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THE KENT NEWS

CHESTER TOWN, Md.

Saturday Morning, January 14, 1854.

☞The illness of the Editor he hopes will be ample apology for all deficiencies in this issue of the 'News.'

THANKS.—J. F. Yearley, Esq., of the House of Delegates, will accept our thanks for a copy of the Comptroller's Report; also for a copy of the Governor's Message.

INAUGURATION OF GOV. LIGON.—On Wednesday last the Hon. Thomas W. Ligon was formally installed Governor of the State of Maryland. A large concourse of people had assembled to witness the ceremony, and hear the inaugural address of the new Governor. He has been received at the seat of Government with great cordiality, and enters upon the duties of his office under high and favorable auspices.

Wentworth Seminary.

We took occasion a few weeks since, to call the attention of our citizens to the suffering poor in our community. Among those, who have nobly replied to our call, are the Young Ladies attached to this institution. They are now busily engaged in preparing a concert or a series of concerts for the relief of distressed humanity. In this same manner, last year, they raised an amount of money, which judiciously applied applied by a committee of ladies, afforded substantial aid to many destitute persons. Of the talents and acquirments of these young ladies in providing an intellectual repast, it is not necessary to speak. Their recent exhition is the theme of every tongue. The programme of the pieces will be new. Besides every good citizen should encourage this early development of charitable ardour in the young.

The Governor's Message.

The last annual Message of Governor Lowe was submitted to the Legislature on Saturday last, that body having effected an organization, after an initial process, we trust, equally satisfactory to all parties.

The message opens with a notice of the prosperity and happiness which is now enjoyed by the whole country, and the profound gratitude to Divine Providence, which it must awaken in the breasts of every one.

The attention of the Legislature is called to the present criminal laws, and the necessity of their modification or change in some important respects pointed out.

The affairs of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal are stated with some minuteness, and the hope is encouraged, from its present condition and prospects, that the Company will soon be able to resume and continue to pay regularly the interest on its bonds.

An interesting account of the business and condition of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad is next given, and some important changes, which have been proposed in the present relation the State holds to the company as a stockholder, reviewed.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is then noticed in terms of high and just commendation, and the fullest confidence in its success shown to be a demonstration from what it has done already. The Washington branch of the road is also shown to be in a highly prosperous condition.

The Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal Company has been doing an increased business in the past year, and and it is expected will hereafter punctually pay the interest due the State on the bonds it issued to make the canal.

The revenue of the State from direct and indirect taxes has been very large, and this too notwithstanding the reduction in the direct tax which was made by the Legislature at its last session. The sinking fund has increased nearly two hundred thousand dollars in the year, and now amounts to a little over three millions of dollars.

The receipts from the stamp tax amounts to $65,0 55.58, of which $47-926.40 was paid in the city of Baltimore. The Governor stigmatizes this tax as an "onerous and unjust" levy on the credit and commercial energies of the city of Baltimore, and he recommends its repeal.

The message then notices the affairs of the Penitentiary, House of Refuge, and the proposed erection of a State Hospital for the Insane.

A preposition has been made by France to grant to American citizens resident in that country, the right to hold real estate there, if the reciprocal right is granted by the States of the Union; and the attention of the Legislature is called to it.

In the closing paragraph, the Governor alludes to his retirement from public office, acknowledges the honor which has been conferred upon him, and invokes Divine Providence in behalf of her prosperity.

For the News.

"Shut the Door."

MR. EDITOR:

How unpleasant the utterance of such words—how unnecessary they should be, and yet how common! In private houses, public offices, and places of business, these words are in daily and hourly use. A room is comfortable—the inmates pleasantly situated, when lo! the door is opened—a comer omits to shut it, the cold air rushes in and every one is made temporarially uncomfortable. The door is shut, when in a few minutes another arrival is announced by a current of fresh air and an open door! "Shut the door" becomes a household word, and seems almost as natural as "Dinner is ready," or "Tea is waiting." A servant with a message to her mistress, or to make an inquiry as to some domestic concern, is sure to open wide the door, and keep it so till her business is ended, or the voice of the mistress is heard—"Shut the door!" The master of the house is wanted—some one desires to see him, and the messenger is sent to leave wide the open door to admit a free passage out. Some one calls toborrow an article of husbandry, a book or newspaper, and is determined to admit the pure cold air while his message is in delivery. Even Church doors areleft unclosed. Two or three gentlemeu come in with heavy step, and seem to forget they have left a door behind them. Some polite one acts as doorkeeper, when half a dozen ladies will march in, throwing open wide the door, leaving it to some kind gentleman to show his gallantry by closing it. In short, we are a door-opening—a door-neglecting people, while the duty of a few is a door shutting business.

In winter, when good fires and closed doors are necessary to the comfortable condition of a house and the comfort of its inmates, doors should be closed immediately by those who open them.—The habit of leaving open doors and of crying out "Shut the door," are not laudable ones, and if door opener would only think for a moment, that the pleasure of their company is abated by the practice of not shutting them, they would correct it. The habit is a bad one and should not be indulged. No season is better than the present for correcting it. A little reflection—a little attention, and the jarring sound will cease to be heard of "Shut the door," almost as disagreeable to some as three duns a day six weeks before harvest,and a Note in Bank to be taken up in 48 hours. The conclusion, therefore, of the whole matter is,

"SHUT THE DOOR."

Temperance Convention.

SATURDAY, January 7, 1854.

A number of the friends of Temperance met in Chester Town on this day, pursuant to notice, whereupon Thomas Baker was called to the chair and Geo. Vickers appointed Secretary.

The meeting appointed the following persons to attend the Maine Law Convention to be held in Annapolis on the 19th January, 1854:

Rev. J. A. Massey, George Gale,
Thomas Baker, Wm. Armstrong,

with power to fill up vacancies.

THOMAS BAKER, Chair.
GEORGE VICKERS, Secretary.

U. S. SENATOR FROM KENTUCKY.—The Whig caucus of the Kentuck," Legislature has re-nominated that "*old officehunker*," John J. Crittenden, for the Senate of the United States! How very singular, that his party should wish to elevate him again to an office which he has so repeatedly enjoyed, especially as there must be many younger and more aspiring gentlemen coveting the same dignity! Or is the Whig party of Kentucky solicitous to preserve at once their recognition of the value of past services and the respect due to themselves in the choice of their ablest man to uphold National Whig principles? Are there no innovators there to propound the captious doctrine of "rotation in office," and to forswear a man because he "has done the State some service?" Kentuckians are behind the times.—*Baltimore Patriot.*

Massachussetts Legislature.

BOSTON, Jan. 9.—Eighteen out of the nineteen vacancies in the Senate were filled to-day by the election of the whig candidates, so that the Senate, stands 29 whigs, 8 coalition, and 1 democrat. A Governor and Lieut. Governor will be elected by the Legislature to-morrow.

The city election to-day resulted in the choice of Dr. Smith, Native American Whig, as Mayo

The Soule Duels.

The English papers contain the following account of the Soule duels:

"A duel has taken place between the Marquis de Turgot,the French ambassador, and Mr. Soule, the American Minister at Madrid. It appears that another duel had previously taken place between the Duke of Alba and Mr. Soule Jr ,son of the Minister, arising out of a quarrel which took place at the French ambassador's ball. The Duke of Alba was overheard by Mr. Soule speaking disparagingly of the dress of Madame Soule whom he compare to Mary of Burgundy. The parties fought with small swords—The affair lasted three quarters of an hour At length Mr. Soule fell; when the Duke, with the point of his sword to his breast, forced his opponent to retract. It appears that the duel between the Marquis de Turgot and Mr. Soule, sr , originated in the same affair; so that the Duke of Alba, by one joke about an American lady's style of dress, has contrived to get up two duels."

A letter from Madrid of Dec. 16, has the following different account of the affair of young Soule:

"A duel took place yesterday, at 4 P M. near the Pardo between the Duke of Alba and Mr. Soule, Jr., son of the U States Envoy at this Court. The parties fought with swords,fortunately without either being wounded, (as far as I can learn,) and it ended in the seconds drawing up a minute of the proceedings as having been conducted in a manner satisfactory to the honor and reputation of both parties It was also agreed, I am told, that the letters which have passed between them, should be mutually withdrawn."

The San Francisco.

The vessels already sent out in search of this steamer are the steamships Alabama and Union, and Revenue Cutter Washington, from New York; the Revenue Cutter Forward and two pilot boats from Philadelphia; the sloop of war Decatur, from Boston, and Revenue Cutter Jefferson Davis, from Charleston, and one each from New London, Wilmington, and Boston. They will take different directions to reach one point—Bermuda; and, if unsuccessful on arriving at that place, they will take different directions homeward, and by this arrangement they can scarcely fail in falling in with the disabled steamer. It is said the Government has chartered the steamship Union for 15 days, at a cost of $25,000.

It appears from a narrative of the mate of the brig Napoleon, Cap. Strout,which spoke the disabled steamer on the 26th ult.that the captain of the latter informed Capt. Strout that he was disabled on the 23d. He also states that the Napoleon was within 50 or 60 yards of the steamer; he saw nothing like serious damage being done to her; and there seemed to be no fear among any of the people on deck, and those amidships, some 4 or 5 in number, continued their work and appeared to pay little heed to the approach of the Napoleon. From these facts, renewed confidence may be entertained that all on board are safe, and that in a few days we shall have the pleasure of announcing the fact.

The Bedini Excitement at Wheeling.

It appears the following, in hand-bill form, posted up through the city on Saturday morning, gave rise to the excitement in that city concerning the Nuncio:

'*Freemen. Arouse.*—Bedini, the butcher of Italian patriots, the tyrant of Italy, is in our midst—he is in this city—aye a guest of the Catholic Bishop He is on a mission through our Union as a kind of papal ambassador, and should nowhere be tolerated by American freemen, as he is not worthy to breathe the the free air of this country, yet he is feted everywhere by the Jesuits, to the great annoyance of the free American citizens.

"*Americans!* citizens of the greatest and most liberal Republic on earth, do not disgrace your reputation by tolerating a monster like this Bedini in your midst. Do not shelter one who has murdered the patriots of Italy. Give us your co-operation and help us to destroy the secret plans of this Roman missionary; the blood of the martyrs of freedom, the tears of widows and orphans, the poor, down-trodden people of Italy cry for revenge! Let them have it—drive this monster back to his bloody master that sends him. Come one, come all, and let the cry be heard: DOWN WITH BEDINI!"

Destructive Fire.

METROPOLITAN HALL IN RUINS.

About 1 o'clock on Monday morning, flames were seen issuing from Metropolitan Hall, New York, and in the course of two hours that immense edifice, together with the new hotel known as the La Farge House, was in ruins.

Nezt to the St. Nicholas it probably cost more to contruct the La Farge House than any other hotel in the city. The front of it was built of marble, has just been finished, and was to have been opened for the reception of the public the first of next month.

No other buildings were burnt other than the La Farge House and Metropolitan Hall. The roof of a frame building on Mercer street was crushed in by the falling of the rear wall of the Hotel, and several other buildings were scorched. Nothing but the walls of the hotel were left, which were levelled by the firemen. The hotel was leased by C. Wright, and furnished entire. Nearly all the furniture was burnt or otherwise destroyed. The fire originated in Metropolitan Hall, where Jullien was preparing for a grand dress ball. The loss immense.

NEWS ITEMS.

More Fillibustering Expedltions—It is stated in a Panama paper, brought by the Illinois, that news received from California reports another Flores expedition as being organized, which will arrive at Panama in detachments, and make that city its starting point. Mr. Wright the proprietor of the Central American Steam Line, is said to be one of the patrons of the expedition, and his steamer, the Goliah, was to bring the first party of 200 men. The Panameno calls on the Governor and the Consul of the United States and Ecuador to prevent the expeditionists from carrying out their designs against a nation at peace with New Grenada.

☞THE BEDINI EXCITEMENT at Cincinnati continues to rage fiercely. The dispute about the late riot has caused the Mayor to send in a message to the city council defending the course of the police. A town meeting has been held to give vent to the popular indignation against the latter. Resolutions were passed denouncing the conduct of the police as a great outrage upon the rights of citizens. Bedini is now in Washington.

☞The Legislature of Maine convened at Augusta on Wednesday. The House was organized by the choice of Noah Smith, Jr, whig, for speaker, and Mr. Perry for clerk. In the Senate, the officers were divided between the whigs and Morrill, democrats. The latter, it is said, have formed a coalition in both houses with the whigs for all the officers from U. S. Senator down to door-keeper.

☞George Higginbotham, of Raleigh county, Va., has been arrested on the charge of murdering his wife, to whom he was married but a few weeks ago.—She was possessed of some 3,000 or $4,-000, and, it is alleged, that in order to secure it for himself. he administered a dose of poison to her on Christmas day.

☞It appears from the assessment of the property of Maryland for last year that its whole value was $261,443.515, showing an increase over the assessment of 1841 of $64,192,515, being nearly 33 per cent. advance on that valuation.—This must be highly gratifying to every Marylander.

☞The *Washiagton National Monument* contributions, received at the office in Washington, D. C., from the 2d of December to the 4th of January, amounted to $1 761 95, and the expenditures during the same period to $2,-152 56.

☞The Hon. Henry Muhlenberg, a member of the House of Representatives from the Berks co (Pa.) district died in Washington on Monday night, after an illness which confined him to his bed for nearly five weeks.

☞The American ship Constitution was passed at sea, on the 1st inst., in lat. 38 18 lon. 70 37 full of water and abandoned. Her masts were painted white.

☞The whole number of emigrants arrived at Quebec from Europe, during the year 1853, was 36,176 against 39,176 previous year.

☞Thos. E. Martin, propietor of the Annapolis Gazette has associated with him William O. Conway in the editorial conduct of the paper.

☞A Post Office has been established at Farmington, Cecil county Md., and John W. Caldwell appointed postmaster.

☞A canal boat lying in the basin at Lynchburg (Va.) was destroyed by fire last week, and one of the hands named John Porter, burnt to death.

☞Ex-Gov. A. G BROWN has been nominated by the democratic Legislative caucus of Mississippi for the U. S. Senate.

☞The tobacco house of A. R. Fontaine, of Henrico co., Va., with his entire crop of tobacco, was destroyed by fire last week.

☞During 1853 there were 266 disasters on the Lakes, involving the loss of 81 lives and $874,143 worth of property.

☞The Legislature of Massachussetts on the 10th inst., elected Mr. Washburn whig, Governor, and Mr. Plunkett, Lieut. Governor

☞*Gen James Bankhead* is to succeed General Wool as commander of the Eastern Division of the Army.

☞The post office at Denton, Md., was broken open and robbed on Thursday night last, of about $20.

☞The total loss by fires in New York of the last three months $4,840,-000; insurance $4,730,000.

A San Francisco paper of Dec 16, has the following:

Probable Capture of Canton.—A report was current yesterday, said to have been derived from some of the passengers who arrived in the Mermaid, to the effect that at the latest advices from that city it was anticipated by one of the best informed foreign residents, among them Mr. Parker, the veteran Chinese missionary—that the place would be in the hands of the revolutionists within three days.

The Methodist Church Property.—It is stated that an arrangement of the matter between the division of the Methodist Church has been settled so far as the "Chartered Fund" in Philadelphia is concerned; so that the only point of litigation now left open is the "Cincinnati Book Agency." The amount to be paid to the South by the trustees of the Chartered Fund is $20,000.

Baltimore Grain Market.

Baltimore, January 11, 1851.

Wheat, white	1 70 to 175	bsh.	
" red	1 60 " 1 63	"	
Corn white	63 " 65	"	
" yellow	68	"	
Oats	46	"	
Rye	$1	"	

Chester Town Price Current.

Chester Town, Jan. 14, '51.

Turkeys—10 cts. per lb.
Geese—7 do
Ducks—25 to 31 per pair.
Wild do. —25 to 75 do
Butter—25 cts. lb.
Eggs—12½ doz.
Potatoes—$1 bush.
Dried Peaches—$1 25 bush.
Corn Meal—75 do
Buckwheat—3 cts. lb.
Beef—5 a 6 cts. by qr.
Hides—4½ cts. lb.

MARRIED.

On the 3rd inst., by Rev. James A Massey, Mr. HYLAND SMITH to Miss EMILY THOMAS—both of this county.

DIED.

In this place, on Sunday evening last, after a painful illness, Miss ELIZABETH FOWLER.

THE OSIRIS.



On and after Monday, January 2d, the steamer Osiris, Capt. J. H. Kirwan, will leave Light street wharf, foot of Conway street, every Monday and Thursday morning,at 7 o'clock, for Kent Island, Corsica and Chester Town, returning same day. Also, every Tuesday and Friday morning, at 7 o'clock, for Cambridge, Oxford and Easton, returning the following days, leaving Easton at 7 o'clockk A. M.

The Hugh Jenkins will be withdrawn for a few days after the 1st of January.

WM. J. BRYSON, Agent.

Jan 14, 1854.

☞LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office at Chestertown, 31st December, 1853.

Crew Dan'l	Parsons Debby Ann
Carter George	Pennington Mary J.
Coey Rebecca	Perkins Wm P
Covey Joshua	Reason Solomon
Dyott Mary R	Rich Rev James W
Edwards Capt	Reason Joseph
Earle Mr E S	Shriver John
Faulkner Wm H.	Stokes Peter 3
Frailey J C	Smithe Sam'l W.
Gooding James	Smith James
Graves Capt John	Skinner Zebulon
Gooding Sarah W	Sheets George J
Hendrix Henry	Taylor Naomi
Hynson John	Thomas Elizabeth
Hall Sophia	Thomas Mrs Mary
Jones Regina H	Victor Henry J
Lewis Jarvis	Ward Thos, (foreign)
Merritt Benj. G	Wrede John do
Meafelny John	Webb Wm
Muich James	Wood Aug P.
Moore J L	Wright Hannah
Moore Thos R	Wells John S
Meredith Wm	Wickes Wm
Newell Mary E	

J. L. STAM, P. M.

Jan 7, 1854.

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

JANUARY 6th 1853.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by George Vickers, Trustee for the sale of the real estate of William Johnson (In.) deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shewn on or before the Tenth day of March next; provided that 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 Tenth day of February next.

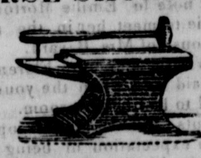
The report states the amount of sales to be $160 00

By order JAS. F. GORDON, Clk.

Jan. 7, 1854.

Blacksmithing.

HORSE SHOEING, &c.



THE undersigned have commenced business in Chestertown, at the shop recently occupied by Tomlinson & Wise, where they always may be found ready to do all kinds of work in their line.—Horse Shoeing done in the best manner.

SAM'L TOMLINSON,
BENJ. HOWARD.

Jan. 7, 1854.

Notice.

THE books of the late firm of A. M. Russell & Co., are placed in the hands of Wm. H. Hamilton, Esq., and we hope those indebted will give early attention to this notice.

A. M. RUSSELL,
JAS. W. PHILLIPS.

N. B.—A. M. Russell still continues to carry on the Saddle and Harness Business at the old stand.

A. M. RUSSELL.

Dec. 24, 1853.

NOTICE.

THE subscribers wants an active, tively boy, about 16 years old, to learn the business in their store. He must be of good habits, &c Apply soon.

GEO. W. CUMMINS & CO.

Smyrna, dec. 10, 1853.—7w.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE.

THIS FARM is situated between Langford's Bay and Grey's Inn Creek, in Kent county, Maryland, and contains

Two Hundred Acres,

Sixty of which are in TIMBER. The arable land is divided into four fields, and three lots, well fenced with chesnut rails. The Wood Land is valuable on account of the chesnut growing on it. This timber will always supply necessary fencing for the farm. The shore is about one mile long, and abounds in Sea-ore. Seven or eight hundred loads of this manure have been obtained some seasons. The situation is certainly one of the most beautiful and commanding on Chester river. Forty-four bushels of wheat were seeded last fall on a field of Fallow. The subscriber will offer this farm for sale on

SATURDAY,

the 28th day of the present month, at Mr. McDaniel's Hotel in Chestertown, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Terms of Sale are one-fourth cash on the day of sale, the balance in two equal intalments of one and two years, for which bond with approved security must be given. Possession will be given as soon as the stock and furniture on the farm can be disposed of by the subscriber. Two weeks will probably be sufficient for that purpose. There is a good BRICK DWELLING on the farm. The Out-Houses require repairing.

RICHARD W. RINGGOLD.

Jan 7, 1854.

☞Delaware Journal, and Baltimore Weekly Sun, will please copy the above 1 s week till day of sale and send bills to this office for collection.

NOTICE

Of Confirmation of Sale.

Jonas Crew use of Bolton and Glanvill, plaintiff, *vs.* Perre Frisby,s.n. Defendant.	Judgment before Wm. S. Lassell, Esq. a justice of the peace, for $17.00 debt, with interest from 1st of April, 1842, and 58 costs, on 3rd June, 1852.

THE subscribers having purchased (through their agent, J. B. Ricaud, Esq.,) the real estate of the above named defendant, at a sale thereof in virtue of an execution,(24th writ of Venditioni Exponas) issued upon the foregoing Judgment, made on the 24th day of December, 1844, by Absalom W. Sparks, Constable, hereby give notice that they intend to apply to the Judge of the Circuit Court for Kent county, at its next session to be held in Chester Town, on the third Monday of April, next for a confirmation of said sale, when and where the said Defendant or his creditors, or any other person or persons claiming any interest in the matter, will have an opportunity of stating their objections, if any they have, why the said sale should not be confirmed, and for that purpose are hereby warned to appear. The property purchased by the subscribers consists of a lot of land called "Randall's Farm," or "Randall's Discovery;" containing four acres, more or less, with improvements and appertenance adjoining the lands of James Beck, (of Geo.) and lying in Worton, and was struck off for the sum of sixty dollars.

A. H. CREW,
JOHN L. CREW.

Kent County Jan. 7, 1854.—4w.

Straved.

LEFT the premises of the subscriber, about the 1st of August last, a red and white spotted *BULL*, without horns; two years next spring. His ear marks are a crop in the left and a slit in the right. Any information of his whereabouts will be thankfully received, and a liberal reward given by the subscriber.



WM. THOMAS, (of Wm.)

Dec 31, 1853.

ESTATE OF JAMES BOON.

Orphans' Court of Kent County, December 20th, 1853.

ON application it was ordered by the Court, that John W. Pierson, administrator of James Boon, deceased, give notice in Kent News to the creditors of said deceased, that a final dividend on the personal estate will be made in this Court on the 24th day January, 1854.

Test; JACOB FISHER, Reg. of Wills.

Dec 31, 1853.

VALUABLE NEGRO S FOR SALE.

FIVE young men raised to farm work and are first rate hands; also, three boys 12, 13 and 14 years old, also farm boys. These servants are sold because their former owners have left the State; and not for any fault of any kind—a part of them raised by one of the best farmers in Talbot county; and all have a term of years to serve, ranging from 7 to 23. They will be sold at low prices on credit to suit responsible purchasers. I have also some 25 women that are good cooks, washers and ironers.



Apply to JOHN N DENNING,
18, South Frederick St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dec 24, 1853.

WANTED—A steady, single white man to work on a farm; also a colored man. Liberal wages will be given. Apply to the subscriber.

J. W. CREW,
Near Worton Heights.

Dec 31, 1853.