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We have not complained of "things indifferent"—We have an interest in the community, in all the elements of its greatness—physical, intellectual, moral and religious. In whatever affects these constituents we have a right to form and express our opinions—their weight or reasonableness the public are to decide—whether they are in accordance or conflict with the opinions or prejudices of the community. The time of the expression of our opinions is a matter for our own decision—the subject matter of them is to pass the crucible of public sentiment—they will be judged accordng to their intrinsic worth or demerits, and not by extraneous considerations, which have no tangible bearing upon them. In our views upon the subject of Balls, we have erected no standard of our own to judge the acts of our fellow men, but we plant ourselves upon the Word of God—upon Bible christianity—and appealing to the great and infallible moral code, we by it will stand or fall. We count not the opinions of men, however influential, wealthy or respectable, if we think them opposed in letter or spirit to the precepts, examples and ethics of the Bible.

We believe that the principles, tone, spirit and tenor of the Bible, are opposed to Balls, and we have endeavored to show our reasons 'for the faith that is in us."

In the first article of "Harmony," he included the *pious* among the opponents of Balls, and the *moral* as their advocates. We made our comments—he now replies, and we think, confounds the two. He says—"We care not whether the term be 'moral' or 'pious,' no man can be truly moral unless true to his God and his neighbor." We admit that no one can be a christian or pious without being moral—but the converse is equally true that a man may be moral and not pious. The terms are as distinct in their theological and saving sense as light and darkness. St. Paul was strictly moral prior to his conversion—he said: "After the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharasee." Read the advice of the Saviour to the moral young man. We love morality and commend it, but it has no saving power, and is denounced by the Bible as utterly insufficient. Lord Byron, (excuse us for the reference) a votary of pleasure, who sounded its ocean, and could have made a chart, was competent by his ability and experience to form and utter opinions, which, with the fashionable world, should be highly respected. The sentiment we quote, is worthy of a greater name and a better man—but we take truth wherever we find it, and make it contribute to our purpose—

"There is no sterner moralist than pleasure." Is the sentiment not a noble one, and beautifully declared? In the sense we take it, it is as true as beautiful. If the "righteous are scarcely saved," where will the 'moralist" appear?

To show that we are no "innovators" on the subject under discussion, we refer to the ancient, sublime and wonderful book of Job—a book which the most distinguished commentator has declared, in subscribing to the views of another, contains "The purest morality, the sublimest philosophy, the simplest ritual, and the most majestic creed." What does this book say in its 21 ch and 11th to 14th verses? "They send forth their little ones like a flock, and their children dance. They take the trimbrel and the harp and rejoice at the sound of the organ. They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave; Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways!" How forcible and natural the gradation, and awful the climax! The Dance is represented as a medium of pleasure—the youthful heart naturally drinks with zest from its sparkling springs—the desire for dress, display and the vanities of life is nourished—grows luxuriantly upon the exquisite dainties of pleasure, which increases the capacity and desires for greater, more varied and kindred enjoyments, until in their hearts they virtually, and in their lives practically, declare that they have no relish for thy more delightful employments and happiness of the truly spiritual christian, and "in a moment go down to the grave!!"

What Bible reader does not remember the account of an awful tragedy of a later period, where Salome, the daughter of Herodias, as the price of her dancing performance, obtained in a charger, the head of the noblest of martyrs and of men. A friend in a letter to us recently, in adverting to the subject, has handsomely said, that "the price of that ball was not the half of Herodias' kingdom, but infinitely more"—the head of John the Baptist.

We have said, that there is an uncongeniality between the spirit of a truly pious man, and the spirit that seek for pleasure at Balls. We do not believe, that if any Christian Minister of any denomination were to attend a ball, that he colud maintain his place in the church, a month! We are confident, that he would be deserted, by the attendents upon Balls, and they would, as cheerfully unite in his discharge as the professing christian! If we would not have our Ministers at Balls, what is that spirit we desire them to possess? Is it not the mind of Christ? In 15 John 5 v. the Saviour said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches; he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit," and in 6 v. "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered &c.," and "burned." What an opposite and lovely illustration?—The sap which is in the vine, is the *same*, that is in the branches. The *spirit* of the Saviour is the *life* of the christain. In 2 Phil 5 v. "Let this *mind* be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." We are to have the mind of the Saviour. We need not prosecute the subject—nor refer to his selfdenials and privations.

But, we are admonished not to attempt to *drive* others into our opinions. The admonition is unnecessary. No freeman can be driven, and we should feel humbled, if we thought the idea of coercion could be applied to us. We respect the opinions and prejudices of others, and hold sacred, every man's privilege. We would not *drive* if we could, and it is certain, we could not if we would. The construction of the mind presents an insuparable barrier, to whoever, might wish to dogmatize.—But we would *persuade, intreat, admonish*; further we could not go, short of it we would not stop. In Eccles. 11 and 9 it is said, "Rejoice, O, young man in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the spirit of thine eyes; but know thou that for all these *things*, God will bring thee into judgment." This is our adopted admonition. Our reasons and intreaties have been stated, and it is unnecessary to amplify them. But we cannot forbear a reference, to the great Fenelon, who, in transporting the son of Ulysses, to the regions of Pluto, in search of his Father, who had not returned from the siege and destruction of Troy, presents him, before the spirit of Arcesius, his Great-Grand-Father, who, addressing Telemachus, and urging him to virtue, said, "Thus transitory is man, like the flower that bloms in the morning, and in the evening is withered and trodden under foot. One generation passes away after another, like the waves of a rapid river; and Time, rushes on with silent but irresistable speed, carries with him all that can best pretend, to permanence and stability. Even thou, O, my son! alas! even thou, who art now happy in the vigor, the vivacity and the bloom of youth, shalt find this lovely season, so fruitful of delight, a transitory flower, that fades as soon as it is blown. Without having been conscious that thou wert changing, thou wilt perceive thyself changed; the train of graces and pleasures, that now sport around thee, health, vigor and joy, shall vanish like phantoms of a dream, and leave thee nothing but a mournful remembrance that they once were thine. Old age shall insensibly steal upon thee; that enemy to joy shall diffuse through thee his own langor; shall contract thy brow into wrinkles; incline thy body to the earth, enfeeble every limb, and dry up forever, that fountain of delight which now springs in thy breas; thou shalt look round upon all that is present with disgust; anticipate all that is future with dread; and retain thy sensibility only for pain and anguish. This time appears to thee to be far distant; but alas! thou art deceived, it approaches with irresistable rapidity, and is, therefore, at hand; that which draws near so fast, can never be remote; and the *present*, forever flying, is *remote* already; even while we speak it is past, and it returns no more. Let the present, therefore, be light in thy estimation; tread the path of virtue, however rugged, with perseverance, and fix thine eye upon futurity," and "secure thee a place in the happy residence of peace"!

We once were young, and,

"Our early days!—How often back
We turn on life's bewildering track,
To where, o'er hill and valley plays—
The sunlight of our early days!"

"But time strips our illusions of their hue," and we contemplate the realities of life—its shadowy existence, and our tremendous responsibility. If we have uttered a word that shall arouse the christian Parent to the vastness of his duties and responsibilities, or that shall cause a solemn reflection, in the mind of any, we shall be compensated for our labor.

In conclusion, we reciprocate the wishes of "Harmony" "that the discussion may be of benefit in promoting the era of good feeling," and that all "discord and misunderstanding in the community may be discouraged." We cherish no unkind feeling to any one, and have desired to speak the truth without offence. We regret that "Harmony" and ourselves, do not see alike, but hope we may yet see, "eye" to "eye."

LANDHOLDERS & TAXPAYERS.

THE ACTION OF THE GRAND JURY ON THE POLICE—*The Bedini Rioters, so called.*—The Grand Jury have reported concerning the late Bedini trials in Cincinnati. They express their belief that the present system of the police is inefficient and defective, and a radical change should be immediately made, and commend the subject to the action of the City Council and State Legislature. The charge of riot against the Police general has been ignored, and special indictments found against the following persons: Captain Lukins, for maliciously shooting with the intention to commit murder—bail $400. Lieut. Wm Phillips, for maliciously shooting Charles Eggeldin—bail $2000. Watchmen L. Dreger, Martin Strader, A. Kleine, Christ, Solomon and Martin Stayley were each indicted for assault and battery. They gave $200 bail.—Their trial will come off this month.

Connecticut Whig State Convention.

NEW HAVEN Feb. 15. The Whig State Convention to-day nominated H Dutton Governor, Alexander Holly, for Lieut. Governor, and O H Perry for Secretary of State. Resolutions in favor of a protective tariff and against the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, were adoped.

☞ Forty workmen were discharged from the Charleston (Mass.) Navy Yard last week.

KENT NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, Md.

Saturday Morning, February 18, 1854.

DENTISTRY.—It will be seen by an advertisement in another column, that R. P. Gibson, Dentist, will be in town to day, and remain but a few days.—Read his card.

DROWNED.—Coroner Crouch held a Jury of Inquest over the body of a white man found in Sassafras river last week. The name of the deceased is said to be John Bryen, recently from the city of Baltimore—he sailed in one of the vessels belonging to Edwin Wilmer, Esq. of Port Deposit, and it is supposed he accidentally fell overboard and was drowned.

Election of Hon. J. A. Pearce

Tuesday last being the day set apart the Legislature of Maryland went into an election for a United States Senator, which resulted in the re-election of our talented and popular townsman by the following vote:

For J. A. Pearce,	58
For A. Constable,	35
For W. Tingle,	1
Blank	1—95

Mr. Pearce was duly declared elected U. S. Senator for six years from the 4th March 1855. The re-election of Mr. P. will be hailed with delight by every true whig in the country.

Dr. Dennis Claude was elected Treasurer of Maryland, at the same time by the following vote:

Dr. Claude,	52
Dr. Owens,	43

The Concert and the Poor

On the 22d instant, the Concert and Exhibition of Mr. Bassford's School is to come off and we be-peak a large attendance. Mr. B. and his pupils have made considerable efforts and subjected themselves to much inconvenience, in their preparation—they could not omit the regular duties of the school, and consequently had extra labor to perform. Having done this let them be greatly encouraged. The proceeds are exclusively for the poor, and the citizens of the town know there are many among us, with numerous and necessary wants, which must be supplied, which they cannot provide for, and if neglected extreme distress and suffering must ensue. Flour has risen from 3 to 5 cts per lb—corn meal from 50 cts, to $1 per bushel How can these enhanced prices be met by the widow, who has children to feed, house rent to discharge, her needle and hands her only support, and the prices of work having undergone no material change? The effort of Mr. B and his school is praiseworthy and commends itself to the liberality of the community. Last year about thirty odd dollars were raised in the same way, double that sum would now seem to be necessary to relieve and provide for the poor. Let all who can go do so by all means—but let those who cannot send their contributions—not the mere price of a ticket, but five or ten times that amount, and much good will be accomplished. Not only is it an injunction of the Bible to visit "the fatherless and widow in their affliction;" but all the better feelings of our nature prompt us to this duty If we cannot go in person to the indigent, we can send messengers of mercy, of sympathy and relief, in the form of woman, who in the discharge of duties congenial to her nature, will cause many prayers to ascend from the objects of charity, for blessings upon the teacher and his school, and upon the generous donors and distributors. Who at this season and at this time, can make a better offering than a generous one on the sacred altar of charity. What a source of consolation and peace must it have been to the good Job, when he could say of himself in sincerity and truth: "When the ear heard me, then it blessed me, and when the eye saw me it gave witness to me; Because I delivered the poor that cried and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me and I caused the widows heart to sing for joy."

DOINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE.—The prohibitory liquor law makes slow progress in the the House of Delegates.—Several speeches were made yesterday upon the pending amendment proposing to submit it to a vote of the people, but up to the hour when our letter was closed no vote had been taken. In connection with the question, we notice that the House has adopted an order requesting the City Register of Baltimore Md to report the amount of money he has paid to tavern keepers in this city for the last three years, in accommodating juries. A proposition made in the House, to go into the election of Bank Directors on the part of the State, was laid upon the table, and an unfavorable report was made upon the bill to change the mode of appointing Leather Inspectors. A bill to abolish the office of Inspector of Plaster was reported.—*Balt. Sun.*

(Correspondence of the Baltimore Clipper.)

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 15. 1854.

Whig Caucus—Bank Directors.

The Whig members of the Legislature held a caucus last night, and, I understand, made the following nomination:

For State Librarian—Thos. J. Marshall, of Prince Georges county.

Mechanics' Bank—Truman Belt and George E. Sangston.

For the Hagerstown Bank—S. Dorsey Herbert and M. F. Barber.

For the Bank of Baltimore—On the part of the Senate, J. H. Luckett; on the part of the House, Thomas H. Kent of Joseph.

AN EXTENSIVE LAW SUIT.—It is stated in the Cincinnati Enquirer that W. P. Hulburt Esq, of that city, has instituted suits against the Carrolls, of Baltimore, for the recovery of property located in the latter city, worth several millions of dollars. The mother of Mr. Hulburt is said to be one of the direct heirs of the estate, together with her sister, also a resident of Cincinnati. The Enquirer adds that a gentleman from Baltimore, now in Cincinnati, has offerred Mr. Hulburt $50,000 for his claim.

Baltimore Grain Market.

Baltimore, February 16 1851

Wheat, white	1 91 to 1 97	bsh.
" red	1 90 " 1 95	"
Corn white	90 " 91	"
" yellow	91 " 90	"
Oats	49	"
Rye	$100 " 101	"

Chester Town Price Current.

Chester Town, Feb 18, '54.

Turkeys—8 to 10 cts per lb.
Geese—7 do
Ducks—25 to 31 per pair.
Wild do. —25 to 75 do
Butter—20 to 25 cts. lb.
Eggs—12½ doz.
Potatoes—$1 bush.
Dried Peaches—$1 75 bush
Corn Meal—87½ do
Buckwheat—4 cts. lb
Beef—5 a 6 cts. by qr.
Hides—4½ cts. lb.
Beans—$1

MARRIED,

On Tuesday evening, last near Centreville, by Rev. Mr. Crane, RICHARD LL. NICOLS Esq., of Kent county, to Miss ELLEN WRIGHT of Queen Anns

On the same day, by Rev. Dr. Murray, Rev. WM. S. HAMMOND, of the Maryland Conference, M. P. Church, to Miss ADALINE G. KENNARD, of this county.

On Thursday evening, by Rev J. A. Massey, Mr. AQUILLA A. USILTON, to Miss JOSEPHINE W. JONES, both of this county.

For Sale.

A NEGRO MAN for sale; a slave for life. Apply immediately at this office.

Feb. 18, 1854.

Dentistry.

ROBERT P. GIBSON,

OF Easton, Md; will be in Chestertown on Saturday (to-day) and on Monday 20th of February. It is requested that those desiring his services, should leave their messages promptly, (at McDaniel's Hotel) as his visit will necessarily be short.

N B.—He attends persons *in the country* without charging for going to them.

He refers with their consent to the following gentlemen:

Dr. Wroth, Geo. Vickers, Esq., Col. Jos. Wickes, Dr. Earle.	Chester Town.
Rev. Mr. Crane, W. I. Gibson, Esq. Dr. C. C. Cox,	Centreville.
Rev. Dr Mason, Hon. S Hambleton, Dr. A. H. Bayley	Easton.
Dr. F. P. Phelps, F. J. Henry, Esq.,	Cambridge.
Hon. J. R. Franklin Hon. T. Townsend	Worcester Co.

Feb. 18, 1854

Lost.

BETWEEN the residence of George Vickers, Esq., and the M. P. Church, on Sunday last the 5th inst., a GOLD LINKED CHAIN, in the form of a bracelet, a locket attached containing some hair and a basket.—The finder will be very liberally rewarded by leaving it at this office.

Feb. 18, 1854.

To Farmers, Merchants & Others.

THE undersigned still carries on the

Iron Foundry

in Chester Town, and has on hand a large quantity of materials which he will manufacture to order. His workmen are among the best in the county. The moulder having served his time in New York, the

CASTINGS

which his establishment shall turn out will be equal to any manufactured in that city.

CARTS, WAGGONS, PLOUGHS &c., &c.,

made to order at the shortest notice and low rates.

Blacksmithing, &c.

done in the best manner.

He would particularly call the attention of the Merchants and Farmers of Kent and the adjoining counties, to his castings—they will be sold as cheap as can be purchased elsewhere.

H. W. ERNEST.

Feb 18, 1854.—tf.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that they and others who may desire to unite with them, intend to petition the County Commissioners at their first meeting held thirty days after the date of this notice, to open and make the following road, to wit:

Beginning at a stake planted near a large sassafras tree standing on the land belonging to the heirs of John Thomas, dec'd, on the public road leading from Chester Town to Bel-Air, and running thence in a straight line through the lands of John Thomas' heirs, Samuel E. baker, and those now occupied by William T. Baker, and the lands of Edward Ringgold, Emory Sudler and of Duncan Stone's heirs, to the public road leading from Chester Town to St. Paul's Church; from thence through the lands of Wm. Leverton and the heirs of Jas. F. Brown, deceased, to or near the head waters of the N. W. branch of Langford's Bay. The latter end of this proposed road will begin at the gate usually called "Frisby Brown's Gate," on the last mentioned public road.—The petitioners also desire a public landing at its terminus on said waters

SAM'L E. BAKER,
JOHN F. RINGGOLD,
EDWARD RINGGOLD,
WILLIAM T. BAKER,
HARRIETT M. THOMAS,
J. EVAN THOMAS,
L. M. STRONG,
RICHARD S. THOMAS (of Jon)
GEO. B. WESTCOTT.

Feb. 18, 1854.

Concert for the Poor

THE Young Ladies attached to Mr. Bassford's Seminary, will give a Concert at the Court House on the evening of February 22d. Commencing at 7 o'clock—for the benefit of the poor.

☞ ADMISSION 25 CENTS. ☜

Dissolution.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing under the firm of

WILMER & WALKER

is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

WM. B. WILMER.
WM S. WALKER.

Chester Town, Feb 6th, 1854

Notice.

Either member of the firm is fully authorised to settle all outstanding accounts, and we must urge the necessity of speedy payments.

WM. B WILMER,
WM. S. WALKER.

WM. B. WILMER still continues at the old stand, and hopes to see his friends and the public generally:

Feb 11, 1854.

Notice to Creditors.

ESTATE OF JACOB MASLIN.

Maryland, Kent county Orphans Court, February 7, 1854.

On the application of Jacob G. Maslin, Administrator of Jacob Maslin, late of Kent county, dec'd.

Ordered that he gives notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that the same to be published once in each week for the space of four successive weeks in some newspaper printed in Kent county.

In testimony that the forgoing is truly copied from the minutes of the proceedings of the Orphans' Court of the county aforesaid,

SEAL } I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of my office affixed this 7th day of February, 1854.

Test,
JACOB FISHER,
Register of Wills for Kent county.

In compliance with the above order, this is to give notice that the subscriber of Kent county, hath obtained from the Orphans Court of Kent county, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Jacob Maslin, late of Kent county, Md., dec'd. All persons having claims against the the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof to the subscriber on or before the 10th day of September, 1854; they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under my hand, this 7th day of February, 1854.

JACOB G. MASLIN,
Adm'r Jacob Maslin, dec'd.

Feb. 11, 1854.—4t

SALT, SALT,

For sale by T. W. Ellison, in sacks or by the bushel.

Commissioners' Notice.

BY virtue of a commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Kent County, the undersigned Commissioners appointed to divide the real estate of Mrs. Sarah Ingram late of Kent county, deceased, will meet at the house of Mr. Geo. R. Beck; in Worton, on the premises, on Wednesday the 8th March, 1854 at 9 o'clock A. M. to proceed in the execution of said Commission.—All persons interested are requested to take notice.

THOMAS BAKER,
THOMAS TOULSON,
ROBERT NICHOLSON,
WILLIAM W. STEPHENS.
THOMAS M. BLACKISTON,
Commissioners.

Feb. 4, 1854.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Kent county, in Equity, the subscriber, as trustee, will offer at public sale, on

TUESDAY,

the 21st day of February next, at 12 o'clock, M., at the door of the hotel of John McDaniel, in Chester Town, all that

FARM or tract of Land

situate in the vicinity of Swan Creek, of which the late Robert A. Gamble died seized. The farm contains about

100 Acres,

part in WOOD.

There is a new two story Frame DWELLING and Kitchen, on the Land with necessary out buildings.

The Farm is convenient to water and in a good neighborhood.

TERMS OF SALE:

A credit of six and twelve months with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by bond with surety.

J. B. RICAUD,
Trustee.

Jan. 28, 1854—tds

The creditors of the late Robert A. Gamble, are notified to file their claims with the vouchers thereof, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kent county, within six months from the day of sale.

TRUSTEE'S Sale.

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Kent county, in Equity, the subscriber, as trustee, will expose to public sale, at the door of the hotel of John McDaniel, in Chester Town, on

TUESDAY,

the 21st day of February next, at 11 o'clock, A M. all that

LOT,

Or parcel of Ground

situate near Chester Town, and adjoining the lands of James F Gordon, of which the late Joseph Redue died seized. The land is highly improved and will be sold to suit purchasers.

THE TERMS OF SALE:

A credit of six and twelve months, to be secured by bond of purchaser with surety, with interest from the date of decree.

J. B. RICAUD,
Trustee.

Jan. 28, 1854—tds

The creditors of Joseph Redue are notified to file their claims with the vouchers thereof, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kent county, within four months from the day of sale.

A TEACHER WANTED.

THE Trustees of Primary School District No. 5, in the 2nd Election District of Kent county, wish to employ a teacher to take charge of the School district, immediately. None need apply unless well recommended as to qualifications.

JAMES WEER,
GEO. K. HINES, } Trs
JNO. M. BIDDLE,

Feb'y 4, '54—3w

Plenty of Water.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform the public generally, that having secured the services of a good *MILLER*, he is prepared to accommodate them with despatch, and hopes to give satisfaction to all that may give him a trial.

JAS. E. WEER.

Urieville, Feb. 4, 1854—3w

For Sale.

THE undersigned has for sale a large quantity of *SUPERIOR MERCER POTATOES.* They will be sold by the peck or otherwise—housekeepers will find them the best in the market.

SAML. A. SMITH.

C. Town, Feb. 4, '54.