the address, says the National Intelligencer, in the conversation which ensued on the presentation of the medal, Mr. Clay expressed a favorable opinion of the head, as giving his features with great truthfulness, playfully remarked that he did not know before that his nose was so prominent; and then added, in allusion to the great intrinsic value of the medal from its material, "Who can tell but, fifty or a hundred years hence, some Goth may get hold of this and say the nose of this dead old fellow will serve to buy me a great many things that I want, and may carry it off? However, it is a capital likeness, I think." The artists, says Mr. Clay, have not generally succeeded well in taking my features, but that has been in a great measure my own fault; for my face never retained long the same expression, and especially when I am under any excitement, it changes every moment. John Randolph once paid me a high compliment, not intentionally—for he seldom complimented any man—but, without intending it, he paid me what I esteem one of the highest compliments I ever received. He said that whenever a debate is coming on, if I can get a sight of Mr. Clay's face, I can tell which side he is going to take.

This transition from the grave to the gay is so characteristic of Mr. Clay that no one who has seen him in his hours of confidence can fail to be reminded of many an association that, while it kindles a smile, will be followed by a sigh.

The president of the United States honored the interview by his presence, and was an attentive and apparently gratified auditor of both addresses.

The History of Kent County.

It is proposed to publish, in eight periodical Nos., "THE HISTORY OF KENT COUNTY;" beginning with the history of "THE ISLE OF KENT;" and including "THE ANNALS OF CHESTERTOWN," so far as the history of the town will admit of a strictly chronological arrangement.

The first No. (which will be issued, within a few months) contains some historical memoranda respecting the "Ozinies," the 'Susquehanocks,' and the other Indians, whose history is interwoven with the early history of the county. It contains also a historical sketch of the "Isle of Kent"—of the Isle, which was the centre of trade, with a powerful tribe of Indians, at the dawn of Maryland history; and which, after that period, but long before the foundation of Chestertown, was the chief commercial point between the Eastern and Western Shores—a point also, which is consecrated, in the affections of the citizen, of the historical student, and the scholar, as the original germ of Kent county; the first focus of Anglo-Saxon civilization within the limits of Maryland; and the rallying-point of one of her oldest historical parties.

The chain of historical events embraced within the first No., reaches back to the year 1631, and comes down to the year 1661. It begins three years before the first settlement in Maryland, under the auspices of Lord Baltimore. And it spans a period of thirty years; during one part of which, the Isle of Kent sent her delegates to the Virginia House of Burgesses; during the other, she took a leading part in the revolts, revolutions, and convulsions, which mark the early history of Maryland.

This No. of the work will also present a brief analysis of the early historical parties of Maryland; a key to the charter, which formed her first constitution; the scheme, or ground-work of the most important political events, during the sixty years, St. Mary's was her Capital; and the root and trunk of some of the oldest genealogical trees of the county—trees, which have borne such rich fruit and foliage, during successive eras in her history—with many of their branches still flourishing, after the lapse of two hundred years, in various parts of the State.

It may be proper to add, that this No. of the work will also contain (as the result of a strictly original investigation) a carefully prepared estimate of the population in Kent, at the time of the Puritan Revolution, which occurred, in Maryland, during the year 1652. And throughout the work, will appear facts and documents, which have never been published, and which have not indeed, till very recently, been discovered.

The work will be published by one of the best practical printers, in the United States. If cordially sustained, the author pledges himself to do his part of the work; and to do it faithfully, zealously, and perseveringly.—But, while he has no expectation of gain, it is not his intention, to put the work into the printer's hands, without some security against loss, in the shape of subscriptions. The price of the first No. will be 25 cts. The money will be paid upon the delivery or receipt of the No Mr. John L. Stam is authorized to receive subscriptions.

Without undertaking to endorse all the opinions, and inferences of the author, it may be further added, that the project receives the sanction of such gentlemen as Mr. Tyler, the author of a work upon "The Baconian Philosophy;" Professor Topping, formerly of Princeton, but now of Baltimore; Mr. Streeter, the gentleman elected to deliver the next anniversary oration, before the Maryland Historical Society; Mr. Chief Justice Le Grand; and Mr. Justice Mason.

A TRUE VERSION OF THE FIGHT BETWEEN MR. KENNEDY AND SENATOR BORLAND.—The Philadelphia Ledger of Saturday contains despatch in reference to the late *emeute* between Senator Borland and Mr. Kennedy the Superintendent of the Census Bureau;

Nothing further has transpired in regard to the fight between Mr. Kennedy, Superintendent of the Census Bureau, and Senator Borland The fracas originated thus: During the debate yesterday on the census printing, Mr. Borland severely criticised the official conduct of Mr. Kennedy. Immediately after the adjournment, Mr. Borland was talking with Senator Pearce, when Mr. Kennedy approached and interrupting the conversation, preposed to explain something he thought Mr. Borland had misapprehended. Mr. Borland repelled him. Mr. Kennedy then remarked, "information is most apt to be declined when most needed," whereupon Mr. B struck him severely in the face, blacking his eye, and causing the blood to flow most freely from his nose, Mr. Kennedy, without returning the blow, walked out, observing to Mr. Borland, "you will hear further from me out of the Senate." Mr. Borland sprang towards him again, but was prevented from any further altercation by the bystanders.

HORRIBLE MURDER AT CUMBERLAND.—CUMBERLAND, MD, Feb. 11, 8 P. M.—A startling murder has just occurred here, the circumstances of which are as follows: Sometime since, a difficulty occured at a cotillion party, between Robert Swan and William O. Sprigg, of Jos., which resulted in a challenge from Swan By the interference of mutual friends the difficulty was however adjusted, as was supposed; but a recently published card, issued by Swan, revived past animosities, and Swan, arming himself with a double barrel shot gun, repaired to the hotel where Sprigg was boarding, and finding him standing in the bar-room, discharged both barrels, striking him in the head and causing instant death.

The coroner is now holding an inquest on the body. Swan has been arrested. Much excitement prevails, as both parties are respectably connected.

THE OYSTER TRADE IN TALBOT COUNTY.—The Elkton Democrat, in an article on the oyster trade of our State, has the following in reference to Talbot county.

Twenty-six hundred cans of oysters were brought here in wagons, on Monday last from Skipton, on the Wye river in Talbot county, destined for California.

These oysters were from the establishment of Mr. Thomas Hopkins, who we learn is largely engaged in the business. He has erected extensive building at Skipton, and has a number of men employed—some in catching, some in opening, others in preparing them for shipment, which is done by placing them in quart cannister, made air-tight, and packing them securely in strong boxes. These cannisters, boxes, and &c., are all made in the establishment. Mr. H. is realizing a handsome profit from this business.

SPECIAL ELECTION IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.—A slip from the Boonsboro' Odd Fellow gives the following as the result of the special election held in Washington county on Wednesday, to fill the vacancy in the Senate of Maryland occasioned by the tie in November last. The contest was a warm and animated one, and the vote in the Boonsboro' District is the largest ever polled.

	1852.		1851.	
	W. French,	D. Alvey.	W. French.	D. Alvey.
Sharpsburg,	299	274	270	279
Williamsport	239	277	232	266
Hagerstown,	510	552	522	543
Clearspring,	360	327	381	325
Hancock,	17 mj.		183	138
Boonsboro',	357	310	335	304
Cavetown,	180	283	176	298
P Valley,	291	91	186	106
Leitersburg,	167	158	155	159
Funkstown.	142	174	141	176
Total	2493	2446	2591	2591

Majority for French, (.) 47.

The election makes a tie in the Senate

FREDERICK COUNTY SPECIAL ELECTION.—The special election in Frederick county, Md, on Wednesday week, for a member of the House of Delegates, to supply the vacancy caused by the tie last fall between Mr. McElfresh, dem. and Mr. Worthington, union dem., resulted by a small majority, in the success of Mr McElfresh, over Mr. Sappington, who was run by the whigs, Mr. Worthington declining to be a candidate. The following are the reported majorities in all the districts of the county:

Districts.	McElfresh, D.	Sappington, W.
Buckeyestown,	Tie	
Frederick,	136	
Middletown,	14	
Creagerstown,		85
Emmittsburg,	82	
Catoctin,	84	
Urbana,		40
Liberty,		223
New Market.		113
Hauvers,	79	
Woodboro',	13	
Petersville,	35	
Jefferson,		2
Total,	442	413
	413	
	30	McElfresh's maj.

MARYLAND LEGISLA...

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 9, 185...

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Mr. Duvall presented the report of St. John's College, stating that the number of pupils is 85, of which 66 are classical students, ten are educated gratuiously, and that five will graduate February 23d.

Mr. Willis moved that 500 copies of the Report of the State Agricultural Chemist of the 8,000 ordered to be printed, be placed at the disposal of said officer. Pending the consideration of which order the House adjourned.

SENATE.

There was no quorum in the Senate to-day, but on Saturday after your correspondent left the Senate Chamber a quorum appeared, and the following business waa transacted:

Mr. Williams obtained leave to report a bill to fix the per diem of the Orphans' Court as required by the constitution, and to allow mileage.

On motion of Mr. Sellman, it was ordered that the committee on judicial proceedings report a bill to protect from execution the property of a debtor to the amount of fifty dollars.

The bill to carry into effect the 22d section of the 4th article of the constitution was read a third time. A communication was received from the Governor on executive business.

The Senate adjourned.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 10, 1852.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Orders Presented.—By Mr. Fleming, that the House of Delegates, with the concurrence of the Senate, take a recess of three weeks, during which the per diem of the members be stopped, which was laid on the table. By Mr. Fairall, that the Committee on Agriculture be instructed to inquire if the State Agricultural Chemist has performed the duties required of him by the act of 1847, chap. 249, and particularly if he has complied with the provisions of the 3d and 5th sections of said act, and report thereon—which was adopted By Mr. Hughes, that the Committee on Claims be requested not to allow per diem to members for more than ten days' absence, if absent from other causes than sickness, &c., which was laid on the table.

The bill to prescribe the oaths and boards of the Comptroller and Treasurer was again reported from a committee with amendments. By a suspension of the rules, it was read a third time and *passed*—ayes 37, noes 6. The bill, as passed, retains the section requiring securities to make oath to their property, The section in relation to perjury was stricken out. An additional section was appended, giving authority to the Governor to demand a new bond at any time, when securities should become incompetent from a change of circumstances The bill was passed by the lowest constitutional majority, 38—73 being the number of members known to be elected, until the reception of the official certificate of the Frederick election. The bill will be returned to the Senate with the House amendments and will undoubtedly pass in its present shape.

The Chair presented a communication from the Executive transmitting the returns of the judges of election of Frederick county and certificate of the election of Henry M'Elfresh, Esq.

The House adjourned.

Miscellaneous.—The first of the "Annapolis Assemblies" will take place Thursday, February 19th, and the succeeding ball will come of after lent.—The price of tickets is $10 for citizens and $5 for visiters.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 14, 1852.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Upon the calling of the roll, no quorum was reported, and the Sargent-at-arms was sent with the mace for the absentees. The galleries were cleared and the doors locked until his return with the absent members.

Henry M'Elfresh, Esq., appeared, qualified and took his seat as a delegate from Frederick county. The resolutions of the city of Philadelphia in relation to the erection of two or more commemorative monuments in Independence Square, and proposing a convention of the original thirteen States in Philadelphia as the guests of the city, were read and referred to a select committee of seven.

Orders Presented. By Mr. Brooks—That the Treasurer inform the House if, and what amount of the bail of Wm. L. Chaplin has been paid into the Treasury—adopted. By Mr Hanson—That the committee on homestead exemption report a bill to the House to exempt from execution the property of a creditor to an amount not exceeding $50, which was laid upon the table. By Mr. Smyth, of Kent—That it be entered upon the journal that if he had been present yesterday when the bill prescribing the oath and bonds of the Treasurer and Comptroller was passed, he would have voted in the affirmative—adopted.

SENATE.

George French, Esq, appeared, qualified and took his seat as Senator from Washington county.

Mr Williams reported a bill to carry into effect the 38th section of the 3d article of the constitution to protect the property of the wife from the debts of her husband.

ADOPTED CITIZEENS.—Louisiana will present the first instance of any State in the Union being in the whole represented by adopted citizens, in the Federal Senate, Mr. Soule, and Mr. J. P. Benjamin; the latter just elected to succeed General Downs, both being of foreign birth,—the former a native of France, the latter of the Danish Island of St. Thomas.

...LATURE.—The New Castle and ...ssed the Delaware ...tative, on Saturday ... of 12 to 7.—

GREAT INDUCE...

The ...y bill ...passed the House on Saturday, by a vote of 12 to 6; consequently they are now both laws. The railroad, we believe, is re-chartered for twenty years, on condition that it pays to the State $200,000 in annual instalments of $20,000, of which sum $165,000 is to be appropriated to the construction of a railroad from Donna Landing near Dover to Seaford, in Sussex county. By the lottery grant the State receives $100,000. An equal sum, for a similar grant, has been offered.

THE DECREE IN THE FOREST DIVORCE CASE.—The New York Express states that on Saturday morning Judge Oakly ordered a decree to be entered in this case, dissolving the marriage tie; Mrs. Forrest to be at liberty to marry again, but Mr. F. not to marry again during the life-time of Mrs. F.; awarding to Mrs. F. $3000 a year alimony during her matural life, to date from the commencement of the suit, and the sum of $3,750, (accruing to the present time,) together with taxed costs, to be payed forthwith—he to be at liberty to give satisfactory security for the $3000 a year, instead of being a lien upon his real estate, and she to resign her right of dower. Mr. Van Buren obtained leave to enter, within thirty days, a case or a bill of exceptions, on appeal to the General Term.

Why ought the officers of the United States army in the late war with Mexico. to keep a clothing store?

Ans. Because they might *Bragg* of having the best *Taylor* and best *Wool;* their goods *May* be sold for what they are *Worth*, and after counting their *Gaines*, the could lay their heads on their *Pillow* in perfect *Bliss*, and rest satisfied that no one could swindle them and go *Scott* free, while they had a good *Walker* to catch him, and *Shield* them from loss.

MARRIED.

On the 1[illegible]th inst., by the Rev. T. D. Valiant, Mr. Peter Stokes to Miss Anne Rebecca Usilton.

On the same day, by the same, Capt. Henry Taylor to Miss Mary Elmore Usilton, all of Kent county

TAKE NOTICE.

THE subscriber takes this method of informing the public that hereafter he intends doing a cash business.

LOUIS DUCUMMON.

Feb. 14, 1852.

American Art Union.

HE Committee of management have fixed upon Tuesday the 30th day of March next as the day for the distribution of the works of Art. Persons wishing to become members are respectfully requested to call on the undersigned. It may be well to remark to satisfy those already members that the engravings for last year are in an advanced state and their delivery will be commenced about the usual time in May. They will more than justify our expectation of their beauty and value.

JOHN L STAM,
Honorary Secry.

Feb. 14, 1852—1t

TEMPERANCE.

THE public are invited to attend a meeting at the Court House in Chestertown, on Saturday evening, the 21st instant, at 7 o'clock. Several addresses will certainly be delivered, and a re-organization of the Temperance Society, be attempted

The evils of intemperance, are apparent to all, and the necessity of renewed efforts, is as obvious, in a cause, involving such important results. A full meeting is asked.

COMMITTEE FRIENDS TEMP.

Feb. 14, 1852—2t.

REMOVAL.

Boots & Shoes.

THE undersigned has removed from his old stand to the one lately occupied by JOURNEY & BRO., near the tavern of Thos. Lusby where he will be pleased to see his old customers. Having on hand a large stock of

Boots & Shoes,

also, on hand, an extensive assortment of *LEATHER*, which he can manufacture at the shortest notice. He is compelled to change his mode of doing business; he will expect a settlement with his customers every six months. Grateful for past favors, he solicits a continuance of the same.

JOHN W. PRICHARD.

C. Town, Feb. 14, 1852.

N. B.—All persons indebted, are earnestly requested to call and settle with him by the 15th day of March next.

J. W. P.

Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the subscriber, either by note or otherwise, are hereby requested to call and settle by the 15th day of March next, otherwise their accounts will be put in a legal train for collection.

WILLIAM VANNORT.

Worton, Feb'y 14, 1852.

To all whom it may Concern!

I FIND by reference to George W. Spencer's Books, that there is considerable money due him as Collector for the years of 1846, 1847, and 1848 and in many cases I have levied and, without further notice, I shall proceed to sell after the 20th of the present month without respect to persons or party, as my duty to myself and to my security require that I should close the books immediately.

J. G. MASLIN,
Deputy Col. for G. W. Spencer,
1st Election District.

Feb. 14, 1852—1t

Vendue.

THE subscriber intending to discontinue Farming, will sell, at public sale, on

Wednesday

the 25th inst., his entire stock—consisting of 4 head of Horses; and a Colt 10 head of Cattle, and a good pair of young Steers, well broken and in fine condition.

SHEEP. HOGS;

one Wheat Thresher nearly new; one Corn Sheller, nearly new; also a first rate Bamboro' Wheat Fan—together with

FARMING UTENSILS;

Carts, Seed Oats; Corn, Corn Blades; a lot of Bacon, &c., &c.

A credit of *NINE MONTHS* will be given. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A M. ☞Should the day be unfavorable, the sale will positively take place the Friday following.

GEO. R. REED

Worton, Feb 14, 1852.

Vendue.

THE subscriber will sell at public sale, on

THURSDAY

the 26th inst.; all his personal property, consisting of one fine *HARNESS HORSE;* one fine *BROOD MARE;* one very superior *HORSE*, rising four years old; one extra two year old *COLT;* one yoke young *OXEN;* milch *COWS* and *YOUNG CATTLE;* 23 SHOATS; 3 SOWS, and PIGS; 23 extra fine SHEEP;

Farming Utensils,

such as, Ploughs, Harrows, Cultivators, Plough gears, one Ox Cart and one Wagon and Harness, one Carriage and Harness;

HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN FURNITURE;

1 lot Seed Oats, and Clover Hay; 1 lot of Bacon, and sundry articles not enumerated

☞Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A M. precisely. ☞A credit of six months will be given. Further particulars will be made known on the day of sale

JNO. R. STROUD.

Feb'y 14, 1852.

J. B. GADDESS,

MARBLE CUTTER.

No. 12 Light, near Baltimore Street,

AND OPPOSITE THE FOUNTAIN HOTEL,

BALTIMORE MD.

WOULD respectfully call the attention to persons wishing to purchase

GRAVE STONES, TOMBS, MONUMENTS, &c., &c.,

to the large assortment he has just finished, and on hand which will be sold *Cheap for Cash*, boxed and delivered to wharf free of an extra cost guaranteed safe to any distance and to give entire satisfaction or no charge made.

Any order entrusted to me will be faithfully executed and meet with prompt attention.

Address J. B. GADDESS,
No. 12 Light St.
Baltimore Md.

Feb. 14, 1852.

THE SCHOONER Kent Island

CAPT. COLEMAN.

HAS commenced her regular trips from Pages Point, Swan Creek, to Baltimore. She will carry grain at 3 cts. per bushel, and for all regular customers Guano and Plaster will be brought free of charge.

WILLIAM PARKER,
JOS. SINTON,
BENJ. B. JURDEN } owners.

Feb. 14, 1852.