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KENT NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, Md.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12, 1853.

The Small Note Law.

We observe by the proceedings of Legislature, that this law has been assigned as the special order for an early day, upon a motion for its repeal, and we therefore take the opportunity to express the hope that such a motion may prevail.

The general sentiment of the State appears to indicate a desire for repeal and we have no doubt that in advocating the measure, we only reflect the sentiment of a large majority of our own community.

Indeed apart from certain general theories as to the evils of banking abuses and the blessings of a free and abundant specie currency—theories correct in themselves, but as we conceive foreign to the issue presented to the Legislature—we have as yet heard of no good reason, or even color of reason assigned for this law. The small notes of our own State Institutions, are certainly as little liable to loss or depreciation as are those of a larger amount—their issue may be subjected to the same legislative safeguards, they are more convenient for purpose of trade than specie, and infinitely preferable to the gold dollar, which is entirely too small for current use and constantly liable to be lost or given by mistake for the smaller silver coin, the prohibition of small notes, would so diminish the amount of change in circulation as to cause infinite embarrassment and difficulty, in small mercantile transactions. In the present condition of the currency, the amount of silver coin is not sufficient for the necessities of trade, and cannot even now, when only the small notes OF OTHER STATES are excluded, be obtained in sufficient amounts for the ordinary purposes of exchange, and we cannot perceive how the prohibition upon our own banks can operate otherwise than to increase this deficiency.

When Congress shall so regulate the coinage and currency of the country as to prevent the excessive exportation of specie to Europe, the Legislature may very properly pass such enactments as to make it the exclusive medium of commerce for all sums less than five dollars. But until then we shall be compelled to regard the idea of an increase of specie under the proposed prohibition, as entirely visionary and the legitimate result of the present law, as only to increase the premium of 4 or 5 per cent. now paid for silver coin.

Petition for the Legislature.

We publish below a memorial which has been numerously signed and will be presented to the Legislature, designed for the correction of an evil which has caused infinite inconvenience and loss to our Agricultural community. The memorial asks the enactment of a law to compel free negroes hiring by the year, or otherwise, to fulfil their contracts by remaining during the period for which they may have agreed to serve. It frequently happens that upon the most frivolous pretence, such hirelings leave their employers during the most busy seasons, frequently subjecting them to the partial loss or injury of a crop, besides the time trouble and money expended in supplying their places. The free negroes are, of course, irresponsible, in a pecuniary point of view, and therefore a law, providing penal remedies, becomes absolutely necessary for the protection of the citizen who is compelled to employ them. Hence the memorial proposes that any free negro thus leaving his employer shall, upon duly conviction, be declared guilty of a misdemeanor. We have no disposition to impose unnecessarily harsh or arbitrary laws upon this class of population, but in the present difficulty of obtaining labor with its greatly enhanced cost and the necessity of relying in a great degree upon the free negro population; we regard such a law as imperatively necessary for the protection of the agriculturists, and therefore most earnestly commend its passage not only to our immediate delegation in particular, but to the members of the Legislature generally.

To the Honorable.

The General Assembly of Maryland:

The undersigned, citizens of Kent county, respectfully represent to your Honorable body, That free negroes, who hire themselves to the farmers of the county by the year or for shorter or definite periods, are very frequently in the habit of violating their contracts without cause, and seeking other homes at seasons when it is impossible, from the scarcity of labor, to supply their places. The consequence is, that without notice and without cause, those who think themselves supplied with the necessary labor, find themselves placed in the dilemma of procuring other labor at the most enormous prices, or to risk the raising of necessary crops, by depending upon casual daily labor that may possibly offer. This evil has become a serious one and calls for efficient relief. While we would protect these people in the proper enjoyment of their rights, yet it becomes necessary to secure the performance of their contracts by legislative enactment, as they are irresponsible in a pecuniary view.

We therefore respectfully ask the enactment of a law, making it a misdemeanor in those persons to wantonly violate their contracts, for hiring without cause, to authorize the hirer, to take up and compel them to service and to prevent other persons from hiring or retaining them in service, after being informed of such violation of contract under a penalty or prosecution securing at the same time, if necessary, to these people, proper treatment and the payment of their wages, and as in duty bound we will ever pray, &c.

Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank.

On last Saturday and Monday a run was made upon this Bank, which came entirely from abroad. All the demands were promptly met, and on Monday the whole matter ceased, and things resumed their regular course—the Bank discounting as usual on Thursday.

This run was altogether from abroad, & was totally uncalled for, as the official statement of the Bank, *made but a few days before the rumors were circulated*, shewed a sound, prosperous and strong condition. A New York paper, however, for months past, has been circulating false and malicious attacks upon the Bank, the ignorance, grossness and falsity of which will be at once seen, when our readers are informed that this New York paper *even doubled the existence of this Bank*, and also discredited the Easton and other sound country Banks of Maryland, by not quoting them in its columns, and its other charges were of the same false and malicious character. Such was the character of this paper, however, and a general belief that its attacks were for the purpose of extorting black mail, that altho' it had attacked this Bank for months past, no notice was taken of it, until some persons, from ignorance or otherwise, started rumors relative to the Bank, and thus created an excitement abroad.

The excitement has passed, and the Bank has satisfied those who had demands fully and entirely, and we presume she will stand as high abroad, as she has always done at home. In this county there was no excitement, for we had the advantage of knowing the character, standing and pecuniary responsibility of the President and Directors, as well as their knowledge and habits of business, and a fact that speaks volumes for this Bank is that, during the whole excitement, not one dollar for redemption or any demand was presented from our own county.

The Charter of this Bank is very guarded, and it is not allowed to issue more than double the amount of capital *actually paid in*, and any excess beyond this, *the private property of the Directors is liable for*. It is exclusively managed by old residents of Kent and Queen Ann's county, and the amount of stock taken by residents of Kent and Queen Ann's Counties ferms more than a sufficient majority to control the election of Directors of the Bank. We annex the list of Directors, with the single remark, that they are amongst our first citizens in point of high character, standing and intelligence, as well as wealth and business habits, and all of them participate in, and and attend to the business of the Bank.

GEO. B. WESTCOTT, *President.*

Geo. Vickers,	Daniel Collins,
Jas. B. Ricaud,	Rd. Hynson,
Hugh Wallis,	Thos. R. Browne,
Jos. Harris,	Wm. F. Smyth,
D. C. Blackiston,	Geo. O. Trenchard,
James Merrick,	Peter Wilmer.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—A Temperance Meeting will take place on Wednesday evening next at the Court House—several addresses will be delivered.—See notice in another column.

Le Petit Ole Bull.

This youthful performer upon the violin, now only 10 years of age, gave his first Concert, at the Court House last night, to the astonishment and admiration of the entire audience.—The genius and skill of this wonderful boy are almost incredicle, and as we listened it seemed to us almo possible that such strains could be drawn forth by one so young. His performances would indeed rival those of the most experienced and distinguished artists. We advise all our readers, and especially the lovers of the violin, to attend his Concert to-night, and to go early in order to secure good atsse.

The price of entrance has been reduced to 25 cts.—children half price.

CONVICTED.—Thomas Conner, a lad about 18 years of age, who murdered Capt. Hutchinson, in Baltimore some months since, was on Friday last, found guilty of murder in the first degree. The prisoner received the verdict with apparent indifference.

THE MORE EFFECTUAL SUPPRESSION CRIME.—Several important bills are pending before the legislature of Maryland, having in view a more certain and severe punishment of roadsism, which will no doubt be speedily enacted into laws. Another has been reported by Mr Baker, in the house, entitled 'An act for the more effectual suppresion of Crimes,' the first two sections of which are as follows:

SEC 1st. Be it enacted by the General Aesembly of Maryland, That if any person shall unlawfully shoot at any person, or shall, in any manner, unlawfully and maliciously attempt to discharge any kind of loaded arms at any person, or shall unlawfully and maliciously stab, cut or wound any person, or shall assault or assault and beat any person with intent to maim, disfigure or disable such person, or to do some other grievious bodily harm to such person, or with intent to prevent the lawful apprehension or detainor of any party, or of his accomplices for any offence for which the said party and his accomplices may be legally apprehended or detained, every such offender, and every person counselling, aiding or abetting such offender, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by confinement in the Penitentiary for a period not less than six months and not more than ten years.

SEC. 2nd. And be it enacted, That any person who shall assault and beat any person in any of the streets, lanes, alleys or highways of the city of Baltimore, or at any place of public resort or amusement, between the hours of six o'clock in the evening and six in the following morning, or who shall counsel, aid or abet in such assault and battery, shall be fined in a sum not less than $25 dollars, and imprisoned not less than one month, or the Judge of the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, or the Judge having jurisdiction of the offence, may, in his discretion, sentence the person so convicted to confinement in the Penitentiary for a period not less than six months, nor more than 2 years; and it shall not be necessary to state with more particularity than is now requisite in proceedings for assault and batteries, the time or place of such assault and battery, in the recognizance or commitment on which the said person is tried, but the said person may be tried on a recognizance or commitment for a common assault and battery, and shall be sentenced by the Court according to the facts proved at the trial of the said person; and in case the said person is tried upon a presentment or indictment, it shall only be necessary to allege in the presentment or indictment, that the offence was committed between the hours aforesaid, and that it was committed on a highway in the city of Baltimore or at a place of public resort or amusement, without setting forth said highway or place of public resort or amusement by name.

The 3d section provides for putting prisoners confined in jail, to hard labor under such regulations as may be adopted by the Board of Visitors; and the 4th section directs that convicted prisoners shall be confined in rooms separate from those wating trial. The act is to go into effect immediately after its passage.

Maryland Legislature.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 4, 1853.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The speaker laid before the House reports from the clerk of Queen Ann's county, relative to money paid into the treasury Also, a communication from the Treasurer in reply to the order of the House of the 27th ultimo, transmitting a list of the State officers who have made returns to him of their receipts and disbursements, in obedience to section 1, of article 10, of the Constitution—refered to Messrs. Miller, Lankford, Roberts, Dent and Geyer.

Mr. Kerney presented a petition of 196 citizens of Baltimore city, in favor of the ten hour system. Mr. Dent of sundry citizens of St. Mary's county, for the repeal of the 4th section of the small note law of last session, as relates to the banks of this State.

Mr. Kerney obtained leave to report a bill to reduce the tax on marriage license—referred to Messrs Kerney, Waters and Crout.

Mr. Wyse reported a bill to pay the expense of the State for the current year. Also, for the greater security of the revenue from from licenses in the hands of the several clerks of courts in this State Also for the greater security of the revenue from protests in the hands of notaries public. Also, for the employment of an additional clerk to the Comptroller, from the 1st of August 1852 Mr. Carpinter, extending the time for completing the assessment under the act of last session. Mr. Dent, to allow one magistrate to take all acknowledgments now requiring two, except Baltimore city.

Mr. Crout moved that the bill for the enrollment of the militia be recommitted, with instructions to amend the bill so as to pay the expense of the enrollment out of the State Treasury. On motion of Mr. Stewart, the whole subject was laid over till next week.

Bills passed.—To repeal the act allowing the Orphans' Court to loan out the school fund of P. George's county. To lay off and locate a public road from Chestertown to Quaker Neck in Kent county. Adjourned.

SENATE.

Mr Gaither presented a memorial of 400 citizens of Montgomery county, for the charter of a company to construct a railroad from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to the District of Columbia, between the Monocacy viaduct and Point of Rocks—referred to Messrs. Gaithers, Kunkle, and Ely,

Mr. Ely reported a bill to incorporate the Baltimore and Elysville Railroad Company.

Bills Passed.—To correct errors in the transcript of records of removed criminal cases. Amendatory of the charter of the Swant Coal Company.—Adjourned.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 5, 1853.

SENATE.

Mr. Kunkle presented a memorial of Wm. J. Ross and 104 other citizens of Frederick county, for the reduction of State taxes.

On motion of Mr. Ely, it was entered on the journal that the absence of Mr. Gaither during the first month of the session, was in consequence of severe and protracted illness, which confined him to his home in Montgomery county. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Mr. Crout presented a petition of sundry citizens of Carroll county for the repeal of so much of the small note law as relates to the banks of this State. Mr. Smyth, of the widows and heirs of Jacob Raymond, deceased, for the division of the real estate of said deceased.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the daily hour of meeting was fixed at 11 o'clock

Mr. Lankford obtained leave to report a bill for a public ferry over the Nanticoke river at Sharpstown. Mr. Morgan, to protect the breed of fish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Mr. Brodwater, to enlarge the powers of the County Commissioners in this State.

Mr. Flemming reported a bill for the regulation, government and disposition of the free colored population of this State. Mr. Dent, to apply the mechanics' lien law to persons building and furnishing materials for vessels.

A resolution relative to the return of the muster rolls of the troops of this State in the war of 1812, was received from the Senate, and on motion of Mr. Davis, the rules was suspended. Said resolution was read a second time and passed. Adjourned

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 7, 1853

SENATE.

On motion of Mr. Kunkle, a message was sent to the House, proposing to go into an election for Treasurer on Thursday at one o'clock, and nominating Jas S Owens.

Mr. Williams reported a bill to establish another Court for Baltimore city, with chancery jurisdiction. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

The following petitions for the repeal of so much of the small note law of last session as relates to the banks of this State were presented: Mr. Crout, of sundry citizens of Carroll county; Mr. Stewart, of N. C. Brooks and others, Mr. Frazier, of sundry citizens of Washington county. Also, of 40 citizens of Clarksburg, Washington county, against the repeal of the charter of said town. Mr. Slade, of 50 citizens of Baltimore county, in favor of the ten hour system

On motion of Mr. Lankford, the committee on ways and means were directed to inquire into the expediency of applying the revenue from traders and marriage licenses to the common schools of the State.

Mr. Frazier obtained leave to report a bill for the better protection of oysters in this State—referred to Messrs. Frazier, Dent, Carpinter, Franklin, Brodwater, Lankford, Sparks and Roberts.—Adjourned.

MARKETS.

BALTIMORE, February 10, 1853.

Wheat, white	117 to 122
" red	115 to 117
Corn, yellow	60 to 62
" white	56 to 57
Oats	38 to 40
Clover seed	$6.47 to 6,14
Timothy	$ 3,00
Butter in kegs	15 to 17 cts. lb,
" Roll	20 to 22

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

THE public are invited to attend a Temperance Meeting at the Court House in Chestertown on Wednesday next, the 16th inst., at 7 o'clock. Three or four interesting speeches will be made, and the occasion will be one of importance to the cause. A full meeting is desired.

J. N. USILTON, Secretary.

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Valentines.

A large assortment of beautiful VALENTINES, for sale by

PETER BROES,
near Harmony

Feb. 12, 1853.

Quarterly Conference.

IN consequence of the inclemency of the weather, the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church for Kent Circuit, adjourned to meet in the Church in Chester Town, on Saturday next the 19th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M. As business of importance is to be transacted, the members are desired to be punctual in their attendance.

D. COLLINS, Sec.

Feb. 12, 1853.

The Mount Vernon Society OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

THIS SOCIETY will commemorate the 22nd of FEBRUARY at the Court House, in Chester Town, in the following manner:

Prayer—By Rev. C. F. JONES.

Reading Washington's Farewell Address—By PERE I. WICKES.

Address to the Society—By E. A. MOORE, Esq.

☞Exercises to commence at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

The public are respectfully invited to attend.

Feb. 12, 1853.

GREAT SUCCESS OF "LE PETIT OLE BULL" GREAT EXCITEMENT!!!

BY general desire, LE PETIT OLE BULL, only 10 years of age, will give two more Concerts in the Court House, Chester Town, viz:

THIS EVENING and MONDAY next, positively the 1st time he can have the honor of performing here.

Entire change of programme, and at reduced prices.

PROGRAMME:

PART FIRST.

1—Grand Fastasia, Violin, "Le Petit Ole Bull." De Beriots 7th.

2—Ballad. Mr. Goodall. The Fine old English Gentleman.

3—The Rondo in B Minore, of De Beriots 2nd Concerto, performed by "Le Petit Ole Bull,"

4—Scotch Ballad, Mr. Goodall. Sandy and Jenny.

5—Grand Fantasia, of the greatest difficulty, performed on the Violoncello by Mr. Goodall.

(An interval of ten minutes.)

PART SECOND.

1—Solo Violin, 'Le Petit Ole Bull," Yankee Doodle, with brilliant variations.

2—Song, Mr. Goodall. 'The Cavalier.'

3—The celebrated 'Carnival of Venice.' displaying the freaks of a carnival performed by "Le Petit Ole Bull."

4—Comic Song, Mr Goodall, by desire, Wanted a Governess.

5—Ethiopian Melodies, by desire of every body, performed by "Le Petit Ole Bull."

☞Admission 25 cts.—Children 12½ cents.

"Colored people admitted in the gallery."

Le Petit Ole Bull will perform in George Town X Roads on Tuesday evening next; Chesapeake City on Wednesday; Elkton on Thursday & Friday.

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For Sale.



THE HOUSE in Chester Town, occupied by Mr. James Arthur, and formerly the property of Captain Richard Baker. Also the CARRIAGE HOUSE at present occupied by Mr. John Greenwood. For Terms, apply to THOMAS WALKER, at Millington, or to GEORGE VICKERS, Chester Town.

Feb. 12, 1853.

Public Sale.

THE subscriber will sell at PUBLIC SALE, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 16th instant, on Howell's Point near Still Pond X Roads, the balance of his Stock, &c. not previously sold at private sale, consisting of



HORSES, COWS.

STEERS, Ploughs, Cultivators, Carts, 1 Dearborn, &c. &c. Also HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE Blades, and 1 stack Timothy Hay, now at Major Gale's.

Terms:

All sums under $10 cash—all sums above a credit of five months, with approved security.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A M.

W. R. POLK.

Feb 12, '52—tds

New Goods.

Ready Made Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, of good quality, and at reduced prices

PHILIP G. REED.

Worton Heights, Jan. 22, 1853.—

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

IN virtue of a Decree in Equity, the subscriber, as Trustee, will offer at PUBLIC SALE, at the hotel of John McDaniel, in Chester Town, on

SATURDAY,

the 5th day of MARCH, 1853, at 11 o'clock, A. M. all that Property, situated in Chester Town, at the Eastern Corner formed by the intersection of High and Queen Streets, of which Mrs. Christiana Constable, died seized.

The Improvements on which consist of a two story Brick



Dwelling
AND
STORE HOUSE.

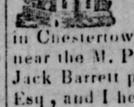
THE TERMS of Sale prescribed by the decree are, that one fourth of the purchase money shall be paid in cash, on the day of sale, and the res due in three equal instalments, at six, twelve and eighteen months, with interest from the day of sale, for which notes, with approved security will be required.

HENRY W. ARCHER,
Trustee.

Feb. 13, 1852—tds

Constable's Sale.

BY virtue of a writ of fi. fa., issued by Wm. S. Lassell, a justice of the peace for Kent, to me directed, at the suit of Saml Perkins, against Jack Barret, I have seized and taken all the interest of he said Jack Barret, in that



HOUSE
AND
LOT OF GROUND

in Chestertown, situate on Cannon st, near the M. P. Church, which the said Jack Barrett purchased of A. W. Sparks, Esq, and I hereby give notice that on

M O N D A Y,

the 6th day of March next, I will offer the same for sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on the premises. WM. W. WEBB,
Const.

Feb. 12, 1852

INFORMATION WANTED.

ANY information relative to the residence of *Virtue* and *Clarissa Ayers*, daughters of John Ayers, who formerly resided on Kent Island, Queen Ann's county, Md. will be thankfully received by their relatives. Persons who know of their whereabouts will confer a favor by addressing the Editor of the "Sentinel," Centreville, Md.

Feb. 5, 1853.

FARM FOR SALE.

THE undersigned will sell at private sale his FARM and PLANTATION, upon which he now resides, situate in the neighborhood of Black's X Roads, and about 2 miles from Harmony and 4½ miles from Chestersville, and convenient to Churches, Schools and Mills. The farm contains

223 *ACRES,*

about 20 acres of prime meadow, and about 25 acres of young thrifty TIMBER of White and Black oak, and Hickory, and the balance cleared land of excellent quality, ⅓ of which is limed—the farm is watered by a never failing stream.



The BUILDINGS consist of a new frame dwelling, with a passage and two rooms on the lower floor, and kitchen; the out buildings are indifferent. He invites the attention of purchasers to this farm, believing they will be pleased with both location and price.

JAMES E. HOWARD.

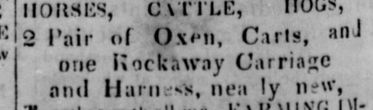
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N. B.—The above farm will be rented the present year, to a suitable tenant.

J. E. H.

VENDUE.

I will sell at public sale on THURSDAY 24th inst., if fair, if not the first fair day thereafter, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on my farm at the head waters of Swan Creek, my entire stock, consisting of



HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS,

2 Pair of Oxen, Carts, and one Rockaway Carriage and Harness, nearly new,

Together with all my FARMING IMPLEMENTS, HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE too tedious to mention.

Immediately after the sale of the above, the FARM will be offered at public sale. ☞Terms made known on day of sale.

J. H. DULANEY.

Feb. 5, 1853.

ALL persons indebted to the Office Kent News are respectfully requested to call and settle. We are in want of paper, etc. and hope our friends will not neglect this notice.

Dec. 4, 1852.