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KENT NEWS.

CHESTER TOWN, Md.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 14, 1857.

THE MAILS.—There has been no mails received here from Baltimore, since Tuesday. The delay is caused from the difficulty in crossing the Susquehanna.

CORRECTION.—The name of Ensign Shriver contained in Gen. Reed's report of the battle of Caulk's Feld and published in our last week's paper, should be SKIRVEN. Ensign William Skirven, alluded to, was the father of Messrs. Wm T. Skirven, and his brothers, of our county.

COMMITTED.—An irishman named Jno. Smith alias John Kirk, was arrested and committed to jail, on Thursday night, charged with stealing $30.00 from a gentleman named McQuay, in Talbot county. The accused arrived here in the stage about five o'clock—he was searched but only about $25 was found upon his person.

HON. WM. D. MERRICK, for many years a prominent citizen of this State, died in Washington city, on Thursday last.—The deceased served frequently in the State Legislature, and also for six years in the U. S. Senate.

FOUND GUILTY.—Edward D. Worrell, formerly of this county, and one of the murderers of Basil H. Gordon, in Missouri, was tried last week and found guilty of murder in the first degree. The defence set up a plea of insanity, but it availed nothing—the jury were out only about twenty-five minutes. The conviction of Worrell has settled the case of Bruff, the other party to the murder.

THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.—The first clause of the will of the late John M Clayton, is not without general interest, and therefore we lay it before our readers. The high position he occupied, and his acknowledged talent and ability, render his opinion on all subjects worthy of consideration. We quote from the record in the Register's office, at Dover:

First, I leave to my friends and relatives, as well as to all others, who may think my opinion of any value, this testimonial; that the religion taught in the New Testament, is the best that has been offered for our adoption, both for this world, and for that which is to come, and that Jesus Christ was the true Messiah, and will remain forever the Redeemer and Saviour of fallen man. Let my humble testimony stand in favor of the Christian religion; I am deeply—thoroughly convinced of its truth.

The Burdell Murder.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE ASSASSIN.

We give below the substance of the testimony of Mr. John Farrell, on Tuesday, before the Coroner's jury in the Burdell murder, in New York:

I was in Bond street that Friday night; I was on this stoop that night; it was about half-past ten o'clock or between that and eleven; I started from my home about half-past nine that night; I am troubled with a disease in the back by which I am sometimes bent, and feel it necessary to exercise myself on foot to straighten myself; on that night, at half past nine o'clock having some work to do next day, I walked up to Marion street to a friend's; I went in and stood a few minutes, and came out again; I went up Prince street to Bowery and walked up Bowery to Bond; I came down this side of Bond street till I got within a few steps of this door; I stepped on the string of my shoe and drew it out; I then sat down on this stoop, on the third or fourth step, and took the shoe off; I was trying to fix the string in its proper place; I found the tin had come off the end of it, and it took me some time; while I was sitting there one man came along; there were two men, one before the other; one of them came up the stoop and walked in; the other passed on; the man was not in this house more than a minute or a minute and a half, when I heard a cry of murder—I said to myself, there is a muss in this house; I thought they had been drinking, or something like that; in probably half a minute after the man went in, [and I heard his retreating steps;] I heard the door opened; I heard nothing after the cry but something like the sound of an empty barrel thrown with its end downwards on the floor; I thought the man who went in had got into a difficulty with some one after he had got in; in half *a minute* or so after that noise, as I say, *a man opened the door and looked out; he said to me, "What are you doing there?"* I looked at him; he spoke in a very rough manner, and I was afraid; I thought the man who went in had ordered him to put me off the steps; it was not the man who went in that opened the door; the man who opened the door was in his shirt-sleeves; I saw his left arm and shoulder; his left hand was resting against the inside of the door-case; I am sure he had no coat on him; when he spoke to me I said nothing; I had my shoe in my hand and walked off the steps sideways, for I was bent a little, and sat down on the third stoop below, put on my shoe, and went home.

The N. Y. Daily Times, from which the above is copied, gives a long report of other questions and answers relative to the above facts, but they are immaterial. The Times then adds the following:

WITNESS IDENTIFIES ECKEL.

It was then announced that the witness would be taken up stairs to see if he could recognize Eckel as the man who came to the door and spoke to him on that night. There was an instant rush to the door, which policeman guarded jealously.

The Coroner.—Gentlemen of the Press will be permitted to go up stairs.

The reporters, pencils and paper in hand, wended their way up stairs, accordingly, but found the doors of the rooms on the second floor securely locked.

In a few minutes the Coroner came up followed by the witness. The doors were opened, the crowd surged in, passed thro' the room in which the murder was committed, and entered the front room. In this room sat Eckel, occupying a chair near the foot of the bed. He was dressed in a shaggy, brown overcoat, with a pointed plush cap on his head. He sat quietly until the persons who accompanied the Coroner up stairs entered, but rose immediately afterwards and took his station behind the chair on which he had been sitting, leaning against the footpost of the bed; his appearance indicated considerable nervous trepidation, although his feelings were evidently under strong control.

After the reporters entered the room, the number of persons present was perhaps thirty, certainly not more than that.

The Coroner came in with the witness alone. The persons in the room arranged themselves in a semi-circle, leaving Eckle at the furthest end of the line. The witness came slowly along the front, peering into the face of each individual as he passed, but did not at first pay any particular attention to Eckel; a moment afterwards *he turned and looked at Eckel fixedly.* Eckel's eyes winked incessantly but he gazed steadily at witness while undergoing this scrutiny. The absorbed attention with which every person in the room watched this proceeding, was actually painful in its intensity.

The bystanders scarcely breathed, and a pin might have been heard to drop.—Mr. Farrel, after glancing at Eckel in an uncertain, hesitating way, turned twice, evidently struck by something familiar in Eckel's countenance, and the third time he looked, continued to gaze. We observed Eckle's countenance attentively.—The lines about his mouth were even more deeply set and strongly marked than usual. He had the appearance of a man who had made up his mind to undergo examination, and had steeled himself to the task. It was impossible, of course, that he should have known the precise object for which this scrutiny was instituted; he has undergone several interviews with different parties who were called to identify him; but it could not have escaped the notice of the most unobserving that he had arrived at the conclusion that there was something more than usual in this particular investigation. Although, therefore, he was probably unaware of the precise object of this examination, he had put himself under severe restraint, in order that no movement of a muscle and no change of countenance should betray his emotions. But if the expression of Eckle's face was that of stoical indifference, that of the witness Farrell was the epitome of hestitation, doubt and reluctance. He gave a very slight start, so slight as to be almost imperceptible, when his attention was first arrested by the expression in Eckel's face. Unwilling to swear positively that Eckel was the man, yet he evidently struggled with a conviction, which seemed to force itself upon his mind, that the person who appeared at the door on the night of the murder and this man were one and the same.—He put his hand to his head, and appeared lost in thought for a moment or two—then turned and walked away.

The Coroner—Well, which is the man?

Witness—I don't *know; I think that is the man,* [pointing to Eckel.]

The witness was again taken down stairs, but he had scarcely taken his seat before he expressed his regret that he had had anything to do with the matter.

In reply to questions but by Judge Capron, he said:—I had no trouble in selecting him from among the others; he was the man standing by the bed; as soon as I took a square look at him, I did not look at anything else; as soon as I looked at him, he attracted my attention; I should have known the man again who came to the door, had I seen him twenty years afterwards; I did not know till I came down stairs that the man I picked out was Eckel; I asked two or three around if it was he.

THE SWORD CANE PURCHASE.

Isabella Banford (a young lady of fine personal appearance and great intelligence) was called. She declined to kiss the book, but affirmed, raising the right hand and standing: My place of business is at No. 401 Broadway; it is an umbrella and cane store; the store is kept by Clyde and Black; I recollect a lady and gentleman calling at the store to purchase a sword-cane; I think it was Friday a week ago; they came in about eleven or twelve o'clock in the morning; they asked to see some sword-canes; I let them see a few; they did not find any to suit; the lady took it in her hand and said to the gentleman with her, that she did not think it would suit; she tried it against the table and tried it so, [showing] and said: "I don't think that will suit;" they then described to me the kind they wanted; they wanted one short, sharp and strong, they said; I said I had not one of the style they wanted, but I could get them one made. *They said they must have it that day.* This witness was then taken up stairs by the Coroner and confronted witn Mrs. Cunningham. On her return she said the features were very similar, but as she saw the lady in the store, with her bonnet on, and in the room, up stairs without her bonnet, she would not like to swear, positively, to her, as the same lady. The witness was again conducted into the presence of Mrs. Cunningham, who was directed to put her bonnet on; when she returned, she said that the lady's dress was different, but that *otherwise she was the same.* The Coroner then ordered a carriage, and had the witness conveyed to the Tombs to see Eckel. On her return she said she could not recognize him as the gentleman who was in the store.

Destructive Freshets.

Two Million of Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed at Albany—Alarming Scene—Fire and Flood—The Whole Lower Part of the City Submerged—Great Destruction of Cattle—Houses and Bridges Swept Away—Many Families Driven from their Homes—Great Distress—A Public Meeting Called—The City of Troy Flooded—Trains Stopped and Business Suspended—Great Destruction on the Susquehanna and other Rivers.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—A tremendous flood occurred here last night in consequence of the recent thaw causing an immense amount of damage to property. The loss is estimated at about $2,000,000.

The city during the night has been the scene of the utmost confusion, owing to the combined evils of fire and flood, a fire having broken out while the flood was at its height.

Laborers have been working all night in removing goods from the first to the second floors of the stores in the lower part of the city, where it was thought they would be safe, but at 11 o'clock the water began rising rapidly, and the workmen had to desist and run for safety.

The water continued rising till 4 o'cl'k this morning, when it reached a point three feet higher than ever before known flooding the whole lower portion of the city as high up as Green street. The lower parts of Herkimer and Hudson (parallel) streets are submerged to the first story and Broadway is flooded from the Exchange to the Delavan House.—The stores and cellars on the west side are filled with water, and all the streets between Broadway and the river are navigable by boats.

A large number of cattle have been drowned.

At three o'clock the fire bells were sounded in different parts of the city, adding to the terrors of the scene. Warren & Son's building, on Broadway, and Messrs. Gilson & Dalton's planing mills, and Barrett's warehouse on the pier all being in flames at the same time, owing to the slacking of a large quantity of lime. Owing to the height of the water it was impossible to get the engines to the fire, and therefore the firemen proceeded in boats with buckets, and succeeded in confining the flames to the buildings in which the fire originated.

The glare of the conflagration upon the rushing waters of the river and the devastating flood in the city rendered the scene one not soon to be forgotton.

The steam propeller Western World caught fire from the burning warehouse and burnt until she sunk.

It is rumored that several lives have been lost

Twelve canal boats, three barges and two steam tugs have been sunk.

The canal warehouses on the piers are stove in and the flood is making a breach through them.

Four hundred cattle in East Albany have been drowned; also many horses stabled in the lower part of the city.

Three wrecked houses passed down the river this morning from some point above the city. Two men were seen upon the roof of one.

The Hudson River Railroad is submerged and the Central Railroad is in the same condition The trains are landing their passengers on the outskirts of the city.

No trains have left here to-day.

At noon the water was again rising.

A public meeting has been called for the relief of the sufferers.

The streets are in the greatest excitement.

Several alarms were sounded again at noon.

The families rescued from the flooded districts are landing from flat boats at the post-office steps.

The water is still rising as this dispatch is sent off.

The city of Troy is nearly overflowed, and the bridges in the neighborhood are in danger. One bridge from up the river floated down against the Troy bridge this morning.

The freight depot at Green Island has been burnt by slacking lime.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 9.—There is a terrible flood on the Susquehanna river, in consequence of the breaking up of the ice.

The ice moved, but gorged four miles below here, and blocks of ice are now piled up on the railroad track ten to fifteen feet high, so that the trains are suspended both ways.

An awful destruction of property seems to be threatened along the line of the Susquehanna.

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 9.—The Delaware river at this point rose 16 feet during yesterday.

The ice is broken and drifting.

Belvidere bridge is in great danger.—The water is five feet above the bridge in some parts.

The Lambertville bridge is also endangered.

A house in the neighborhood has been washed away.

In some places the ice is piled up twenty feet high.

TROY, Feb. 8.—The Hudson river commenced to rise about 7 o'clock this morning, and continues to rise at the rate of a foot an hour. It is now about five feet above the docks. A large quantity of ice from the Mohawk and Hoosic rivers has broken up and the river is clear as far down as the nail factory. It is rising very fast now. It rose 4 feet between 4 o'clock and a quarter to 7 this evening. The nail factory is about a mile and a half south of Troy.

The Freshet in the Susquehanna.

HAVRE DE GRACE, Feb. 11—7 o'clock.—The ice has been running steadily since daylight yesterday morning, and is gorged on the flats two miles below this place. This has raised the water here about five feet above the usual high tide, and is still rising slowly. No damage has occurred here yet.

At Port Deposit the damage by the ice and water has been very great. The Tide Water Canal is under water, but it is thought that the ice gorging on the outside has been rather a protection. The railroad ferry boat started at 2 o'clock this afternoon with two trains of passengers from Baltimore, but since 5 o'clock has made no headway, and is not half-way across. A number of passengers left her before dusk and picked their way over the river on the cakes of ice. There is very little prospect of her being able to reach either shore until the ice moves again. No one here has ever seen a greater freshet.

WOMAN'S RIGHT TO PROPETTY.—Petitions asking the Legislature to pass a law to secure to married women the real and personal property, and the profits arising therefrom, that they may possess at the time of marriage, or they may afterwards inherit, is being circulated for signatures. The object is worth the attention of the Legislature, as the husband in many cases has squandered the wife's property and reduced the family to want, when by a law of this kind, a sufficiency for their comfort might have been obtained. Several other States have laws guaranteeing to women a right to hold and possess property and we have not heared any complaint of its operation. A bill introduced in our Legislature two years ago, but after various amendments, was lost. We hope the proposed law will not share the same fate this session.—*Del. Republican.*

The Southern Mail—Later from Mexico.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 11.

The New Orleans papers of Monday and Tuesday of last week have been received. They contain dates from Mexico to the 20th ult., stating that the country was enjoying unusual quiet. The only trouble proceeded from the rebellious disposition manifested by the clergy, several of whom had been summarily dealt with. It was rumored that the Apostolic Nuncio had demanded his passports, and was about to leave the country.

Senor Soto had retired from the Ministry on account of ill health,

Affairs in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.

The Secretary of State has reccommended to Congress the appropriation of $8000 for the suppression of the slave trade, on the principle asserted in the act of 1819, and has favorably endorsed the application of the Ammerican Colonization Society for $30,000 for a similar object.

The galleries of both Houses were deusely crowded to-day, the proceedings throughout producing intense interest.

A GOOD BARGAIN.—The Mesilla Valley is equal in extent to the kingdom of Belgium, in Europe, yet the United States government purchased it three years ago for ten million of dollars. It may yet contain a million and a half of people.—Gold and iron mines are already discovered among its mountains; and in its valleys grapes are produced equalling in quality the grapes from which some of the best wines of France are made.

THE MANUFACTURERS OF CHICAGO.—The city of Chicago, which is more of a commercial than a manufacturing city, now produces, it is said nearly fourteen millions of dollars' worth of manufactured articles yearly. The capital invested amounts to over seven millions dollars, and the labor required gives constant employment to over ten thousand persons, out of a population of one hundred thousand.

VALUE OF SPANISH COIN.—The following is the average value of the worn Spanish coin at the United States mint in Philadelphia: Quarters, 23½ cents; eighths or levies, 10 9-10 cents; sixteenths or fips, 5½ cents.

GATAWBA BRANDY, made at Cincinnati, Ohio, has recently been purchased, it is said, at $5 per gallon for exportation to France, for the purpose of flavoring foreign liquors.

☞ The Boston Transcript learns by a private letter that George Carstenssen, architect of of the Crystal Palace, New York, died at Copenhagen on the 4th of January He commenced the publication of a Sunday newspaper at Copenhagen, and died the same day that the first number was issued.

The St. Louis Intelligencer learns from a gentlemen who has just returned from the interior of Missouri that the yield of hemp in that State will amount to about 90,000 bales. Farmers are generally asking $120 per ton, though sales had been made at $100 per ton.

The Maryland and Delaware Railroad—new charter.—We learn that a new act incorporating the Maryland and Delaware Railroad Company, within the State of Delaware, has just passed the Delaware Legislature. Under the new charter the road is to terminate at Smyrna, instead of Dover or its vicinity as prescribed by the previous charter. The new act is considered highly advantageous to the prospect of the road, the town of Smyrna being of more business importance than the capital of the State.

A man named Forner, living near Miltonsburg, Ohio, on the 15th ult., bet a dollar that he could walk home, a distance of five miles, barefooted. He won his bet and lost both his feet, which were so badly frozen as to require amputation.

☞ The *Moniteur* furnishes from official sources the grand total of the population of France, 36,039,364. The tax on dogs, in the thirtyseven thousand township, yielded an aggregate of five millions or francs per annum.

The Mississippi Legislature has passed a law prohibiting colored persons from preaching. The North Carolina Legislature has laid on the table the bill to remove free colored persons from that State.

A man having published another as a liar, a scoundrel, and a poltroon, the latter complains that he does not spell poltroon correctly.

☞ The shock of an earthquake was felt at Trenton, N. J., and thro' Philadelphia county, on Tuesday night about half past 11 o'clock.

☞ Both Houses of Congress met Wednesday in joint convention, and counted the votes of the several States for President and Vice President of the republic.

☞ In the U. S. House of Redresentatives Wednesday, the Committee on Elections reported against the right of Mr. Whitfield to a seat as the delegate from Kansas.

RATHER TOUGHISH.—A correspondent of 'Porter's Spirit,' writing from Cleveland, Ohio, declares that a large dry goods establishment was recently burned down in that city, when one of the large fire-safe manufacturers of New York, who knew they had one of their articles in the building, wrote on and requested the proprietors of the ruined store to state how their safe had withstood the conflagration, and the answer received was follows: 'Gentlemen, your safes are wonderful. Nothing can surpass them for protecting books and papers, though they have some unfortunate opposite effects.—One of the clerks, on Saturday, bought a Shanghai rooster, and at night, unknown to us, put it for safe keeping in the safe. That night our establishment was destroyed by fire, and the safe and its contents were exposed to a tremendous heat during the space of thirty-six hours; at the end of which time it was hoisted out, red hot. As soon as possible it was opened, and you may judge of our surprise when we found within it the Shanghai rooster leaning against the ledger frozen to death!"

BALTIMORE GRAIN MARKET.

[*Corrected from the Sun of Tuesday.*]

Wheat White	$1.56 a 1.58
" Red	1.40 a 1.41
Corn, Yellow,	63 a 65
" White,	63 a 65
Oats	44 a 46
Rye,	72 a 75
Clover Seed,	$7.44

MARRIAGES.

In Baltimore, on Tuesday last, by Rev. Mr. Martinf Mr. Bartus Trew, of this county to Miss Catharine Hamilton, of that city.

Religious Notice.

THE fourth and last Quarterly Meeting, for Kent Circuit, M. P. Church, will be held in Chester Town, Saturday and Sunday, February 21st, 22d. The Quarterly Conference will meet Saturday, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Stewards and other official members are urgently requested to be present feb 14.

FOR SALE.

A handsome dark bay HORSE; he is a fast and gay mover, sixteen hands high and goes well in single or double harness. For further particulars apply to the Editor.

NEGRO TO HIRE.

FOR the balance of the year a negro girl—she is a tolerable cook and washer, and a first rate house servant. Apply to the Editor. Feb 14, 1857.

FARM TO RENT.

FOR the present year, the Farm near Chester Town, where I now reside. Possession given on the 1st of March.

STEPHHEN LECATES.

Feb. 14, 1857.

NOTICE.

WE take this opportunity of inviting the public to attend an Address, in honor of Washington's birth day, on the twenty-third of this month, by P. L. WICKES, Esq., to the members of the Mount Vernon Society. The speaking will begin at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the Court House, in Chestertown.

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FOR SALE.

A first rate pair of young MULES, unbroken. Apply to the editor. feb 14

Maryland, Kent county, to wit:

I hereby certify that George Garrett, farmer, of said county, this day, gave information to the subscriber, a justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said county, that he had taken up as astray, tresspassing upon his premises, in the month of August last, a speckle, red and white

Horned Bull,

without ear marks, supposed to be three years old. Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of February, 1857.

JOS. A. HARPER, [SL].

NOTICE.

The owner of the above described BULL, is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away.

Feb 14, '57 $2 GEO. GARRETT.

AUCTION SALES.

VENDUE.

The subscriber having rented his farm near Harmony, for the remainder of the year, will offer at public sale, on the premises, on

THURSDAY,

The 26th day of FEBRUARY, 1857, his entire stock—consisisting of

12 HEAD HORSES AND MULES,

34 Head Cattle, ONE YOKE OXEN

3 Brood Sows,

1 Waggon, 1 Ox-Cart, 2 Horse Carts, 1 Wheat Drill, 1 Reading Corn Sheller, 1 Wheat Fan, and a variety of Farming

UTENSILS,

of all kinds, too numerous to mention.

The sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., when the terms will be made known.

GEO. W. T. PERKINS.

Chester Town, Fab. 14, '57.

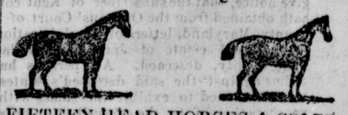
Vendue.

THE undersigned having discontinued farming and rented Marsh Point and the Farm on which he lives, will offer at public sale, on

TUESDAY,

The 24th February, 1857,

if fair, if not the first fair day thereafter, his entire stock, consisting of



FIFTEEN HEAD HORSES & COLTS; ONE STALLION

"TOUCH AND GO,"

Thorough-bred, by Imp. Horse Tranby;

EIGHT MULES,

three and four years old this Spring;

4 Sows and Pigs, and 25 Shoats;

TWO YOKE OF OXEN,

1 heavy Wagon, 1 lighter Wagon, and 1 two-horse Wagon;

4 Ox-Carts, nearly new;

2 Horse Powers,

1 of Wimples large size nearly new;

1 horse Cart; 1 Corn Sheller and Cleaner, Redding's Patent; 1 Ketchum's Mowing Machine; Two Wheat Drills, Moors and Bennock

2 Wheat Fans; 1 Corn and Seed Drill; 1 large Roller;

2 Grind Stones; Ten large size Plows;

8 two furrow Plows; 4 Harrows; 8 Cultivators; 1 portable Cider Mill; 1 of Hussey's large size Reaper and Mower;

1 Cutting Box, Sinclair & Moors Patent;

1 Carriage and Harness;

2 sett Wagon Harness, for four Mules, each, in good order:

Plough-gears; Swingle-trees; Grubbing-hoes; Shovels; Forks; Spades;

1 Cooking Stove;

Some articles of FURNITURE, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.

All sums not exceeding $5 cash, all over that amount six months credit will be given for notes with approved security.

The sale will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JAMES F. WOODLAND.

Feb. 14, 1857.

6¼ *CENTS REWARD.*

RANAWAY from the subscriber, in December last, WM. JONES, an indentured apprentice to the Moulding Business. The above reward will be paid for his apprehension.

EARNEST & BENJAMIN.

C. Town, Feb. 14, '57.

WANTED

WANTED to purchase a negro woman for a term of years—a liberal price will be given. Apply to the editor.

Jan. 17, '57.