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KENT NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, Md.

Saturday, July 23, 1853.

TAXES.—The County Commissioners have closed the levy for the present year—we learn that the tax will be 59 cents on the $100; last year it was 79 cents.

SECRETARY OF STATE.—John R. Quinn, Esq., has been appointed by Gov. Lowe, Secretary of State, vice Thos. S. O'Neal, resigned.

U. S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR MARYLAND.—Hon. Wm. Fell Giles, of Baltimore city, has been appointed by the President, U. S. District Judge for the District of Maryland, in the place of the late Judge Glenn.

THUNDER STORM.—A violent thunder storm, accompanied with hail, passed near George Town X Roads, on Tuesday morning last. A dwelling belonging to John M. Armstrong, and a carriage house belonging to Edwin Crouch, were entirely blown down. The hail, it is said, has seriously damaged the growing corn in that neighborhood.

The Party Policy of the Administration.

PESIDENT PIERCE has returned to Washington, and the members of the Cabinet who went with him to N. York have returned also. So the Executive government is now full at Washington, though the the report is that the President will shortly make a visit to Old Point, and some of the members of the Cabinet will be apt to make a visit to that or other watering places. This is very well. They, perhaps, need some relaxation from the perplexing duties they have had to perform, in the distribution of offices—for that is all they have done—and no one should object to their going where they may forget the cares of office.

But the Excursions of the President and his Cabinet do not make it out of place to examine into what they have done, and thus to prepare the public mind for what they are likely to do, when they get back to Washington, and are settled down to their work of punishing political opponent and rewarding friends.

We had occasion, the other day, to remark upon the appointment made by President Pierce of the Hon. Wm. J. Brown, of Indiana, to the post of mail agent for Indiana and Illinois. The Washington Union has observed a cautious and prudent silence on the subject. It cannot defend the appointment—it is wise in not attempting to excuse it.—But the editor of the Norfolk Argus, who was a member of Congress in 1849 when this William J. Brown, also then a member, distinguished himself by making secret pledges to Free Soilers, to get himself elected speaker, has been called upon so emphatically to say what he thinks of the appointment, that he must speak. So he does speak, and thus he talks:

The Richmond Whig, always faultfinding, continues to harp on the *malapropis* appointment by the President of Wm. J. Brown, of Indiana, as general mail agent for several of the Northwestern States. That journal is pleased to quote from an editorial article which appeared in our columns in December, 1849, wherein we spoke denunciatory of the duplicity and meanness of this personage, when aspiring to the Speakership of the House of Representatives—Our opinion of the course of this individual, on the occasion referred to, remains unchanged; nor do we take back one tittle of the harshness of language which we indulged in when expressing our honest indignation of his conduct. The President may entertain different notions in respect to this affair, which he has a clear right to do.

Now this is very well—it is certainly complimentary to the President to say that he has a "clear right" to "entertain different notions" in respect to the affair in which Mr. Brown gave evidence of "duplicity and meanness"—we quote the words of the Argus—but then does the editor recollect what he said of the affair at the time? He said that his course made him "*a doomed and convict-man—deserving the contempt and scorn of every honest mind,*"—and so the inference is clear, that if President Pierce does hold "different notions" on the subject, there is something the matter with his mind, or the editor of the Argus is wrong!—that is a matter for the President and him to settle, and we, therefore; pass no opinion on the subject.—But the Argus does not stop with excusing the President for the appointment, on the ground that he may hold different opinions of an affair that deserved "the contempt and scorn of every honest mind;" but it goes on to justify the appointment in this wise:

But concede that Mr. Brown is the abandoned and terrible creature that the *Whig* would have the public to believe he is, and what does it all amount to!—His office is purely a ministerial one—its object is for the detection of all postal depredators, and in this point of view, on the ground assumed by our metropolitan contemporary, his appointment, instead of being a source of complaint, should be one, rather, of approval, as tending to show the sagacity of the President and his knowledge of human nature in carrying out the great principle that you must "set a rogue to catch a rouge."

Are we to understand that this is the principle upon which the President makes his appointments? Every officer of the government, from the President down, is in some way a guardian of the public treasury, and if this principle be recognized as that which controls the appointments, what is the consequence? We will make no application, but as the editor of the Argus is himself one of the officers appointed by President Pierce, we protest that the principle does not in any sense apply to him,—and to carry it out, he ought to be removed. But, then, we are not in favor of that now, and so content ourselves with protesting that his appointment was made in defiance of the principle. The honor is his. In the case of Mr. Brown the principle, as the Argus insists, does apply, and the honor of it, therefore goes to the President. Let him wear it, and win from it all the applause the people may bestow. He will not be envied.—*Balt. Patriot.*

(For the "Kent News.")

MR. EDITOR,—As, I believe, no notice of the late commencement of the Baltimore Female College has yet appeared in your columns, you will confer a favour on the friends of that institution, by inserting the following from the Easton Gazette, which originally appeared in the Baltimore Patriot. Miss Virginia C. Massey, who took the second honour, is a daughter of Rev. Jas. A. Massey of this town, and Miss Mary E. Heighe, daughter of Doctor Heighe, of George Town X Roads:

Baltimore Female College.—The third annual commencement of this flourishing institution took place at the Assembly Rooms last Evening, and was attended by a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen—the spacious saloon being crowded to its utmost capacity. The exercises took place under the immediate superintendence of the President, Prof. N C Brooks, in the following order: Music by the Independent Blues' band; prayer by Rev. Wm. Hamilton; after which the following young ladies read addresses. Miss Ann Eliza Gallup, of Baltimore; Miss Henrietta Maria A Grantham, of Jefferson county, Va; Miss Isabella Hart Baltimore; Miss Mary Ellen Heighe, Kent county; Miss Susannah E. Holmes, Jackson, Miss; Miss Anna Eliza Laws, Church Creek, Md.; Miss Benana M. Lee, Baltimore; Miss Virginia Caroline Massey, Chester Town, Md.; Miss Virginia Elizabeth Starlings, Anne Arundel county; Miss Virginia E. Randolph, Baltimore; Miss Alverda Trust, Baltimore—all of whom acquitted themselves in the most creditable manner.

The degrees were then conferred upon the above named graduates of the College. The first honors, consisting of gold medals, were then conferred upon Miss Virginia E. Randolph and Miss Susanah E. Holmes, for equal eminence in the classics; the second honor, a silver medal, upon Miss Virginia C Massey, for eminence in mathematics and sciences; the third honor, silver medal, upon Miss Isabel Hart, for eminence in belles-lettres; and the fourth honor, silver medal, upon Miss Mary E. Heighe, for exemplary deportment. The premiums were then awarded to the different classes, and after benediction, the audience were dismissed. The exercises were interspersed at intervals by choice pieces of music from the band. The college, under the charge of its talented President and efficient assistants, is in a more prosperous condition than ever, and affords the highest satisfaction to its patrons as an institution of learning. It will commence the next scholastic year under the most favorable auspices.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.—On the 10th inst., the dwelling of Mr. Holliday Voss, at Denton, Md., was struck by lightning, and considerably injured. Bascomb Willis, son of Mr. Wm. Willis, who was in a house in the vicinity, was knocked down but not seriously hurt, and Mrs. Susan Collison, wife of Mr. Eli Collison, who resides several hundred yards from the house of Mr. Voss, was also prostrated by the same shock, and rendered insensible for several hours.

Whig Meeting.

At a large and influential meeting of the Whigs of Kent county, convened at the Court House, on the 19th inst, Hon. J. B. Ricaud was called to the Chair and G Jeff. Vickers appointed Secretary. The object of the meeting being stated by the Chair, on motion of G. W. Spencer, Esq., it was resolved that it be recommended to the voters of the different districts, to meet in said districts on Saturday the 17th day of September next, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and select in such a manner as the districts may determine, a committee of 10 from each of said districts, who shall meet in general convention in Chestertown on the following Tuesday, at 10 o'clock, A. M, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the respective county officers to be voted for in November next. Before the question was taken on the the above resolution, G. Jeff. Vickers offered the following as a substitute:

"*Resolved*, That all district candidates shall be selected by the popular vote of each district in which they reside, and that all county officers be chosen by the popular vote of the whole county," which was determined in the negative.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Kent News

When, on motion, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

J. B. RICAUD, Chair.

G. JEFF. VICKERS, Sec'y.

THE BRIDGEPORT BANK DEFRAUDED BY SHARPERS—ALL IS NOT GOLD THAT GLITTERS—SWINDLE WITH CALIFORNIA QUARTZ.—For several weeks past, two shrewd individuals have been travelling through the principal places of New Jersey and Connecticut, exhibiting a "specimen lump" of quartz, which they said they dug by themselves from the gold mines of California. To all outward appearance the lump contained pure gold; worth from $20,000 to $30,000, and therefore was considered quite a curiosity by those who saw it, enclosed in a glass case, with glaring labels setting forth its weight, &c. The rogues made several attempts to perpetrate a swindle in this city with their 'treasure,' but failing of success, they wended their way to the city of Bridgeport, where the gold in question was prominently exhibited in the show window of a broker's office, and attracted no little attention from the citizens as they passed and repassed.

One of the parties, named George H Duncan, finally managed to get acquainted with the officers of the Bridgeport Bank, and succeeded in obtaining a loan of $30 for a few hours. Subsequently Duncan had an interview with others connected with the same bank and represented that himself and partner desired to enter extensively into the manufacture of shoulder braces. For this purpose, the above individual said they would require an additional capital of $1200, and offered to deposite the 'lump' as security for the loan of the amount for only a few days. The agreement was assented to by the leading officers of the bank, and a certified check was handed to Duncan, payable at the Bank of New York, in Wall street, with which they started for this city, in the express train. The following day the gold was tested, in consequence of the Cashier suspecting that all was not gold that glittered. An examination was made, and, to the astonishment of the dupes, the interior of the massive lump was found to be of lead.

MELANCHOLY END OF NEARLY A WHOLE FAMILY.—By the railroad collision at Chicago, last April, an unknown man, a woman and two boys were killed, and an infant child, uninjured, was taken from the ruins. The dead bodies were buried, and their graves marked "unknown" and the infant taken in charge by a respectable family in Chicago. A few days ago, two young men and a young lady arrived there, and soon ascertained that the unfortunate unknown persons were their father, mother and brothers. The name of the family was Kellogg, and they were from New York, on their way to Minnesota, where the two brothers were residing at the time. The infant, too, was recognized as their little sister Another brother, aged 17, being still missing, the grave of another of the victims of the accident, (who when buried was supposed to be a Mr. Misner) was opened and instantly recognized as the lost one.—This is the saddest tale of all connected with this memorable catastrophe.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE EXHIBITION continues to be in an uproar with the exertions of the workmen to unpack and arrange the goods. The south nave of the building is crowded with unopened boxes, it being thus far only used for that purpose. From it large numbers of packages are daily sent to other parts of the building, to be opened and their contents arranged, and the places of these are constantly supplied by fresh packages arriving. Thus far Thorwalsden's group of statuary, representing the Saviour and his Apostles, attracts more admiration than any other portion of the exhibition; and next to it, perhaps, is Kiss's bronze statuary, the Amazon on horseback, attacked by a lion. The machine arcade is rapidly advancing towards completion.

☞"Mother, mother, here's Zeke fretting the baby. Make him cry, Zeke then mother will give him some sugar and I'll take it away from him, then he'll squall and mother will give him some more, and you can take that, and then we will both have some."

MARKETS.

July 22, 1853.

Wheat, white	1 15 to 1 20	bsh.
" red	1 10 " 1 14	"
Corn, yellow	66 " 68	"
" white	65 " 66	"
Oats	38 to 40	"
Rye	72 to 74	"

☞W. N. E. WICKES continues to act as agent for E. M. Fowler to exchange Kersey, Yarn &c., for wool—Samples of the Kersey are now at his store for inspection. Wool will be bought at the highest rates. jun 18

Bible Agent and Colporteur.

The Managers of the Bible Society o Kent county have appointed the Rev J. A. Asey, an Agent and Colporteur, to explore Kent County, to sell and distribute Bibles and Testaments; and to make collections for the support of the cause. The Managers respectfully solicit the kind reception of their agent, and such contributions, hopitalities and facilities as may be in the power of the citizens to bestow. The moral improvements of the people, and the dessemination of the Bible, are the great objects of the friends of the Bible. His effort commends itself to the best feelings and interests of people, and we hope the Colporteur will be liberally sustained.

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MARRIED.

On Tuesday 19th inst., by Rev. Mr Massey, Mr. John T. Bramble to Miss Henrietta M. Hartley; both of Kent county. (Baltimore Sun please copy.)

On the same day, by Rev. Mr. Asey, Mr. Henry L. Robinson to Miss Sarah E. Newnam; all of Kent county.

DIED.

At Millington, on the 21st inst., Mr. Spencer Merritt.

In Easton, on the 18th inst., Mr. John Lynch, stage driver, in the 32nd year of his age.

In Millington, Kent Co., Md., on the 16th of June last, after a short but painful illness, Mary Elizabeth Quimbey, wife of Thomas R. Quimbey and daughter of William A. & Elizabeth Musgrove, of Newark Del., in the 25th year of her age, leaving a family and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn their irreparable loss.

For several years past the deceased has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, and by her upright walk, and guarded conversation, proved herself, not only an ornament to the community in which she lived, but also to the Church of GOD.

Amidst all her dealings she ever evinced that spirit which should characterize an humble follower of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. As a wife she was kind and affectionate—ever ready and willing to offer a word of consolation to the companion of her bosom. As a mother she was indulgent and forbearing, seldom would she grow impatient with those whom GOD had committed to her trust. As a daughter, she was affectionate and kind, and as a sister and friend she was faithful and true. But alas! she is gone, and how sad the thought that we will never meet with her again on earth—that we shall never list to her sweet and enchanting voice. No! it is now hushed in death; and her form has been committed to the cold silent grave, there to moulder back to its mother dust. But we do not mourn as those without hope, for we know that she is now free from trouble—that sickness, sorrow, pain, nor death can never more disturb her, therefore we'll be resigned and say; "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the LORD"

Then fare thee well, may we bid thee adieu
Till we meet thee on that happy shore
Where nothing can enter to disturb our peace,
And parting is heard of no more.

FRANKLIN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

THIS old and solid Company, with a surplus fund of $1,315,534 invested to pay losses, will make Insurance against fire, on Dwellings, Stores, and Farm Houses, also on Furniture and Stocks of Goods. Liberal settlements, and prompt payments, have characterized the operations of this Company.

Address GEORGE CAREY, Agent, Baltimore, Md

July 23, 1853.

T. McC FFREY,

MARBLE CUTTER,

EAST PRATT STREET,

BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND ALBEMARLE,

BALTIMORE, MD.



MONUMENTS, TOMB & GRAVE STONES, of every description, done in the neatest style, and on the most reasonable terms. All orders thankfully received, and punctually attended to. All work forwarded free of charge.

For further particulars see Editor Kent News.

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REFINED MACHINE OIL and Lamp Oil, for sale by

T. W. ELIASON.

July 23, 1853.

CAMP MEETING.

THE Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church for Kent Circuit, having resolved to hold a Camp Meeting in the woods of Josiah Ringgold, Esq., about 3½ miles from Chestertown, commencing on *Thursday the 11th day of August next*, a cordial invitation to encamp is hereby tendered to all persons favorable to such meetings.

Persons proposing to visit this meeting are notified that the Bread tent will not be opened on the Sabbath, and that traffic on that day will be strictly prohibited. It is believed that arrangements can be made to prevent any inconvenience from growing out of this regulation, and it is hoped that our friends will cheerfully acquiesce in its propriety.

In behalf of the Quarterly Conference.

JNO. J. MURRAY, Ch'n.

DANIEL COLLINS, Sec'y.

July 23, 1853.

CORNER STONE.

THE Methodist Episcopal Church in Still Pond, being about to tear down their old house of worship and erect a larger and better one, intend to hold the last service in the old house at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Sabbath, July 31st. Bishop Scott and other ministers are expected to officiate on the occasion. The usual collection on such occasions will be taken up, to aid in the erection of the new church. Although the old building will still be standing, a portion of the wall of the new house will be sufficiently advanced for the ceremony of depositing documents in the Corner Stone then to take place, which may be expected to be attended to at the close of the services.

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Lumber Yard.

BOARDS, RAILS, SCANTLING, SHINGLES, &c. &c.

A FULL ASSORTMENT of White Pine and Hemlock Boards, Plank, and Rails; White Pine and Hemlock Flooring (some of it suitable for barn and granary floors, *very low priced*) of 1, 1¼, 1½, and 2 inch thickness and full lengths—Siding or ½ inch Weather-Boarding, Joists, Studding, Cypress Shingles, &c., &c., now on hand and for sale on very accommodating terms, by

CHAS. H WICKES.

☞Some of this Lumber is thoroughly seasoned and perfectly dry.

July 23, 1853.

On the Equity side of the Circuit Court for Kent County.

JULY 13TH, 1853.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by B. C Wickes, Trustee for the sale of the real estate of Matthew Wickes deceased be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the first day of October next; Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed on the Eastern Shore of Maryland once in each of three successive weeks before the first day of September next.

The report states the amount of Sales to be $221.

J. F. GORDON, Clk.

True copy, Test,

J. F. GORDON, Clk.

July 23, 1853

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

THE Public are notified that my Books as Collector are now in sufficient readiness to enable me to receive Taxes for the present year. It is as important to those having claims against the county, as it is desirable to me, as a public officer, that public dues should be promptly paid. It is also the the interest of all debtors, that speedy payment be made, as they not only avoid the tax of interest on their accounts, but actually secure a deduction or discount on the State Tax. If paid by the 1st of September, the discount is five per centum—by the first of October, four per centum, and by the first of November, three per centum. No discount after the last period named

The Law is very strict and onerous on the Collector. He is subjected to a Tax of 6 per cent. after a certain period and to a larger one afterwards. He is required to make quarterly payments, and is subjected to penalties on all sides for the non performance of duty. Under these circumstances, indulgencies cannot be given or expected. To facilitate the collections, I have procured the services of three gentlemen who will attend to the collections in the several election districts, viz:—John N. McDaniel, Esq., of the first or Lower District—Charles T. Lusby Esq., for the second or Middle District, and John T. Hurtt, Esq., for the third or Upper District. These gentlemen are invested with full authority to make collections, and to enforce the same by all the power the Law vests in the Collector, without reference to me. I cannot in any any case interfere with their lawful proceedings. They are bound to me for a strict performance of duty, and as I shall hold them to the punctual and faithful discharge that duty I have armed them with all the power I possess to aid in their fulfillment.

It will be a source of pleasure to me, to find that in no case will coercive measures be necessary, but that full and prompt payments will characterize the collections of the present year.

JAMES MANSFIELD,
Collector Kent Co.

July 23, 1853.—8w.

Valuable Farm FOR SALE.

THE subscriber will sell at private sale, his FARM & PLANTATION, about one mile from Chester Town, and containing

481 *ACRES.*

This Farm lies beautifully on Chester River and is one of the best locations in the county. It is divided into nine fields, six of which is well watered, and enclosed by good fencing. There has been 25 600 bushels of lime put upon the premises within the last few years. The land is of fine quality.



The improvements consist of TWO BRICK DWELLINGS, and a frame Dwelling upon the lower part of the farm; and the new road from Chestertown to Millington divides the farm in half, and there could easily be made two farms with a DWELLING upon each. The said dwellings are each one and a half stories high, and to one of them are attached a Kitchen and Bake House, a Wash and Smoke House, 18 by 16 feet, a large Barn, 45 by 50 feet, (nearly new) together with Stables, Poultry Houses, &c., &c.



There is a sufficiency of

WOOD and Timber



upon the premises for the purposes of the farm. For further particulars address JOSEPH GOUFF.

Chestertown, Md., July 23, 1853.

Farm *FOR SALE.*

A FARM situated in Broad Neck, Kent County, Maryland, and lying on the navigable waters of Langford's Bay, containing

110 ACRES,

MORE OR LESS.



The land is improved, and the BUILDINGS in excellent condition. FISH, OYSTERS, &c., may be found in abundance, near the premises; FRUIT of the best kind may also be had.

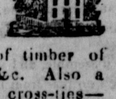
This is a beautiful water situation, and the purchaser could procure more land, adjoining, if the farm be too small. For terms, &c., address the Editor Kent News, or

JACOB G. MASLIN.

Chestertown, July 23, 1853.

FARM FOR SALE

537 ACRES on the bay; there are 60 acres cleared, with a large fine BRICK DWELLING, and necessary out buildings—the balance, 477 acres, are heavily TIMBERED, consisting of white oak, pine, chesnut, and most kinds of timber of the finest size for plank, &c. Also a large quantity suitable for cross-ties—there is at least 20,000 cords of pine wood. Price $5,000, half cash, balance in two and three years.



FARM of 303½ ACRES on the salt water, good land handsomely situated, large deposit of oyster shells, plenty of wood for the use of the Farm.—Price, $4,000 cash.

Farm on the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad, 7½ miles from the city, containing 120 acres, good DWELLING, large Barn and necessary out buildings. The land is good, and has all been limed; there are springs of water in every field, and a running stream through the place. Price $10,000, one third, balance to suit purchaser.



FARM of 100 Acres on the Railroad, good Dwelling and out houses, well enclosed, with an orchard of peaches apples, and all kinds of fruit, grapes, &c. 1,100 trees will be sold for $1,500.



FARM of 125 acres, one of 74 acres, one of 83 acres, one of 87 acres, one of 417 acres, one of 265 acres, together with many other Farms, all near the city.

LOTS to lease on Lombard, Ramsey, and Fremont streets. GROUND RENTS for sale.

R. W. RASIN,

Corner Fayette and Park sts., Balt.

July 23, 1853

Orphans' Court of Kent Co.

JULY 19, 1853.

ORDERED, by the Orphans' Court of Kent county, that the sale of the real estate of Mary Ann Bell, late of Kent county deceased, made and reported by George Vickers, Executor of the last Will and Testament of the said Mary Ann Bell, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the first day of October next, provided a copy of this order be published in some newspaper printed and published on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, once a week for three successive weeks before the first day of September next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1928.56

GEORGE S. HOLLYDAY,
JOHN McDANIEL,
GEORGE W. SPENCER.

True copy, Test;

JACOB FISHER, Reg of Wills.

July 23, 1853.—4w