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KENT NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, Md.

Saturday Morning, January 21, 1854.

Notice.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED to the Office "KENT NEWS," are politely requested to call and settle.

Dec. 3, 1853.

☞The articles from 'Bertha' will be attended to next week.

THE LEGISLATURE.—Leave to introduce the following important bills, has been obtained:

To repeal the inspection laws.

To prohib the sale of intoxicating liquors.

To abolish the office of State Agricultural Chemist.

To abolish the office of inspector of guano.

To abolish the stamp tax.

To change the mode of summoning jurors.

BURNT IN EFFIGY.—We learn from the Baltimore papers, that a party of men and boys, numbering two or three hundred, collected in the north-western section of the city, on Monday night, and, headed by martial music and a stuffed figure the size of life, proceeded through several streets to Monument Square. Loud cries were uttered, calling for the burning of Bedini, the Pope's Nuncio, of whom the figure was said to be the effigy. It was then erected and burned, amid the shouts of the crowd, which had swelled to five hundred or more.—The procession was then reformed and marched up Baltimore street.

The San Francisco.

By the arrival of the Three Bells, at New York, intelligence has at last been received from the wreck of this ill-fated steamship. It is rendered certain that 150 of those on board perished, having been swept overboard by the sea during the gale of the 23d of Dec. by which the vessel was crippled. Among the lost were Major Taylor and wife, Col. Washington, Lieut. Smith and Capt. Field.

All the spars and sails of the Steamer were blown away, in the gale of the 24th, at 1 o'clock. On the morning of the 25th, Christmas day, the engine stopped working, the piston rod breaking off, and thus leaving the vessel totally unmanageable. The sea every moment struck her tremendous blows under her guards, tearing up the planking fore and aft on both sides. At the same time, the ship commenced to leak, when the troops were organized into bailing gangs.

At 9 o'clock, on the morning of the 25th, the sea struck amid ships with terrible force, carrying away both the smoke stacks, all the upper saloon and staving in the quarter deck entirely through, washing overboard a large number of passengers, including those mentioned above, and about 150 U. States troops.

On the 28th of December spoke the bark Kilby of Boston, bound for New York, who lay by the wreck until 8 o'clock on the 29th when the work of getting the passengers on board was commenced. With considerable difficulty upwards of 100 persons got on board the bark, men, women and children, including the officers above mentioned Capt. Judd and wife, Lieut. Fremont and family, G. W. Aspinwall, and J. L. Graham. At night, the wind increasing with equally weather, the Kilby let go the hawser at 10 o'clock, after which time nothing further was seen of the bark by those left on board the wreck.

On the morning of Sunday, January 1st eight days from the time the ship was disabled, the despairing hearts of the hapless people on board were cheered by the British ship Three Bells, bore down for the wreck and lay by until 3 P. M., when her boat came alongside.

The same day, the ship Antarctic, from New York, for Liverpool, also bore down for the wreck, and on Wednesday the 4th inst., both ships commenced taking off the passengers, and a large amount of provisions and water, and by sunset of the 6th all the passengers were removed from the wreck. Next morning the crew and officers of the ship were taken off. Capt. Watkins being the last man to leave the San Francisco.

The San Francisco remained afloat from the 23d ult, until the 5th of January when she went down.

(Correspondence of the Kent News.)

WASHINGTON, *January* 17, 1854.

CONGRESS.—There is nothing of a Congressional nature worth sending you. Gen. *Cass*, the big gun of Democracy, has led off in a speech of some fifteen or sixteen columns on the "Clayton-Bulwer Treaty." Mr. *Clayton* replied to him in a lengthy and able speech, and I presume all the ablest men of the Senate will take a part in the debate. There are some able and powerful debaters in the Senate, but since those great men—Clay, Webster, and Calhoun—have been taken to their final rest, we hear of but little interest manifested on the part of strangers visiting the Metropolis to listen to the debates of the Senate. It used to be a common remark—made by men, women, and children—"Are you going to the Capitol to-day to hear Mr. Clay, Mr. Webster, or Mr Calhoun?" But the remark is but seldom made now-a-days.

Mr *Pearce*, your worthy Senator, introduced a resolution yesterday that the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to report to the Senate the expediency of proposing a vote of thanks to the Captains and crews of the English ship "Three Bells," the American bark "Kilby," and the ship "Antarctic," for their efforts in rescuing the surviving officers and soldiers on board of the steamer San Francisco. He entered into a circumstantial detail of the disastrous event, paying a high compliment to the Captains and crews of the three above named vessels for the gallantry displayed.

Report says that the Hon. A. V. Brown will be sent to the U. S. Senate from the State of Miss. Gen. Foote fought hard for it, but he will have to "wait a little longer." The Hon. Jeff. Davis I presume will remain in the Cabinet.

The theme of conversation at present in Washington, and all over the country, is the information come to hand with respect to the ill-fated steamship *San Francisco*. It makes the heart sicken, and the hand tremble, to have to record the numerous disasters that come to us almost daily from sea and land. Scarcely have we forgotten the last awful calamity, before another still more tragical and heartrending comes to us. And, indeed, it would appear that "old Ocean" and the "iron horse" of modern times are trying to see which can hurry the greatest number of human beings into Eternity! The last news received makes the number lost about 170. The number on board of the vessel when she left for her destined port has been variously estimated at from 600 to 800. Full particulars are given in the daily journals.

Gen. *Wool* left Washington on the 14th instant for New York, to *replace* the officers and men lost in the San Francisco, and arrange the re-embarkment of those who have arrived. I opine they would rather wait a little while, at least until they recover from their fright, before they re embark!

The *Gardiner* case, about which your readers have heard so much, is still dragging along slowly. It appears to be a very *knotty* affair. The subject is becoming very *stale*, and excite but little interest.

Mr. *Clayton* on yesterday was so much indisposed, that it was with great difficulty he could take his seat in the Senate to finish his speech, commenced on last Friday, in answer to General Cass.

I see that Mr. Crittenden, of Kentucky, has been elected to the U. S. Senate again. He is one of the first men of the country, and a Whig "that is a Whig." Though he cannot be said to be an eloquent speaker, yet he is a strong and powerful reasoner, and can be very sarcastic when circumstances require it.

The *Printers* of Washington dispensed with their annual *feast* this winter, and held their first *Ball* on the 9th instant, which was well attended, and considered *the* Ball of the season by those in attendance. It is presumable they will have them annually hereafter.

It is said that 50,000 copies of Col *Benton's* "Thirty Years in the Senate" have been subscribed for, in advance of its publication. It will be published next spring, I understand.

Two of the national representatives, *Campbell* of Tenn., and *Muhlenberg* of Penn., have been gathered to their fathers since the opening of the present session. Death walk even amid the *great* of the land, and takes them away when in the "midst of life."

There is a great disposition among the *Democratic papers* of Washington to abuse one another. But no one imagines that there will be any blood spilt or lives lost in the "noise and confusion" they are now creating. Mr. Rives, of the Globe, is out in an "Extra," giving *the* editor of the *Star* fits! The Star says of the Globe, "that a more servile and time-serving sheet could not exist!" and Mr. Rives in return calls *the* editor of the *Star* the *pin-hook-and-line* editor;" and further says: "We are not very brave, and therefore take great care not to insult any man wantonly; but we have measured this miscreant, and become convinced that he will 'stand anything, and put up the bars,' and feel sure that we may talk as we please, without endangering our *life*." But if it does come to *rifle shooting*, which Heaven forbid, I'll bet "my pile" on the "big man" of the *Globe*, and the sooner the *Star* man makes his peace with God and man the better.

We are now in the *midst* of hoar winter, but the sleighs are laid up high and dry again, and horses are improving in flesh and spirits. It is a magnificent sight to behold the well-filled sleigh, and listen to the sweet music of the sleigh-bell, but painful to *know* that the kind and gentle *horse* is about to sink beneath his burden while propelling the happy pleasure-seekers. Oh man, how unthoughtful!

WASHINGTON.

(For the 'News.')

"Balls."

MR. EDITOR.

It is not my purpose to enter into any argument to prove Dancing Parties or Balls, to be inconsistent, with the spirit of the Bible, nor to show that professing christians would not encourage amusements calculated to dissipate serious and solemn thoughts of Eternity and the Judgment—nor whether any parent on a death bed, would recommend Dancing as an innocent pleasure or accomplishment to their children, nor whether any father, whose son was about to leave him to seek employment or a profession in a distant land, or to embark upon a perilous sea-voyage, would embrace Dancing in his advice, as a thing to be acquired, nor whether any christian parent ever offered up prayer to make his children accomplished in the art. Neither is it our purpose to discuss the question of inexpediency of Balls, which are expensive things, and the responsibility of parents for the aid and encouragement they may give to them, to gatify children. All these things we leave to the pulpit—the religious press, and the fire-side circles.

But we have another object in view—and that is to speak upon the subject of the *place* where the amusements are practised. As Tax payers and citizens of the county, we have a direct interest in the public buildings, and consequently, a right to express our opinions on their use. We think the Court House of the county, is not an appropriate place for Balls—for the following reasons:

First,—It is located on the very margin of the church-yard, where sleep the venerated and beloved dead, and which, to a contemplative mind, brings with it solemnly interesting associations—reviving the most cherished remembrances, and admonishing us to be ready for the grave.

Second,—The object of erecting the House, was for the purposes of Justice—a temple for its administration. It was builded by the public, and has been repaired and kept in order by levies upon the people of the county. It was never contemplated that such a House, constructed for such a purpose, should be converted to private uses; for if it may be used for a Ball to night, it may be demanded for a similar purpose to morrow; and every Dance—gotten up in Town or County, by whoever originated—may, with equal propriety, be claimed to be held in the same place. No one part of the county, can claim its use in preference to the other—no class of persons in preference to others—and no kind of Dances can be set above another as a reason for distinguishing in the use of the House. If any half dozen desire to have a Dance with the Banjo for an accompaniment, or any other sort of a Dance, composed of ladies and gentlemen, or *gentlemen* alone, at any time—or a series of weekly performances—they have as much right to the House as any. Once convert it into a Dancing saloon, and its occupation as such may be continual, until at last, conflicts, may arise, between contending Parties for the occupation of the building.

Third,—Dancing is opposed to the moral sense of many tax-payers in our county. Should a buliding, erected for another purpose, and kept in repair, in part, by taxes upon them, be used not only without their consent, but in opposition to it, and for a purpose they deem sinful?

Fourth,—The House must sustain more or less injury from such use—the erection of platforms, the removal of planks to and fro, of chairs &c., must necessarily deface the painting more or less—and thus the public property is injured for private accommodation. Heretofore, one of the Hotels has been employed for such purposes;—they have been capacious enough—and all must admit that they are greatly more appropriate than the other.

Fifth—The public records of the county are kept under the roof of the Court House. The titles to all our property are to be found there. It is a vast and important deposit, and the trust is of great delicacy and magnitude to preserve them. The building is of wood, easily set on fire and speedily consumed. A slight accident—the neglect of a servant—might lead to a conflagration and the loss of the county records. We learn that it marvellously escaped destruction from a lighted candle a few years since. Is it right, or expedient, that such risk—such responsibility—should be endured for the gratification of a few? Shall the interests of the whole community be jeoparded, without their consent, and against their wishes? We speak to the sober reason and reflection of the public mind. The public buildings are under the direction of the County Commissioners and their agents. That body should look to it at once, and throw the shield of their protection around the important records of our county, and the titles of our people. Let them declare at once that the House shall not be used for purposes which may endanger the interests of so many.

The Court House has, by a tacit consent, been used by the people on the 4th July, and 22nd February—days connected with our national existence, and the birth of Washington. Also for political assemblies of the people—some times for exhibitions of Colleges and Schools. These uses are not in conflict with the moral sense of any—they have their public and useful influence, and promote ends and objects in consonance with the best interests of the community, and are almost uniformly in the day. They cannot be produced as reasons for a nightly use of the House, as a Ball Room.

We have concluded, that the late use of the House was not after due reflection and consideration. The reasons assigned against such future use, are such as we think must strike palpably the sense of every reflecting one, and in which the community will concur. We have never before heard of such a use of the temple of Justice and depository of the public records, and we hope never again may. For, if any calamity should follow, the responsibility would be too great for any one or body of men to bear.

TAX PAYERS &
LAND HOLDERS.

Baltimore Grain Market.

Baltimore, January 19, 1854.

Wheat, white	1 80	to	186	bsh.
" red	1 75	"	1 78	"
Corn white	70	"	79	"
" yellow	76	"	78	"
Oats			44	"
Rye	$103	"	104	"

Chester Town Price Current.

Chester Town, Jan. 21, '54.

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 Thursday last, in this place, by Rev. Dr. Murray, Mr. Albert Biscoe, of Centreville, to Miss Martha Pippin, of Chester Town.

We received with the above notice some very nice cake, for which the happy pair will accept our thanks.

On Tuesday last by Rev. Mr. Massey, Mr. Wm. Greenwood, to Miss Caroline Sappington, both of this county.

DIED.

At his residence in Queen Ann's county, a few days since, Mr. Wesley Clements.

On Kent Island, Mr. Samuel Ringgold.

Religious Notice.

THE LORD WILLING, the Rev. B. F. M. WHITESIDES will officiate in St. Paul's Church next Sunday (tomorrow) at 10½ o'cl'k, A. M., and in Chester town at the usual hour in the evening.

Jan. 31, 1853.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

This ancient Institution, founded more than seventy years ago, constitutes, with St. John's College at Annapolis, the original University of Maryland. Though it may not be known by the present generation, it is certainly true that Washington College was built by the private contributions of our forefathers; and the names of the contributors, the fathers of many persons now living, are still preserved among the archives of the College as the most precious and cherished mementoes of the past.

Washington and St. John's were liberally endowed by the Legislature of Maryland; and during a period of twenty years, while this allowance was annually received and an able Faculty maintained, flourished beyond example. Many of the most distinguished men of the State, and indeed of other States, Divines, Statesmen, Physicians and Lawyers, were graduated in this Institution.

A year or two before the close of the last century, the Legislature, under the influence of a misguided policy, deprived the Colleges of their funds. The consequence of this measure was a rapid and hopeless declension. The College languished until 1827, when a disastrous fire reduced our magnificent edifice to ashes.

The Visitors and Governors, tho' discouraged, did not despair. By continued exertion they procured a small annual grant from the State and by the strictest economy in the management of their resources and employing for some years only one Professor, they accumulated a fund by which the present building was erected, a Philosophical Apparatus of limited extent, but of superior quality, was procured and the nucleus of a Library was formed.—To these, annual additions are made as our narrow funds will allow.

This building presents a handsome exterior, but is too small to accommodate more than the family of the Principal and 16 to 20 boarders and afford recitation-rooms for more than 50 to 60 students. Of course, the great desideratum now is an additional building containing comfortable chambers. We have grounds for the belief that if comfortable accommodations were provided for fifty more Boarders, that number would soon be supplied. It is the intention of the Visitors to employ additional Professors of known ability and zeal; and having placed the College under the government of DR FRANCIS WATERS, a gentleman of undoubted qualifications in every branch of the full collegiate course, they confidently anticipate ample success.

The advantages of a College located among our own people have not been fully appreciated. When our sons are sent abroad to be educated, it is at an age when impressions are easily made, but not so easily eradicated. Such impressions are generally lasting as their lives. They return home after a curriculum of 4 or 5 years with feelings hostile to our institutions and customs and with a loss of acclimation which is frequently destructive to their future health. Many thousands of dollars, which if spent in their native place, would bring forth abundant fruits of improvement, are wasted abroad to the serious detriment of their health and especially their moral culture.

With a firm conviction of the truth of these remarks—and deducing hence the absolute necessity of a Peninsular College, we confidently appeal to the liberality of our fellow citizens to aid us in our enterprise. We have in hand funds to begin, but insufficient to complete, the erection of wings to the present building, of such size as will accommodate the large additions we expect to the present number of pupils.—We wish to give them fine, airy, commodious and healthy apartments. And we pledge ourselves to use every exertion in order to secure a full and able Faculty and promise as complete an education, moral and scientific, as can be had at any college in the United States.

By order,

E. F. CHAMBERS,
Pres Board of Visitors.

Chester Town, Jan. 21, 1854.

A CARD.

THE undersigned having sufficiently recovered his health to resume professional duties, has deemed it prudent to remove his office to his dwelling house in Water street, during the present winter. All persons wishing to see him on business will call there.

B. C. WICKES,
Atty. at Law.

Jan. 21, 1854—tf

Teacher Wanted.

A Teacher is wanted immediately to take charge of Primary School No. 7, Election district No. 1, of Kent Co.

Apply to JOHN HADAWAY,
WM. J. WILKINS,
S. W. CHAMBERS,
B. DECORSE,
THOMAS TREW,
Trustee.

Jan 21, 1854.

Notice.

CAME ADRIFT on the subscriber's Beach, the 24th of December last, a large *ROW BOAT*, 18 feet long, painted white and green, (much damaged) The owner or owners are requested to come forward, pay charges and take her away.

JAMES P. WICKES.

Eastern Neck Island,
Jan. 21, 1854.—3w.

REMOVAL!

CHEAP, CASH BOOT & SHOE STORE.

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has removed his Boot and Shoe Store to the shop lately occupied by Wm. Conyer, where he will keep on hand, and manufacture to order all kinds of



Boots & Shoes

at the shortest notice, and in the most workmanlike manner, and on accommodating terms FOR CASH. As he uses the best materials, he feels confident that none who may patronise him will have cause to complain. MENDING done with neatness and despatch. He hopes by strict attention to business to receive a large share of the public's patronage.

EVAN W. LYNCH.

Jan. 21, 1854.—6m.

VALUABLE Farm for Sale.

THE subscriber, intending to leave the State, offers at private sale his Farm, lying on Chester River, adjoining the Spencer land and others, containing

301 Acres,

situated on the public road leading from Millington to Chester Town, four miles of the from the former and eight from the latter place. The Farm is divided into six fields, and under good fencing. 240 Acres is in arable Land, of kind soil and well improved—the remaining 60 Acres, is in

WOOD & TIMBER.



The Buildings consists of a new two story Frame Dwelling and Kitchen—the out buildings, Corn Houses, Granary, Stabling, Carriage House, Meat House; &c., are all new and in good order.



There is on the Farm a Peach Orchard of 2300 Trees—a part of the orchard is in full bearing This Farm is convenient to Church, Mill and markets, and one of the best neighborhoods in the county. If sold by 1st March, possession will then be given.

Apply to J. T. PALMATARY,
Chesterville, Kent co. Md.

Jan. 21, 1854—2m

☞Del. Republican copy law 4w and send bill to this office.

SUPERIOR BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, for sale by T. W. ELIASON.

Jan. 21, 1854.

Land FOR SALE.

THE subscriber will sell at private sale a LOT OF LAND containing about

115 Acres;

80 Acres Arable, the balance in WOOD and heavy

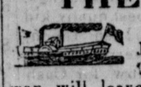
Ship Timber.

This land is situated within half a mile of the head waters of Grey's Inn Creek, and adjoining the farms occupied by Mrs. Burgess, Messrs. Wm. & Lambert Wickes, J. Maslin, and others. The Messrs. Wickes will show the premises to any one wishing to purchase. For terms apply to the subscriber.

JAMES P. WICKES.

Jan 21, 1854.—2m.

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.

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,
Cl'k.

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.

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.

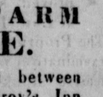
The Terms of Sale are one-fouth cash on the day of sale, the balance in two equal intalments of one and two years, for which bond with approved security must be given. Possession will be given as soon as the stock and furniture on the farm can be disposed of by the subscriber. Two weeks will probably 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 Baltimora Weekly Sun, will please copy the above 1 s week till day of sale and send bills to this office for collection.

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.

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.