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KENT NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, Md.

SATURDAY, JAN. 8, 1853.

☞We call the attention of tax payers to the advertisement of the County Commissioners which we publish to day.

NORTH CAROLINA SENATOR.—The Legislature of North Carolina has adjourned sine die, without electing an U. S. Senator to succeed Mr. Mangum, whose term will expire on the sixth of March next. It seems the Governor has no power to appoint under the circumstances; and a vacancy will therefore exist in the federal senatorial representation of the State for the next two years. If the nomination of Mr. Badger for the vacant Judgship of the Supreme Court, be confirmed, North Carolina will be without a Senator.

☞An important kidnapping case came up in Baltimore county Court on Tuesday last. Rachael Parker, the negro girl who was arrested in Pennsylvania by Thomas McCreary, of Cecil county, setting up her claim to freedom; seventy witnesses were in attendance from Pennsylvania, Attorney General Campbell, of Pa., and two other counsel are employed by the Legislature of that State, to appear for the petitioner.

DECLINATION.—We learn from the Patriot that J. V. L. McMahon, Esq., who was selected for the codification of the laws at the last session of the Legislature, in conjunction with Otho Scott, Esq., of Harford county, has declined to accept it, and has sent his letter of declination to Annapolis, to be presented to the two houses of the Legislature. The appointment of Mr. McMahon was made without consulting him and only with reference to his admirable qualifications for the discharge of its important duties.

DELAWARE.—Governor Ross' annual message to the Legislature of Delaware, appears in the Wilmington papers of Tuesday. The Governor in this document notices the demise of Clay and Webster, in appropriate terms; rejoices over the prosperity of the nation; notices the completion of the labors of the Commission to revise and digest the civil and criminal code of the State; also the opening of the Newcastle and Wilmington Railroad; and speaks in favor of the projected railroad from New York to Norfolk, from which he thinks there should be a branch to Lewes passing through Milford and Milton.

DEATH OF COM. MORGAN.—Commodore Charles W. Morgan, the efficient and highly esteemed commander of the Navy Yard, expired at his residence in Washington on Wednesday last, after a protracted illness. This gallant officer was a native of Virginia. He entered the Navy on the first of January 1808, and distinguished himself by his judgment and intrepidity in some of the most sanguinary conflicts during the war with great Britain.

MURDER.—A youth named Thos. Henry Miller, was murdered in Baltimore, on Monday evening last.

☞The construction of the Chrystal Palace, in New York, is prosecuted with energy, and its completion is assured in season for the opening of the exhibition on the 2nd of May next: Meantime, arrangements are in progress to secure a brilliant representation of the choicest production of the world's industry in both hemispheres.

DEPARTURE OF MR. KING.—The steamer Fulton has arrived at Washington, having been hastily fitted up by order of the Secretary of the Navy, to take Mr. King to Havana. The Hon. gentleman's physician thinks it best that he should avoid any changes at Norfolk. It is uncertain, however, when Mr. King will be able to leave.

SPECIE.—The amount of specie on hand in the twelve banks of the City of Baltimore is stated by the telegraphs at $2,991,000; circulation $3,300,000; deposits $6,021,000.

Correspondence Baltimore Clipper.

Washington Jan 5, '53.

During the debate in the House of Representatives, yesterday, Mr. Gorman, a democrat, while speaking in favor of conferring the title of "lieutenant general" upon General Scott, related the following anecdote, to show the complacency with which the gallant chieftain looks upon the Presidential defeat of November last. Mr. Gorman said: Some weeks since I called upon him, and asked him why he did not come down that we might see him? He replied that he had not been out, having been confined to the discharge of official business; but would be happy to see his friends; and then added, "several days ago, I was invited to visit New York for the purpose of attending the funeral of the Duke of Wellington, but declined, because I had been buried myself a short time before, and thought that it would not look well to see one dead man following to the grave another."

And we heard another of the general. He was marketing, as usual, when the vender, whose apple he was examining, remarked—"I should like to sell you some, sir, as I lost twenty five dollars on your election." "Ah," rejoined the great defeated, "I regret your ill fortune, but send me up a barrel, and that will help you out a little."

There is nothing like 'resignation,' especially when we cannot possibly alter an existing disagreeable state of affairs. It was truly said by Mr. Chandler, whether you pass the resolutions to confer the title of Lieutenant General or not, General Scott will never be less than a great man, and the head of the military chieftains of the age."

Merited Praise.

The following resolutions were recently adopted by the American Philosophical Society. Never was praise more justly bestowed than those on our truly distinguished Secretary of the Navy:

Resolved, That the American Philosophical Society highly appreciate the enlightened zeal exhibited by the Hon. John P. Kennedy, Secretary of the Navy, in the furtherance of scientific inquiry, and in the declaration contained in his recent Annual Report, "that constant employment of ships and men in the promotion of valuable public interests, whether in defence of the honor of our flag, or the exploration of the field of discovery and the opening of new channels of trade, or in the enlarging of the boundaries of science, will, he is convinced, be recognized both by the government and the people as the true and proper vocation of the Navy, and as the means best calculated to strengthen that prompt and gallant devotion to duty, which is so essential to the character of accomplished officers and so indispensable to the effectiveness of the Naval organization.

Resolved, That whilst this Society experiences the deepest interest in the scientific and other advantages to be derived from the various exploratory expeditions that have been recently instituted and some of which are in progress, its sympathies are especially enlisted in the success of one emanating from the philanthrophy and munificence of the individuals of our country, and which is to be under the guidance of an enterprising and accomplished member of this Society, already celebrated for his adventurous energy in the same cause, and whose services have been especially enlisted by the distinguished lady, whose persevering efforts for the discovery of her lost husband will transmit her name to all times, as that of a model of energetic and affectionate devotion; and that it has been a source of gratification to this Society, that the Secretary of the Navy should have sanctioned, with so much promptness the new expedition, by granting the necessary permission to Dr. Kane to be on special service, as well as the liberal and appropriate recommendation to Congress, that should it become required in the field of operation to which he is destined, "to provide him with means for the prosecution of scientific discovery, beyound those which may be afforded by the department, and the liberality of the distinguished gentlemen who have assumed the charge of this expedition, that that body will respond to the suggestion of this necessity with a prompt appreciation and generous support of an undertaking so honorable to humanity, and so useful to the enlargement of liberal science."

The Dead of 1852.

The list of the dead for the past year includes such names as Daniel Webster, Henry, Clay, John Sergeant, Prince Schwartzenberg, David Graham, Robert Rantoul, Roger Jones, Arthur Wellesly, John McKinly, William Ware, Thomas Moore, Samuel Prout, Horatio Greenough, Edw'd Seguin, Ada Byren, Jenius Brutus Booth, John Frazee, John Haviland, Sir John Harvey, Admiral Wormley, Marshal Marmont, Robert Blackwood, Baron Krudener, A. J. Downing Pugin, D'Orsay, Johanot, Mapleson, among the statesmen, artists, scholars and eminent citizens; while among the clergy are recorded the deaths of three Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal, (Chase, Gadsden and Henshaw,) and one (Hedding) of the Methodist Episcop'l Church together with the learned Drs. Stewart, Ballou and Nott, three most eminent clergymen.

Difficulty with the Nicaraguan Envoy.

A telegraphic communication to the New York Tribune contains the following letter, which was probably communicated to the Tribune's correspondent by Mr. Marcoleta himself, who appears to have a *penchant* for publishing notes addressed to him in his diplomatic character:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30, 1852.

"SIR—Some months ago Mr. Kerr was instructed to request that you should be recalled, and some other, person appointed as representative from Nicaragua to this Government.

"A despatch was yesterday received from Mr. Kerr, transmitting a copy of a letter to him from senor Castellon, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who declines on the part of the Nicaraguan Government to comply with the President's request, and expresses a wish that the reason on which it is founded be given, to be submitted to the Nicaraguan Chamber.

"This course would be followed by discussions of a most unprofitable character, and besides the President cannot consent that any condition be attached to the compliance of the Nicaraguan Government with a request warranted by the principals of public law and the practice of civilized States. I have therefore directed Mr Kerr to renew the request for your recall and the appointment of another Minister.

"Meantime, I have to inform you that no communication can be received from you as Nicaraguan Envoy. Personally, I regret that it is my duty to address to you a letter of this character.

"I have the honor to be, &c.,
EDWARD EVERETT,"

To Senor Don Jose Marcoleta, etc., etc."

The correspondent in question endeavors to account for this peremptory dismissal of Mr. Marcoleto as follows:

The Difficulty, as will be seen, is of several months standing; it grew out of Mr. Marcoleto's course pending the negotiations of the famous treaty of mediation and settlement between England, the Uni'd States, and Costa Rica, which Mr. Marcoleta, utterly opposed, and Nicaragua afterwards rejected. During this time, it is alleged, that finding himself crowded, and the interests of Nicaraguan likely to be sacrificed to England and Costa Rica, the protege of England, he indulged in some rather undiplomatic language with respect to Nr. Webster and the Administrstion, and *also undiplomatically made public the date of the negotiations though the journals of this country.* For this Mr Webster demanded his recall.

It is said also that Mr Everett feels himself agrieved by the *late publication by Mr Marcoleta, or* with his consent, of the official note addressed to the Nicaragua Minister, as well as to all the other members of the diplomatic corpse here, by Mr Everett on his accession to office. It was published to show that this government recognized Mr. M. as an Envoy in good standing, when it was by no means intended by its author to go before the world as an endorsement of Mr. M's official character.

Other causes are also assigned as possibly having led to this result. We should think, however, that the above are ample justification of the course adopted by our Government.

(From the Balt. American.)

Maryland Penitentiary.

We have before us a copy of the report of the Directors of the Maryland Penitentiary, made to the Governor of the State, for the present year. The report opens with a statement of the financial condition of the Institution, and records the gratifying fact that the deficiency the receipts of the prison as compared with its expenditures is now but $7,473,35, against $9 302,78 at the close of the last year. The deficiency for the last two years has amounted to $16,776.63 the appropriations made by the Legislature to $16,000, leaving 777,-63 which is chargeable to the fund created by the Legislature for the payment of the salaries of the officers for 1853.—This financial statement the Directors remark:

"Exhibits the Institutions in a far better condition than it was this time last year, and the result in a great measure of the active demand for the cotton and woolen fabrics, but much of our prosperity attributable to the appropriations so wisely made for our relief by the honorable legislators of our State. We were deficient in active resources this time last year, to the amount of $13,-062 75, whilst this year our active resources exceed all liabilities in the sum $636, 98."

Attention is called by the report to subject of insane convicts, and to the importance of some provision being made by law for their removal to lunatic asylums until their reason is restored and they become proper subjects of punishment.

The Directors pay a high compliment to the ability and fidelity of the Warden, Mr. O P. Merryman, and also to the Physician. Dr. Frick, whose report exhibits the health of the prison during the past year, in a most favorable light, and bears testimony to the skill and assiduity with which he has discharged his trust.

The report of the warden, which accompanies that of the Directors gives a detailed account of the Institution and of its operations during the past year.—The warden directs attention to the fact that the number of offenders now confined in the prison for killing or attempting to kill their fellow beings amount to over 70, or nearly one-fourth of the whole number of inmates; and says that a great increase in this specie of crime has taken place within the last two or three years, and the life prisoners have increased in number from two to eight. In regard to the influence of short and long sentences on a first conviction the Warden bears the following testimony:

'Since the commencement of the present year, a letter was addressed to this establishment by the very intelligent gentleman who has for many years past so ably presided over the Penitentiary of the neighboring State of Virginia, asking our opinion about the effect upon offenders of short terms of imprisonment for first offences. To this inquiry an answer was made, that the number of reconvictions in this State had occured much oftener with those who had served short terms under their first sentence than with those who had been punished more severely for their first offence, and that judging from this fact, short sentences very seldom proved a corrective of crime. Reference was made in our reply to tho views previously given on this subject by several of the most experienced Prison Superintendants in this country, all of whom concurred in the opinion that a three years incarceration was necessary to bring about any substantial reformation in an offender, except in those rare cases where previous good character was undoubted.—Some of them maintain the opinion that no hope of a pardon should be held out to them where a change in their inclinations is aimed at, or where the expectation of their quietly settling themselves down to their work, is indulged in."

The Warden also remarks on the growing disregard by the Courts of the State of the humane provision which allows the term of sentence to be so arranged as to permit of the prisoners discharge during the Spring and Summer months, and not to force them, by the rigor of the season or the want of means of subsistence, to return to their former evil courses. Some ten or twelve prisoners have recently been received in whose cases this provision has been overlooked and who consequently will be set at liberty in the most inclement season of the year.

The report of the Warden refers to the several other subjects in connection with the management of the Institution. It is altogether a well digested paper, and shows that the incumbent has made the duties of his position the subject of careful and intelligent examination.

INFERNAL MACHINE.—Gen. Pierce, the President elect, a few days since received a suspicious looking box, per Cheney's Express, from the West.—Supposing some wicked Whig or "fanatical Abolitionist" might be plotting his destruction, he naturally regarded this as an infernal machine, intended to land him in glory before his time.—Not feeling any great partiality for such an apotheosis, he ordered this new Pandora's box to be stowed away in the barn, "unsight unseen," and strictly forbade any one to go near it. Thus it remained some days, until one Sunday, when nobody was at home save Mr. W., the General's boarding master, who, being exercised thereto by a courageous and laudable curiosity, determined to solve the "infernal mystery." Accordingly seizing a long handled axe and placing himself at a rational distance, he hurled the iron weapon with full fury into the box. After waiting in breathless expectation for the "machine" to explode, Mr. W. approached it and discovered *(horibili dictum)* two brace of remarkably fat ducks and a haunch of venison, sent to the President elect by an admiring Catholic friend in Cincinnatti, with a note accompanying, desiring to be remembered in the division of the spoils! We need not add that the only thing "infernal" about the "machine" was an inodorous smell—for which the reverent disciple of His Holiness was in no way responsible.

(Authority for this story is the Concord *Democrat*.)

MOST HORRIBLE.—A horrible tragedy was enactly near Hackensac, N. J., on Saturday. The facts, in brief, are these: A hoary headed wretch, named Caton, 55 years of, having first ravished the person of a little girl, in the absence of her parents, cruelly butched her in cold blood, and then murdered a little boy, her brother, who was in the house at the time—severing his head from his body with a hatchet. Mr. and Mrs. Obrien are the parents of the victims.—The demon, who but recently arrived in this country, has been arrested.

TRIAL & DEATH OF DR. J G BYRD.—The trial of Dr. Byrd of Newton, Ga., for the killing of Newton C. Jones, resulted in a verdict of voluntary manslaughter. The court took a recess to allow time to prepare a motion for a new trial. Dr. Byrd went to the jail accompanied by Dr. Slappey to whom he remarked, "This will be the last time I shall go down these steps." Within a few minutes he was dead. A note was found in the jail written by Dr. Byrd to his parents, after conviction, in which he declared his innocence—that he killed Jones only to save his own life. We learned from the inmates of the jail that when Dr. Byrd came in last, he sat down to the table and wrote the note to which we have referred, took off his coat and boots, poured some liquid, which proved to be prussic acid, from a phial, into a tumbler, added a little water, drank it lay down on the bed, and in a few moments the spirit had departed. The Albany Patriot which gives this account, adds that his parents took the body with them to Augusta and that they are most respectable and worthy people. It think that Dr. Byrd, in killing Mr. Jones acted under the belief that his own life depended upon the act. He was thirty three years old.—*Charleston Standard.*

Cumberland Coal Mines.

The various Coal Companies mining in the Cumberland Coal region held a meeting in Baltimore on Wednesday last, (which was largely attended) for the purpose of agreeing to furnish a certain amount of coal each day for transportation over the road. The following Companies have agreed to give security to the President of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to furnish at Cumberland daily, for transportation, the following quantities of coal, as annexed:

Phœnix Company	500	tons.
New Creek "	400	"
Llangollen "	500	"
Swanton "	100	"
Borden "	400	"
Withers "	400	"
Parker "	600	"
Lanaconing "	300	"
Chesapeake "	1000	"
Cumberland "	2000	"
Thomas Kerr	75	"
Total daily,	7000	tons.

Maryland Legislature

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 5, 1853.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.—At twelve o'clock to day, upon a motion made by Mr. Wyse, the Hon. Elias Ware, speaker, took the chair of the House of Delegates. J J Stewart, Esq., Chief Clerk, proceed to call the roll, when all but 10 members answered to their names.—Some informal discussion took place as to the constitutional necessity of a new osganization of the House.

Mr Wyse moved that to enable members to consult in relation to the new question which was presented that the House adjourn till to-morrow, which was last—ayes 24, noes 26.

Mr Roberts moved, that in order to decide the question of their being a continuous body that members proceed to qualify as such, which motion, after considerable discussion, was lost—ayes 20, noes 27.

The House then adjourned.

Mr. Carpenter, a very able member from Charles county, who was ill the whole of the last session, appeard in his seat.

SENATE.—The members assembled in the Senate chamber at the usual hour, and were engaged for an hour or more in conversation upon the proper mode of organization under the new circumstances of their assembling.

On motion of Mr. Ely, the Secretary of the Senate, Jonathan Pinkney, Esq., proceeded to call the roll—three Senators being absent.

On motion of Mr. Ely, the Senate proceeded to elect a President, and Col. Edward Lloyd was unanimously re-elected President of the Senate.

The president returned acknowledgments in a very appropriate manner, when,

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

ATTEMPTED ASSASINATION.—It again becomes our disagreeable duty to record another of those diabolical acts which have of late redowned to the discredit of our city. Last night between 11 and 12 o'clock, as a man named John Judge, a hackman, had just issued from the Virginia House, in South Calvert street, he was assaulted with a slung-shot, and immediately afterwards a revolver was discharged several times at him, two of the shots taking effect upon his person—the balls entering his breast on either side a little below the nipples, taking a winding course to the right and left, without, however, as one of the attending physicians informed us, causing a necesarily fatal wound. He was taken into the hotel, where he received every attention from the humane host, whence he was removed to his dwelling in Davis street. The perpetrator of this fiendish act is, as yet, unknown, but it is to be hoped that he will soon be brought to that punishment which his villainy so richly merits. Judge, it will be recollected, is the same person whose name has recently been conspicuously before the public.—*Sun of Thursday.*

CRIME AND DISSIPATION IN LONDON.—We find in the National Temperance Chronicle the following statistics of vice in London, and add in a second column an estimate for New York city:

	London.	*N. York.*
Children trained to crime —	16,000	3,000
Receivers of stolen goods —	5,000	1,000
Gamblers by profession —	15,000	2,000
Beggars . . . . . —	25,000	2,000
Drunkards . . . . . —	30,000	10,000
Habitual Drinkers . . —	180.000	80,000
Persons subsisting on Profligacy	150,000	50, 000
Thieves. . . . . —	50,000	5,000
Total — — — —	471,000	153,000

CURE FOR ERYSIPELAS.—The Salem Observer, says a correspondent of an exchange paper, gizes the public a cure for this distressing disorder, from which he has been a great sufferer. He says, "a simple poultice made of cramberries, pounded fine, and applied in a raw state, has proved in my case, and a number also in this vicinity, a certain remedy." In his case, the poultice was applied on going to bed, and the next morning, to his surprise, he found the inflammation nearly gone: and in two days he was as well as ever.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.—By the new assessment, the whole amount of property in Washington county is not far short of $15,000,000. In June 184 the assessable property of the county amounted to $12,708,517, in June 1852 to $12,205,794: and now, after all corrections are made, to about $12,800,000 being an increase of nearly or quite $2,-000,000 since the former period, and $2,500,000 since the latter, which will enable the commissioners to make a considerable reduction of county taxes.

MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, January 5, 1853.

Wheat, white	114 to 119
" red	112 to 114
Corn, yellow	62 to 63
" white	60 to 61
Oats	40 to 43

PHILADELPHIA, January 4, 1853.

Wheat, White	125
" Red	118
White Corn,	62
Yellow "	64
Oats,	45

MARRIED,

On Tuesday last, by Rev. Mr. Flamery, Mr. George H. Palmatory, of Delaware, to Miss Mary Jane Palmatory, of this county.

DIED,

At his residence, in Worton, on Monday last, Mr. Joseph Porter, at an advanced age.

At Fairlee Mill, on Monday last, Mr. Samuel W, Caleb, aged about 55 years.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the late firm of Wiley & Perkins, are notified that the books are in the hands of B. B. Perkins. It is necessary that the accounts due the firm be paid immediately, All bills not settled by the 1st of February will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection.

W. WILEY,
B. B. PERKINS.

Jan. 8, 1853.

Commissioners' Notice.

THE COMMISSIONERS of Kent will meet at their office in the Court House, Chestertown, on *Tuesday* the 11th and *Thursday* the 13th of January, and every Tuesday and Thursday until Tuesday the 8th day of February, 1853, as a Court of Appeal against the assessors' assesment of the property of the county. All persons who may think themselves aggrieved by the said assessors will come and make their complaint

By order A. W. MELVIN,
Cl'k to Com. for Kent Co.

Jan. 8, 1853.

Pianos Tuned & Repaired.

ADOLPH FELSENTHAL, *Professor of Music* offers his services to the citizen of Chestertown and vicinity. Persons desirous of having their Pianos tuned, repaired or cleaned would do well to give him an early call, as his stay will be very limited.

He may be found at the Hotel of T. Lusby, Esq., and has the best of references.

☞All his work will be guaranteed for one year.

C. Town, Jan. 8, 1853.

FENCING.

MAJOR JOSEPH VANDOR, of the late Hungarian Army has the honor of announcing to the citizens of Chester Town and vicinity, that he intends opening a *FENCING SCHOOL* in Chester Town, provided a sufficient number of pupils shall be obtained by the first of February, proximo.

From the high testimonials of his pupils he flatters himself he will give satisfaction to those who shall patronize him. TERMS—$12.00 the whole science, containing small and broad sword.

☞Names subscribed at this office.

REFERENCES:

COL. TAYLOR, U. S. Army.
GEN. G. G. STEWART, } Baltimore.
GEN. B. C. HOWARD, } Baltimore.
HON. J H B LATROBE, } Baltimore.
COL SAM'L HAMBLETON, } Talbot co
CAPT. JOHN W. MARTIN, } Talbot co
DR. C. C. COX, } Talbot co
RICHARD THOMAS, ESQ., } Talbot co

Jan. 8, 1853.—3t.

Maryland Kent Co., to Wit:

I HEREBY certify that Jesse Wilson this day gave notice to me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County that he had taken up as strays trespassing on his enclosure FIVE SHOATS, 2 of them black, and 3 spotted black and white—that

said shoats come to his premises about the latter part of August last when they were small pigs—they have no ear marks.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of January Eighteen hundred and fifty three WM. S. LASSELL.

NOTICE:—The owner or owners of the above discribed shoats are hereby notified to come foward prove property pay charges and take take them away.

JESSE WILSON,

January 8, 1853. Kent County.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the Estate of the late Albert Herbert are notified to pay the subscriber, on or before the first of January. L. M. RICAUD. Ad'm
A. Herbert dec'd.

December 18, 1852.—3t.