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# KENT NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, MD.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1852.

☞Upon our fourth page may be found a table which will be very useful to farmers.

### Our Court

Will meet on the second Monday in April—the 12th of that month, instead of the third Monday in March. This will suit very well, but the second Monday of September will not suit, and we hope our members will have the change made to October.

## The Stamp Law.

We publish in another column, a petition to the Legislature, against the repeal of the Stamp Law and for a reduction of Taxes on land. Copies will be sent to Millington, George Town X Roads, Rock Hall, and at the Clerks and Registers Office in Chester Town, for signatures.

## Steam Boat to Philadelphia.

The following letter was received by a gentleman in Chestertown from a commission and grain merchant in Philadelphia. The proposition is to establish a regular steam boat line between Chestertown and Philadelphia, carrying passengers and grain. The grain market of Philadelphia, is generally considerably higher than the Baltimore market, and such a line would afford to the farmers, a choice of markets, as well as shorten the travel to passengers between those points. One hundred shares at $25 each, is all that is required to start this line. Will the farmers awake to the subject?

A subscription paper is left at our office and at the Post and Registers Office, all persons disposed to subscribe will do well to call soon. No money will be required till the whole amount of shares shall be taken:

*Philadelphia*, March 3, 1852.

DR. SIR:—Will the citizens of Chestertown and the county bordering on Chester River, subscribe stock to the amount of $2500, say one hundred shares at $25 a share, to have a steam boat running twice a week from Chestertown to Philadelphia? If so, I think I can undertake to say the balance of the stock will be taken here immediately and the boat started at once.

The boat is now in good order and well calculated to carry passengers and freight. Your citizens have now a most favorable opportunity of making the experiment without the risk of any great loss. We are succeeding so well with the Lady Wilmer, on the Sassafras, that I have full faith in a similar line from Chester Town * *

THE RUMORED DIFFICULTIES WITH FRANCE.—The National Intelligencer of Tuesday morning says:

We have noticed in circulation, in some of our newspapers, rumors of differences between the Government of the United States and that of France, growing out of occurrances in that country and the manne of recognizing the existing Government there by that of the United States. Without having given any credence to these rumors, we have thought it worth while to ascertain if there existed any foundation for them, and find that there is none. We are happy to learn that nothing has occurred to disturb the harmony existing between the two countries; nor can we conceive that any differences in that respect could well arise. The Government of the United States has, according to its uniform usage in such cases, recognized the existing authorities of France as the National Government of the country. International duty and respect alike demanded this, and this Government could do no less.

In this connexion we may mention that we have lately read a most able speech of Lord Derby, in the British Parliament, on the address to the Queen, and we were struck with the identity of the views and sentiments expressed in that speech, on the subject of Non-intervention, with those contained in the despatch from the Department of State of the United States to Mr. Rives.

HENRY CLAY.—The Washington Telegraph of Saturday evening says: "We have for some time forborne alluding to the condition of this illustrious gentleman, because no positive and decided change could be noted. But we have now high gratification in being able to announce that his health is improved, and that were the weather more favorable to-day he would enjoy a drive out.—*We have reason to believe that before many days shall pass his voice will be heard in the chamber of the United States Senate.*"

## MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

ANNAPOLIS, March 6, 1852.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Mr. Bateman presented a petition of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Companies for authority to erect a bridge over the Susquehanna river at Havre de Grace.

Mr. Broadwater, of sundry citizens of Worcester county, for repeal of colonization tax.

The Senate did not sit to-day.

ANNAPOLIS, March 8, 1852.

### SENATE.

Mr. Grason presented a petition of sundry citizens of Queen Ann's county, for the protection of fish, oysters and wild fowl.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

On motion of Mr. Roberts, a message was sent to the Senate, proposing a joint committee to take into consideration and report upon the best mode of carrying into effect that provision of the Constitution which requires the appointment of two Commissioners to revise and codify the laws, and one or more Commissioners to abridge and simplify the forms of pleading, proceedings &c., &c., Messrs. Roberts, Lee and Baker, of Baltimore were appointed on the part of the House.

The exemption bill was then taken up.

Mr. Landing moved to make the amount $50.

Mr. Barnitz moved the following scale of exemption:—Every single man $50; every single woman above 21 years of age, $100; every married pair $100; every married pair, widower or widow, being the head of a family, an additional exemption of $15 for each child under the age of sixteen years. The bill was then postponed until Wednesday next.

The bill to empower the Orphans' Court of Queen Anne's county to manumit and bind out two negro boys, was laid on the table.

The bill to regulate the weighing and measuring of coal, was postponed until to-morrow week.

The bill to fix the salaries of the Commissioners of Public Works, was passed over informally.

The bill giving authority to the corporate authorities of Baltimore, to extend aid to the Northwestern Virginia railroad to an amount not exceeding $1,500,000, was postponed till Wednesday.

The bill to regulate to the hours of labor in this State, was taken up; sundry amendments proposed thereto and discussed, when Mr. Broadwater moved to strike out the enacting clause; before which question was taken, on motion of Mr. Kerney, the bill was laid on the table.

Bill passed—In relation to the fees of clerks and registers, whose terms have recently expired by constitutional limitation.

ANNAPOLIS March, 9, 1852

### SENATE.

The President presented a petition of George L. L. Davis, for facility in exploring the colonial records of Maryland.

Mr Grason, chairman of the Finace Committee, made a lengthy report upon the finances of the State. He takes strong ground against the repeal of any portion of portion of the taxes for the present. Laid on the table, and 1000 copies ordered to be printed.

Bills passed: Excluding the owners of the steamer Osiris from the use of the pier at the State's Pratt street wharf, Baltimore. Adjourned.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The Speaker laid before the house a petition of sundry citizens of Kent county for a change in the license law for the sale of spirituous liquors. Mr Straus, of sundry citizens of Washingington county, of like import.

On motion of Mr Coale, the Judiciary Committee was directed to inquire how far the acts establishing vestries in the several parrishes in this State in this States, &c., &c., are effected by the 13th article of the Bill of Rights.

Mr. Baker, of Baltimore, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported with amendments, the bill to provide for the publication of reports of cases argued and determined by the Court of Appeals. Also, to determine the jurisdiction of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore city and county.

The report of the committee on elections in the case of the contested election for Register of Wills in Howard county declaring a tie, was adopted.

The bill to fix the salaries of Commissioners of Public Works, was postponed.

Bills passed:—To regulate the return of process to first terms of the Courts of the 6th circuit. To repeal the law providing for the seperation of Baltimore city and county. To change the time for electiong Representatives to Congress.

The bill amendatory of the act for appointment of Commissioners to take the acknowledgment of deeds &c., out of the State, was ordered to a third reading.

ANNAPOLIS, March, 10, 1852.

### SENATE.

Mr. Williams, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, reported a bill prescribing the process in civil actions in the courts and before magistrates. Also, favorably on the bill relating to the fees of the clerks and registers, whose terms have recently expired by constitutional limitation.

Bill passed:—Regulating the time of holding the Courts in the Seventh Circuit.

### HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry proprietors of blast, &c., for the repeal of the half pilotage; also, of 92 coal consumers against the pending coal inspection bill.

Mr Smith of Cecil, two petitions of sundry citizens of Cecil county, and Mr Richardson, of 64 citizens of Frederick county for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops; also, of sundry citizens of said county, for the continuance of the magistrates' courts therein.

Mr. Baker, of Kent of William Lamb, for the confirmation of a constable's sale made in said county. Also, of the Quarterly Meeting Conference of the M. E. Church, for the sale of a certain lot.

Mr. Smith of Kent, presented a petition of Thomas Cuff, a free negro, for permission to go out of the State for three weeks, and return again.

## Horrible Tragedy.

FIENDISH MURDER, ARSON AND SUICIDE.—Our city was thrown into the most intense excitement on Saturday morning by the report that a man named James White, residing in Maiden Lane near East street, had first brutally murdered his son and daughter, then fired the house, and to conclude the dreadful tragedy, had committed suicide by severing his head nearly from the body. The report with all its horrid and disgusting details proved too true. From the many conflicting rumors and opinions it is difficult to arrive at the precise facts, but the following we believe will be found substantially correct:

About half-past 4 o'clock on Saturday the house occupied by Mr. White was found to be on fire. The alarm was immediately given by the neighbors, who, on breaking open the door discovered the stair-way all in flames.—Police officer McCafferty (who was one of the upon the spot) seeing the impossibility of putting out the fire without the aid of the fire department, started for the nearest engine house. The Vigilant and Friendship companies were soon upon the ground, and after the fire was extinguished below stairs, Mr. John Maguire, of the Friendship, proceeded up stairs and by his well directed efforts soon succeed in subduring the flames in that quarter. After coming down stairs he was requested by Mr. Horton to go back again, as he (Mr. Horton) had reason to believe that one or more persons had been burnt up in the building. He at once returned in company with officer McCafferty and another gentleman, and discovered in the front room on a bed, half consumed by fire the half burned body of an infant boy, with the throat cut and skull crushed in. Immediately afterwards Mr. McCafferty, discovered in a corner of the room, side by side, the bodies of James White and his daughter, Elizabeth Jane, aged between 13 and 14 years. The throats of both were also cut; and from the position of the bodies, there had evidently been a violent struggle between the poor girl and her father. After recovering somewhat from the shock experienced from beholding such a sad and sickening spectacle, Mr. Maguire, assisted by officer McCafferty and others, lowered lowered the bodies out of the back window, by a rope, into the yard of Mr. Dukehart, who extended every accommodation to Coroner Hooper for a full investigation.

The jury, after a protracted examination, came to the conclusion that James White, whilst drunk, did first kill his infant son, William; cut the throat of his daughter Elizabeth Jane, fired the house and subsequently committed suicide by cutting his own throat.

From all that we can learn, White was a man of intemperance habits, and lived very unhappily with his family, his wife at the time of the tragedy, being seperated from him. His wife, about ten days since, called upon a lady residing in the neighborhood and showed bruises and marks of violence on her neck, which she stated had been inflicted by her husband whilst in a state of intoxication. She then proceeded to the residence of her sister on the Point, where she has been lying very ill ever since, so ill indeed that her life is dispared of.

The circumstances which lead to the conviction that White was the only actor of the horrid tragedy is direct and conclusive. A lady residing in the neighborhood was awakened at an early hour in the morning by a violent kicking at the door of the murdered family and upon looking out, saw and heared White, who appeared to be much intoxicated, endeavoring to gain admittance. He succeedes in effecting an entrance, whereupon the lady retired to her bed, but shortly afterwards heard a scuffling noise in White's house, and subsequently the cry of fire. A Mr. Metz also heard a great noise in the residence of White, and perceived him up stairs drunk.—*Balt. News.*

SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS IN LOUISIANA.—The license law that has now passed both Houses of the Louisiana Legislature, gives the exclusive power to police juries, and to the mayors and aldermen of cities, to make such laws and regulations for the sale of intoxicating liquors as they may deem advisable, and to grant or withhold from drinking houses or shops as a majority of the citizens and voters of any ward, parish, town, or city, may determine by ballot. This act takes effect immediately after its passage.

THE mileage of Gen. J. Lane, Delegate from Oregon, has been put on the same footing as that of other Members of Congress which gives him about $7,500 each Congress.

## TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.

The undersigned, citizens of the Eastern Shore of Maryland respectfully represent,

That the public debt of Maryland, was created, to construct works of Internal Improvement, on the Western Shore of the State. That the city of Baltimore used all her power and influence to carry the measures by which funds were to be borrowed, to complete these works: That she had a direct interest of incalculable magnitude in the system—and hence; the exercise of all her energies to secure the passage of the Bills.—That the Farmers and Landholders of the Eastern Shore, submitted to be taxed, to preserve the integrity and faith of the State, although they could not be directly benefitted by the public works.

The city of Baltimore now asks the Legislature to repeal the Stamp Law, because the vast amount of business transacted in the city, compels it to pay the larger proportion of Tax collected from this source of revenue. But we humbly pray your Honours, not to repeal the Stamp Law for the following reasons:

First—The city of Baltimore, being immensely interested in the public works ought not to be exempted from the payment of her proportion of Tax, because her wealth, business and resources eminently enable her to do so.

Second—If there shall be any reduction of the public burthens, let it be in the Direct Tax, that the Land holders may receive the benefit of it. The low prices of grain, and the condition of the Farmer, require that his interest shall first be consulted: The Landed interest, is the primary and fundamental interest, that should receive the fostering care and protection of the government:

If the counties pays less for Stamps than the city, it is because her business does not make it necessary or justify it, but payment is made in proportion to the amount of business transacted. As well might Baltimore ask to be relieved of the Tax on Licenses, because she pays more than the whole State, on her numerous licenses to send goods: As wealth and capital are concentrated in the city—as much of that wealth wealth consists in costly Edifices, Equipages and Furniture; Baltimore might, with the same propriety, ask for relief, from the Direct Tax.

But as she aided materially, in originating the public works, and in all the measures to complete them—and mainly by her influence, insured their success; as she is decidedly and materially benefitted and interested in the works, and as the Landholders of the Eastern Shore have no direct or tangible interest in them, and have long been taxed to supply funds to discharge the States obligations which were entered n o to make them: We hope the Legislature will pass no Law, repealing the Stamp Law, but rather a Law to abate a portion of the Direct Tax now levied, and, as in duty bound, we will ever pray, &c.

☞The Legislature of Delaware previous to its adjournment, passed a law declaring that children of manumitted slaves shall not become free as heretofore, on arriving at a certain age, but shall be held in slavery as long as they live.

## Price of Grain.

BY SLOOP GEN. WASHINGTON CAPT. BROWNE

Baltimore March 11, '52.

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| Wheat, white | 100 to 105 |
| " red | 88 to 93 |
| Corn, yellow | 55 to 56 |
| " white | 53 to 55 |
| Rye | 70 to 72 |
| Oats | 32 to 35 |

## MARRIED.

On Tuesday evening last, by the Rev. William J Dale, Mr. Jacob Stephens, to Miss Anna Matilda, daughter of Jas. E. Blackiston, Esq., all of Kent county.

On the 4th instant by Rev. Mr. Pierson Mr. Wm. Barns to Miss Margaret Jane Simmons, both of Kent county.

GARDEN SEED'S—A large variety, from the Shaker and Long Island seed growers, for sale by ABEL J. REES.

SADDLES, for Ladies and Gentlemen, just received, and for sal low, by ABEL J. REES.

## To Hire,

FOR the balance of the year, a house servant. This negro is a first rate Washer and Ironer; and the wages will be made low. Apply at this office.

March 13, 1852.

## IN CHANCERY,

1st MARCH, 1852.

ORDERED that the sale of the Real Estate of William Shaw, made and reported by the Trustee, J. Earle Rochester be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the first day of May next, Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 20th day of April next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $2900,00.

True Copy,
Test,
LOUS GASSAWAY,
Reg. Cur. Can.

Mch 13, 1852.

## LUMBER YARD.

### Shingles, &c.

A MOST EXCELLENT LOT of Shingles, just recevied and a good supply of

BOARDS, PLANK, SCANTLING, &C., &C.,

now *perfectly seasoned and dry*; and for sale at *very moderate advances*.

☞Office over Wickes' Drug Store.

CHAS. H WICKES.

March, 13, 1852.

## Fresh Groceries, &c.

I have just received and for sale, Sup. Extra and Family FLOUR, loaf crushed and brown SUGAR, Coffee, Tea, Molasses, Soap, Candies, Rasins, Figs, Almons, Apples, Oranges, Bacon, Lard Butter and Cheese all cheap—Principee, Havanna Spanish and common Cigars, anti-nervous cavendish and common Tobacco, Traces, Lines, Buckets, Tin and Wooden Ware, Ready made Clothing; blk doeskin pants, blk and fig silk Vests, sack and other Coats, all cheap—green baize Jackets, Powder and Shot, Gun Caps, Garden Seed, &c. Butter, water, sugar and dyspepsia Crackers. All kinds of produce taken for Goods. My friends and the public are invited to give me a call.

WM. BACCHUS.

March 13 '52.

MRS. B. B. NORRIS' Cedar Tar for sale by S. WICKES.

YER'S Cherry Pectoral for sale by S. WICKES.

March 6, 1852.

## Milling.

THE undersigned informs his friends and the public, that he has rented the MILL belonging to Mr. Wm. Bacchus, known as 'CARVILL'S MILL' where he is ready to do all kind of work in his line, with despatch, and in the best manner. He solicits the patronage of his friends and the public.

WM. R. APSLEY.

Mch. 6, 1852.

THE STEAMBOAT "LADY WILMER" Will commence her regular trips between *Fredericktown, Md.*, and *Philadelphia* on Monday 1st March, and run as follows until further notice:

Leave Fredericktown, on Mondays and Thursdays at 12 o'clock, M.; leave 1st wharf below Race street, Philadelphia on Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 12 o'clock, M.

This Boat is provided with Berths and is handsomely fitted up for the accommodation of Passengers.

AGENTS:
WILMER & DAVIS, Port Deposit.
WM. H. GILPIN, Philadelphia.
JOSHUA PENNINGTON, Fredericktown.

Mch 6, 1852.—3t

## SAVE YOUR MONEY.

CHARLES P. FREEMAN & CO.,
(LATE FREEMAN, HODGES & CO)
IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS,
144 BROADWAY,
ONE DOOR SOUTH OF LIBERTY STEET.
NEW YORK.

HAVE now on hand, and will be receiving daily through the season, *New Goods*, direct from the European manufacturers, and *cash Auctions rich fashionable, fancy Silk Millinery Goods*. Our stock of *Rich Ribbons*, comprises every variety of the latest and most beautiful designs imported.

Many of our goods are manufactured expressly to our order from our own designs and patterns, and stand unrivalled. We offer our goods for *nett Cash*, at lower prices than any credit House in America can afford.

All purchasers will find it greatly to their interest to reserve a portion of their money and make selections from our great variety of *rich cheap goods*.

Ribbons rich for Bonnets, Caps, Sashes and Belts.

Bonnet Silks, Satins, Crapes Lisses, and Tarletons.

Embroideries, Collars, Chemisetts Capes Berthas.

Habits, Sleeves, Cuffs, Edgings and Inserings.

Embroidered Reviere Lace and Hemstitch Cambric Hdkfs.

Blonds, Illusions, and Embroidered Laces for Caps.

Embroidered Laces for Shawls, Mantillas, and Veils.

Honiton, Mechlen, Valencienes, and Brussels Laces.

English and Wove Thread, Smyrna, Lisle Thread, and Cotton Laces.

Hid Lisle Thread, Silk, and Sewing Silk, Gloves, and Mitts.

French and American Artificial Flowers.

French Lace, English, American, and Italian.

Straw Bonnets and Trimmings.

Mch. 6, 1852.

## A CARD.

DOCTOR W. H. MEETEER

OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Chester Town and the surrounding country. He has been engaged in the practice of medicine for five years.

☞Office on the main street, nearly opposite the Bank. feb. 7, '52, 2m

## Sales of Valuable Real Estate

BY Virtue of a Decree of the Chancellor, the undersigned, as Trustee, will offer at public sale, on

### TUESDAY

the 6th day of April next, at Chestertown, in Kent county, Maryland, all that Farm or Tract of land, called

### 'Killingsworthmore'

containing

310 Acres of Land,

more or less. This Tract of land is a part of the Real Estate of which the late Isaac Spencer died seized, whereon Col. Wm. Spencer resided at the time of his death. It is situated very near Chester River and within a very short distance of Spry's Landing.

It has on it a small *DWELLING HOUSE*, Corn House and Stable; and to it are attached fine and extensive

### Meadow Grounds,

with a valuable and never failing water power, on which formerly stood two superior Grist Mills. The land is of good quality.

### THE TERMS

OF SALE require the payment of one-fourth of the purchase money in cash on the day of sale, and the residue in three equal instalments of six, twelve and eighteen months, bearing interest from the day of sale, to be secured by bond or bonds at the purchaser or purchasers with approved security.

W. A SPENCER.
Trustee.

AT the same time and on the same terms, the subscriber as Testamentary Trustee of Isaac Spencer, will offer for sale one

of *TWENTY ACRES*—one cleared lot of *EIGHTEEN ACRES*, being part of a Tract of land called

### 'Marrowbone,'

and one Wood Lot of *THIRTY-SIX ACRES*, called the

### 'SHADDING REACH'

These Lots are all situate on Chester River, adjoining the farm on which Isaac Spencer recently resided, in Kent county, Md.

WM A. SPENCER, } Trustees
JOHN SPENCER, }
March 2, 1852

AT the same time and on the same terms, the subscriber will offer for sale all that Tract of land called

### 'MARROWBONE,'

containing

### 213 Acres.

This is one of the most dariable estates in this county, for situation and convenience. This land is of good quality. It has a good and commodious

BRICK

### Dwelling,

with *OUT HOUSES*. It lies on the River and has a Landing equal to any in the county, directly opposite is Kerby's Landing, to which the Steamer 'Cecil' plies once a week, and to which other Steamers are expected to plie hereafter.

A public Landing with a Granary on this farm, and with a proper road leading direct to Millington would necessarily commend all the boating business from that place, and would take the business of the Steamboats.

It is the Estate on which Isaac Spencer recently resided.

☞Any information will be given in reference to the aforegoing Estates, by John M. & Samuel Comegys, Chesterville, Kent county.

☞The aforegoing sales will be conducted by Col R. R. Carmichael of Queen Ann's county who has full power in every respect to sell the farms and settle with the purchasers.

W. A. SPENCER.

Mch. 6 1852.

GARRITT COX & SON,
COACH & HARNESS
*MANUFACTURERS*,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL

CARRIAGES of every description constantly on hand and at all times punctually made to order; which for neatness, durability and style, can not be surpassed. No expence being spared, none but workmen of acknowledged skill and celebrity are employed, and all the materials used are invariably the best that can be obtained in the market. The whole conducted under the immediate superintendance of the Proprietors, whose constant study is to give the highest satisfaction.

☞Orders executed with precision and dispatch and repairs carefully done.

☞WARRANTED TWELVE MONTHS.☜

Mch 6 1852.—6m

## For Sale.

TWO negro girls, slaves for life—one 17 and the other 18 years of age.—The girls are valuable servants, and will be sold in any part of the State. Enquire of the Editor.

Mch 6, '52.