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The Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN:

SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 24, 1865.

THE NEWS.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Commercial Advertiser states that it has been definitely determined that Jeff. Davis shall be tried in the civil court before Chief Justice Chase.

President Johnson has decided to abolish all trade restrictions west of the Mississippi, as well as everywhere else. The cotton trade will soon be declared open to the world.

The transport Kentucky, with twelve hundred paroled Rebel troops on board, struck a snag twelve miles below Shreveport, on the 9th inst., and sunk immediately. Over two hundred lives were lost.

President Johnson, in a private conversation, is said to have expressed regret that the trial of the conspirators had not been held before a civil rather than a military tribunal.

The Springfield (Ohio) Republican says "it is morally certain that General Wm. Tecumseh Sherman will be the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio."

Gov. Brownlow, of Tennessee, has issued a proclamation ordering the election on the first Thursday of August (the 3d) next of a full delegation to Congress and members of the Legislature in certain districts in which there are vacancies.

President Johnson has appointed Andrew J. Hamilton, of Texas, and James Johnson, of Georgia, to be the Provisional Governors of those States. The proclamations of the President are similar to those issued relative to North Carolina and Mississippi.

It is understood that an order will soon appear directing the mustering out of all troops whose term of service expires before January next. It is expected that the army will be reduced to 100,000 men by the new year.

The examination of the graduating class at the West Point Military Academy has been concluded, and the standing of the various members announced. This year's class contained sixty-eight members, being the largest ever graduated from the Academy. The Board of Visitors attending this year's examinations have unanimously agreed on a recommendation that the number of cadets in the Academy be increased to four hundred, nearly double the present number.

A Rebel Colonel named Gayley, the author of the $1,000,000 scheme for the assassination of President Lincoln, which was published in many of the Southern papers during the war, is now imprisoned at Fortress Monroe.

Mrs. Seward, wife of the Hon. Secretary of State, died at Washington on Wednesday. The disease of which she died is supposed to have been brought on by the anxiety and attendance on her husband and son.

The official report of Grant's losses since taking command of the Army of the Potomac in May, 1864, foot up 90,000.

The receipts of the Sanitary Fair, at Chicago, up to Saturday evening last (two weeks), were two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars.

Up to Monday last 148,000 troops had been despatched from Washington for their respective States, leaving about thirty thousand to be forwarded.

Robert Toombs is said to have escaped with John C. Breckinridge to Cuba. His reported suicide was only political.

General Butler made a speech at Lowell, Massachusetts, last Saturday, in which he advocated the right of negroes to vote.

The estate of the late President Lincoln is officially returned by Judge Davis, his executor, as of the value of $75,000.

The President has appointed Lewis E. Parsons, of Alabama, Provisional Governor of that State.

An Impudent Irish Rebel.

John Mitchell, the well known Irishman, who edited a paper at Richmond during the latter part of the rebellion, and more recently associate editor of the New York Daily *News*, has been arrested and assigned quarters at Fortress Monroe.—Before his arrest he boasted that he did not want a pardon, and hoped the President would not put him to the trouble of declining to receive one. Whether he will become a "repentant rebel" or not, remains to be seen. In a contest between the ability of the government to support "John" in the Fortress, and *his* ability to hold out, we think it will appear that the Irishman has found his "last ditch"—or, rather, that his *last* ditch will be found near the Fortress.

SENTENCE OF COL. WILMER.—It is stated in the New York Tribune, that Col. Wilmer, late Provost Marshal of Delaware, recently tried by a military court at Washington, on certain charges, has been fined $10,000, and ordered to be imprisoned for two years.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.—L. E. Straughn, Esq., editor of the Cambridge Intelligencer, and a member of the United States Board of Claims sitting in Baltimore, died in that city on Sunday last.

THE CONSPIRACY TRIALS.—*Confessions of Payne and Atzerott.*—The argument of the Hon. Reverdy Johnson, counsel for Mrs. Surratt, was read before the Military Commission at Washington on Monday. The principal ground taken is the non-jurisdiction of the Court to try the case. The argument is concurred in by Messrs. Aiken and Clampitt, associate counsel for the defendant. The whole week has been occupied in hearing arguments of counsel for the various prisoners, and they are not yet all delivered.

The proceedings of the court on Wednesday were of the highest interest, involving statements made on behalf of Payne and Atzerott by their counsel, Mr. Doster, which show that the former, under the influence of Booth, deliberately engaged in the plot of assassination, and by confession was the assailant of Secretary Seward. Payne's true name is Powell, he lived in Florida; entered the rebel army in 1861; was captured at Gettysburg; got back to his old command, and subsequently deserted and came to Baltimore. While suffering from penury and want he there met Booth, whom he had known as an actor in Richmond, and the plot was shortly afterwards formed. Atzerott, in his statement, says that he entered into a conspiracy to abduct the President, but resolutely refused to undertake the assassination of President Johnson, which was his assigned part of the programme.

BORDENTOWN FEMALE COLLEGE.—We have received the Thirteenth Annual Catalogue of this institution for 1864-65, containg a list of the faculty and students, an outline of the course of instruction, complimentary notices of the press, &c. The large number of students in attendance is evidence that the college is held in high repute and enjoying a good measure of prosperity. The faculty embraces ten professors and teachers, among whom are several highly educated ladies. For the location of the institution and other interesting particulars, the reader is directed to the prospectus, in another column.

REGISTERS.—Governor Bradford has appointed the Registers for this county, under the act for the registration of voters, but we have been able to ascertain the names of those only for three of the five election districts, which are as follows:

Second district—A. J. Wallis, John Wilson, Jesse Wilson.

Fourth district—T. DeC. Ruth, J. N. Usilton, Levi Fiddis.

Fifth district—T. D. Burgess, C. A. Leary, Thos. J. Vickers.

We understand that some of these gentlemen decline to serve.

EXCURSION TO ANNAPOLIS.—The M. E. Sabbath School of Chestertown has chartered the fine steamer George Law for an excursion to Annapolis on Thursday afternoon next. The boat will leave Chestertown at an early hour, and will remain at Annapolis sufficiently long to give the excursionists an opportunity to visit the State house, the naval academy, and other attractive places. Music is engaged, and a very pleasant time is anticipated.

CAMP MEETING.—The quarterly conference of the M. E. Church, Kent circuit, has decided to hold a camp meeting the present summer, in Baker's woods, three miles from Chestertown. The time has not been definitely fixed, but will be determined at a meeting of the committee to be held to-day.

BODY RECOVERED.—The body of Chas. Stradley, who fell overboard from the steamer Commerce in Sassafras river on Wednesday of last week, was recovered on Saturday. After dragging for the body for several days, the friends were about abandoning the search, when it rose to the surface near where he was drowned.

REGISTRY OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.—We are requested by the Clerk of the Circuit Court to call especial attention to the provisions of the act of Assembly, published in our columns this morning, providing for the registration of marriages, births and deaths.

EXCURSIONS.—The Kennedyville M. P. Sabbath School will make an excursion to Annapolis, on Saturday next, on the fast steamer "Trumpeter."

There will also be a grand 4th of July excursion from Sassafras river to Annapolis on the same boat. See advertisements.

FEES FOR RECORDING TO BE PREPAID.—The Legislature at its last session (chap. 157, sec. 51) passed an act requiring the fees for recording deeds and all other instruments of writing to be prepaid.

SALE OF A FARM.—R. Hynson, Esq., attorney for the owner, has sold at private sale the farm of John Frazier, Jr., situated on Morgan's creek, to Wm. B. Wilmer, for $31,684.73.

ORPHANS' COURT.—We are requested to state that the next session of the Orphans' Court of Kent county will be held on Wednesday, July 5th.

THE PACA MURDER TRIAL.—John P. Paca has been acquitted of complicity in the murder for which the other three parties are at present on trial, at Easton, and has testified pretty fully on the subject.—The accused are now on trial, on the first indictment only, for the murder of Alfred Jones. The case will probably be concluded next week.

FORD'S THEATRE.—Ford's theatre, in which President Lincoln was killed, has been purchased by the Young Men's Christian Association, of Washington, for the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

KINDNESS AND GOOD-WILL TO THE SOUTH.—The apparent disposition of a few extreme partisan papers to excite continued animosity between the people of the North and South, nothwithstanding the war has closed, is meeting with deserved rebuke from the most respectable journals of the North. Here is the view of one of them:

We had supposed that having won back the South by superior arms and resources, we were to attempt something now in the way of kindness and good-will. And this we believe is the spirit of the great body of this Northern people, notwithstanding the constant clamor for something else.—The way to make people hate you is first to mistrust and then abuse them. Have we not had almost enough of this in the past four years? If we go on in this work of mistrust and abuse, with what face can we say that we desire peace, fraternity, commerce, or family unity? And since the Southern people are to remain in the Union, and men like Lee and Stephens were among the last to leave it, and never believed in the wisdom or the policy of secession, why not inculcate in such men and all others, that confidence and mutual respect which is necessary, if not to the stability of the Government, at least to the prosperity and happiness of the people?—If Southern people are not hostile to reunion, it is not for the want of effort on the part of radicals to make them good haters.

THE DEDICATION OF THE MONUMENT AT LOWELL, MASS.—On Saturday, at Lowell, Mass., a monument was dedicated to the memory of Luther Crawford Ladd, Addison O. Whitney, Sumner H. Needham and Charles A. Taylor, of the 6th Massachusetts regiment, who were killed during the Pratt street riot in Baltimore in April, 1861. Adjutant General Berry, Col. Henry Tyson, Colonel T. J. Morris and Col. Shriver, of Governor Bradford's staff, represented Maryland on the occasion, and it was only the pressure of public business which prevented the attendance of Governor Bradford himself.

An incident attending the exercises was the presentation of an elegant silk flag and a silver plate. On the flag was the following inscription: "Maryland to Massachusetts, April 19, 1865. May the union and friendship of the future obliterate the anguish of the past." Lieut. Col. Tyson, of Gov. Bradford's staff, presented the flag, with an eloquent address, which was appropriately responded to by Gov. Andrew.

STEPHENS NOT IDLE.—A soldier acting as one of the guards over Alexander H. Stephens, at Fort Warren, informs the *Traveller* that the late Vice President of the Confederacy spends much of his time in writing, and has already prepared immense rolls of manuscript, enough to give a complete history of the rebellion.

He also reads considerably, and each morning spends some time in singing hymns, which he does with a good voice and much feeling and spirit. He maintains, however, a proud and haughty air, and stands upon his dignity, manifesting no desire whatever to converse with any one while taking his daily walk upon the ramparts.

He, however, does not hesitate to express occasionally his dislike for Jefferson Davis, and for that matter so does Postmaster General Reagan, who is kept in an adjoining cell.

THE FATE OF SAM HOUSTON.—The Pittsburg Commercial of Saturday says:—A correspondent at Cleveland, signing himself "A Texan Refugee," writes us an answer to our query, made a few days ago, concerning the fate and whereabouts of Gen. Sam Houston. He said, "Governor Houston is dead, having deceased early in the year 1863, about two years after the inauguration of the rebellion. And I may add, he died of a broken heart." Our correspondent corroborates the statements that have appeared in the press of Gen. Houston's resistance to the last of the schemes of the secessionists. He says, a short time before the death of Gen. H., "a party or mob proceeded to his house for the purpose of hanging him, because of his opposition to secession and especially on account of his Union sentiments, promulgated, a short time previously, in a speech delivered by him at Houston. A few of his neighbors banded together, and succeeded in staying the hellish intentions of the mob by representing to them that he was in bed and not likely to survive long. A few days after he passed away, a martyr to his beloved country."

THE FOURTH OF JULY AT GETTYSBURG.—Preparations for celebrating the fourth of July at Gettysburg still continue. Gen. Hancock has been ordered to furnish a regiment of infantry, a battery, and battalion of cavalry, and a number of horses for the use of the marshals and invited guests. Generals Meade Hancock, Howard, Wilcox, and other distinguished officers, will be present. The President and part of his Cabinet are expected to attend. General Howard is to be the orator of the day, Gen. Geary, grand marshal, Rev. Dr. Tyng, chaplain, and Miles O'Reilly, the poet.

MRS. JEFFERSON DAVIS.—The Savannah Herald, announcing the arrival there of Mrs Jefferson Davis, says:

She expressed anxiety to go to Europe, and inquired for vessels to Nassau or any other place from which she could get to England or France. She also made the remark that she had probably seen Mr. Davis for the last time. She complained bitterly that she was not allowed to see him after he was taken to the casemates of Fortress Monroe. We understand she will make Georgia her place of residence for the present.

THE INDICTMENT OF GENERAL LEE.—All speculations concerning the trial of Gen. Lee for treason, in consequence of his indictment at Norfolk, may as well be abandoned at once. General Lee is a prisoner of war. The faith of the government is pledged for his protection until properly exchanged.—*New York Herald.*

Gen. Lee and A. H. Stephens Petition for Pardon.

Gen. Robert E. Lee, late commander of the Rebel forces, and Alexander H. Stephens, late Vice President of the late Confederacy, have petitioned the President for pardon. Mr. Stephens enters at length into an apology or vindication of the action he has taken. Among the reasons which led him to espouse the cause of the rebellion, he refers to the fact that the *Tribune*, known to be a powerful and influential supporter of the Republican Administration, openly advocated the right of the Southern people to independence.

Mr. Stephens inferred from this that independence would be conceded to the South without war. He acknowledges that the question has been decided forever, and he desires hereafter to be and to be considered a good and loyal citizen of the United States. Mr. S's document covers some 70 pages.—*N. Y. Times.*

THE NEW ISSUE.—The Republican State Convention of Iowa, which has just been in session, has declared emphatically in favor of negro suffrage. This is the utterance of the first Republican Convention held since President Johnson disclosed his policy on the subject in reconstructing Southern States. The Iowa convention is for making negro voting in those States a prerequisite by the Federal Government, instead of leaving the question of suffrage, as always heretofore, to the States respectively. It is evident that this question of conferring on negroes the elective franchise is to divide the political sentiment of the country until the next Presidential election at least. Under its pressure, old party lines and distinctions are already rapidly disappearing, and men are taking their stand for or against the new issue.

CASE OF MRS. PERRINE.—The President has not yet disposed of Mrs. Perrine's petition for pardon. As the matter now stands, she is found guilty, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. The Secretary of War approves the findings and sentence, and directs that execution of the latter be suspended during Mrs. Perrine's good behaviour.—*New York Times.*

Baltimore Price Current.

BALTIMORE, June 22, 1865.

White Wheat, per bushel	$2.00a2.10
Red " "	1.60a1.85
White Corn "	1.00a1.05
Yellow " "	90a91
Oats (weight) "	70a72
Rye, "	80a85

A lot of new White Wheat from Somerset county, sold for $2.50 per bushel.

DEATHS.

On the 5th of May, 1865, GEORGE RASIN, son of John H. and Willie Georgetta Gemmill, aged four years.

How sad, dear parents, to part with this your darling child; to see in this early spring-time the bud in which were centered so many bright hopes, wither and die ere it had bloomed. In his death many high expectations vanished and passed away. The bright joys of the household suddenly changed to grief and sorrow.—But in yielding to the stern demands of death you have obeyed the voice of your best friend, He "who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind."

"Beneath the sod in sweet repose
Is laid a parent's dearest pride,
A flower that had scarce awoke to life
And light and beauty ere he died.

"God in his wisdom has recalled,
The precious boon his love had given,
And though the casket moulders here
His soul is shining now in Heaven."

In Baltimore, on the 19th instant, SAMUEL JOSEPHIUS, the only son of Samuel David and Emily R. Webb, aged eleven months and ten days.

Meal, Flour & Feed at Market.

THE subscriber will be found at the Market House, every Wednesday and Saturday morning, with Meal, Flour and Feed, always fresh from his Mill—and cheaper than can be bought elsewhere. (je24-3t.) W. T. SMITH.

LOST,

IN or near Chestertown, on Tuesday evening, June 20th, the MEMORANDA BOOK of the Stallion "Kent." He belongs to Messrs L. M. Strong and H. M. Thomar. As the book can be of no use to any one but the owners of the horse, the finder will be liberally rewarded on leaving it at the Kent News Office. je24-3t*

FREIGHTING.

The *Sloop ERMINE*, Capt. Straughn, and *PHŒBE*, Capt. Dunham, Will commence on the first of August next to run PEACHES from BUCK NECK WHARF TO BALTIMORE, and also connect with the Errickson line for Philadelphia.

Freight 10 cents per box. je24-6t*

COMMISSION BUSINESS.

THE subscriber will return to Baltimore the first July, to engage in the

Grain Commission Business.

An experience of five years has given him a thorough knowledge of the business. He offers himself to the Farmers of Kent as a FARMERS' AGENT, who will give prompt and strict attention to all their interests.

je24-tf. B. B. PERKINS.

Slate and Lumber.

TO BUILDERS and the PUBLIC.

WE are agents for the sale of the Peach Bottom, York county, SLATE, of all kinds: Best Blue Guaged, 2nd Quality and small, and can furnish Slate at short notice, either put them on or sell them by the square. They cost less than Shingles.

Also on hand a general assortment of LUMBER, to which the attention of buyers is invited.

J. A. DAVIS & CO.,
je24-y. Port Deposit, Cecil county, Md.

Estrays.

KENT COUNTY, TO WIT:—I hereby certify that Richard F. Moffett brought before me, one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Kent county, on this 8th day of June, 1865, as Estrays trespassing upon his enclosures, the following described Cattle, viz:

ONE RED HEIFER,

supposed to be three years old, with the tips of her horns sawed off, and an underbit in the right ear. THREE RED AND WHITE HEIFERS, 1 BRINDLE HEIFER, and 1 WOOLEY HEIFER, all marked as the first, with an underbit in the right ear, supposed to be two years old.

WM. B. TURBIT, J. P.

NOTICE.—The owner or owners of the above described Cattle, are hereby requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them away, otherwise they will be disposed of according to law.

RICHARD F. MOFFETT,
Near Millington, Kent county, Md.
June 24, 1865—3t. ($3.50)

GRAND AND DELIGHTFUL

EXCURSION TO ANNAPOLIS.

The M. E. Sabbath School of Chestertown, has chartered the large, swift, and commodious Steamer GEORGE LAW, Capt. Crosby, for an EXCURSION TO THE CAPITAL OF OUR STATE, on

THURSDAY, the 29th of June.

The Steamer will leave Chestertown Wharf at 12½ o'clock, P. M., touching at ROLPH'S, WILKINS' and BOOKER'S, going and returning, arriving at Annapolis between 4 and 5 o'clock. This Excursion presents rare inducements to families desirous of crossing the Bay and spending the most delightful part of the day in visiting the Capitol, Naval School, and other places of public interest in that Ancient City.

The Managers pledge themselves to spare no pains to make this the most entertaining Excursion of the season. With a FINE BAND OF MUSIC, a large company of Singers (Melodeon accompaniment,) patronizing friends cannot fail to be pleased.

SUPPER and REFRESHMENTS will be provided on the boat.

TICKETS $1.00 for Adults, and 50 cents for Children. Tickets can be had of Mr. John W. Hines, at the Bank; at Mr. John L. Stam's, and T. W. Eliason & Son's store.

☞ We are gratified to announce that we shall have the attendance of Prof. JAGGERS, an eminent vocalist of Baltimore city, who will sing many delightful airs.

MANAGERS:—J. K. Hines, Col. Ed. Wilkins, T. W. Eliason, Dr. J. A. Perkins, F. Aldridge, J. H. Plummer, H. W. Earnest, J. N. Usilton, J. V. Smith. je24-1t.

Grand Excursion

OF THE

Kennedyville M. P. Sabbath School TO ANNAPOLIS.

THE M. P. Sabbath School of Kennedyville, has chartered the swift and splendid Steamer TRUMPETER, for an Excursion to the State Capital, on

SATURDAY, the 1st of July.

The Steamer will leave GEORGETOWN at 7 o'clock, A. M., touching at Fredericktown, Shallcross' wharf, Cassady's wharf, Turner's Creek, Betterton, Buck Neck, and Rees' wharf. Parties from Chestertown and vicinity can take the boat at Buck Neck wharf, at 9 o'clock.

The Managers pledge themselves to spare no pains to render this a most delightful and pleasant Excursion. No better opportunity could be desired than is here offered for visiting the Capital of our State, the Naval School, State House, and other places of public interest.

A FINE BAND OF MUSIC has been engaged for the occasion.

Dinner, Supper and Refreshments will be provided on the boat.

TICKETS $1.00 for Adults, and 50 cents for children under 13 years of age.

MANAGERS:—Wm. T. Tomlinson, Joseph E. Weer, Samuel Boyd, Thos. A. Meredith, John Nelson, Tilghman Shafer. je24-1t.

Grand Excursion TO ANNAPOLIS,

ON THE FOURTH OF JULY,

On the new, swift and elegant passenger

STEAMER TRUMPETER.

There will be a grand Excursion to Annapolis, Md., on the Steamer "TRUMPETER," Capt. Martin Deming, on the Fourth of July, leaving Georgetown at 7 o'clock, touching at Fredericktown, Shallcross' Wharf, Cassaday's Wharf, Turner's Creek, Betterton, Worton Creek, Buck Neck and Rees' Wharf.

FARE $1.50.

☞ There will be a SPLENDID BAND OF MUSIC on board. Refreshments also.

Passengers from Chestertown and vicinity can take the Boat at Buck Neck at 9 o'clock.

WM. H. PENNINGTON,
H. H. TAYLOR,
WM. A. BRAMBLE, JR.
GEO. A. IRELAND,
J. WRIGHTSON HOWARD,
T. H. HORSEY,
June 24, 1865—2t. Managers.

DAILY LINE FROM Sassafras River to Baltimore.

THE undersigned having procured the new, swift, side-wheel passenger Steamer TRUMPETER, Capt. Martin Deming, to run on the Sassafras River to Baltimore, will on and after Saturday, the 1st of July, run as follows: Leave GEORGETOWN every morning, (Sundays excepted,) at 7 o'clock for Baltimore, touching at Fredericktown, Shallcross' Landing, Turner's Creek, Betterton, Worton Creek, Buck Neck and Rees' Wharf, and arrive at Baltimore at 12, M. Returning, will leave Baltimore the same day at 1 o'clock for Georgetown and all the landings on the river.

Fare $1.25. Meals extra. Freight carried at reasonable rates.

The Steamer TRUMPETER formerly run on the line between Philadelphia and Burlington, N. J., and is considered one of the swiftest Steamers that ever run out of the port of Philadelphia.

Thankful for past favours, the subscriber hopes by strict attention to business to obtain a liberal share of the public patronage.

je24-6t. R. W. BRAMBLE.

FEMALE COLLEGE,

BORDENTOWN, N. J.

THIS institution is situated on the Camden and Amboy R. Road, 2¾ hours' ride from New York, and 1½ from Philadelphia. Its location is unsurpassed for beauty and healthfulness. Special attention is paid to the common and higher branches of English, and superior advantages furnished in Vocal and Instrumental Music, Drawing, Painting and French.

The Institution is strictly a Family School, where the most careful parents may feel safe in placing their daughters.

The Fall Term commences Sept. 18th.

For Catalogues address

REV. JOHN H. BRAKELY, A. M.,
je24-3m. President.

MARYLAND, *Kent County Orphans' Court*, JUNE 20, 1865.—On the application of Joseph J. Martin, Joseph James and Brinton J. Woodward, Administrators C. T. A. of Thomas Woodward, late of Philadelphia, deceased;

ORDERED, That they give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of four successive weeks in the Kent News, printed and published in Kent county.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of the proceedings of the Orphans' Court of the county aforesaid I have hereto set my hand and the seal of office affixed this 20th day of June, 1865. (SEAL)

Test: JOS. P. IRELAND,
Register of Wills for Kent county.

In compliance with the above order, this is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of Thomas Woodward, late of Philadelphia, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, on or before the 16th day of January, 1866; they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under our hand this 20th day of June, 1865.

JOSEPH J. MARTIN,
JOSEPH JAMES,
BRINTON J. WOODWARD,
Adm'rs C. T. A. of Thos. Woodward, dec'd
June 24, 1865—4t.

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

CHAPTER 130.

AN ACT entitled an Act to provide for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties, and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore city, shall receive and record in books prepared for the purpose, the following facts concerning the births, marriages and deaths in said county or city, separately numbering and recording the same in the order in which he receives them, designating in separate columns:

1. In the record book of births, the date of the birth, the place of birth, the name of the child, (if it have any,) the sex and color of the child, the names of the parents, the occupation of the father, the residence of the parents, and the date of the record.

2. In the record book of marriages, the date of the marriage, the place of the marriage, the name, place of residence and official station, or title of the person by whom married, the names and places of residence of each of the parties, the age and color of each, the condition of each, (whether singled or widowed,) the occupation and the date of record; there shall be printed on each marriage license a blank form for the particulars required as above, and it shall be the duty of the minister or other person solemnizing a marriage under such license, to fill up said blanks and make return thereof as hereinafter provided.

3. In the record book of deaths, the date of the death, the name of the deceased, the sex, the color, the condition, (whether single, widowed or married) the age, the residence, the occupation, the place of death, the place of birth, the names and place of residence of the parents, the disease or cause of death, the place of burial and the date of record.

Sec. 2. Be it enacted, That the said record books provided for by the preceding section, shall be truly and regularly paged and alphabetically indexed, in the case of births, with the name of the child, (if it have a name,) and if it have no name, then with the name of the father, if its mother be a married woman, and if its mother be unmarried, then with the name of the mother, in the case of marriages with the names of both parties to said marriage, and in the case of deaths with the name of deceased, or if said deceased be an infant without a name, then with the name of the father or mother of said deceased infant.

Sec. 3. Be it enacted, That parents shall give notice of the facts herein required, to the Clerk of the court aforesaid, of the county or city, in which a birth or death may take place, every householder shall give such notice of every birth and death happening in his house, the eldest person next of kin shall give notice of the death of his kindred, the keeper of a prison, hospital, almshouse or other public institution, shall give notice of every birth and death happening among the persons under his charge; the person solemnizing or performing the marriage ceremony shall give such notice; any such person neglecting or refusing to give such notice for the space of six months after a birth, marriage or death, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five dollars.

Sec. 4. Be it enacted, That any physician having attended a person during his or her last illness, shall, when requested, within fifteen days after the decease of such person, forthwith furnish information of the duration of the last sickness, the disease of which the person died, or cause of death, and the date of the decease as nearly as he can state the same.

Sec. 5. Be it enacted, That every Sexton, Coroner, Undertaker or other person having charge of the obsequies or funeral rites preliminary to the interment of the body of a stranger or friendless person, shall forthwith obtain and return to the Clerk aforesaid of the county or city in which the deceased resided or the death occurred, the facts required by this act to be recorded by said officer concerning the deceased, any person neglecting or refusing to make such return within one month thereafter shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding ten dollars.

Sec. 6. Be it enacted, That the notice required to be furnished by sections three and five, according to section one, may for greater convenience be deposited with any Justice of the Peace residing in the election district wherein the birth, marriage or death takes place, and it shall be the duty of the said Justices of the Peace to transmit the same to said Clerk every three months.

Sec. 7. Be it enacted, That the Clerk of the court aforesaid shall annually on or before the first day of February transmit to the Secretary of the Senate, certified copies of the records of the births, marriages and deaths, which shall have occurred in said county or city during the year ending on the thirty-first of December preceding.

Sec. 8. Be it enacted, That the records of the Clerks of said courts relative to any births, marriages or deaths shall be *prima facie* evidence in legal proceedings of the facts recorded; the certificate signed by said Clerk with the seal of his office affixed thereto shall be admissable as evidence of any such record.

Sec. 9. Be it enacted, That the Clerk aforesaid shall receive from his county or city for obtaining, recording, indexing and returning to the Secretary of the Senate the facts in relation to a birth, marriage or death, fifteen cents for each case recorded as the same shall be certified by the Secretary of the Senate; he shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, for each refusal or neglect to perform any duty required of him by this act.

Sec. 10. Be it enacted, That the Secretary of the Senate shall at the expense of the State, prepare and furnish to the several Clerks of the counties and the city of Baltimore aforesaid, blank books of suitable size and quality to be used as books of record and indexes thereto under the provisions of this act, and blank forms for returns on paper of uniform size, and shall accompany the same with such instructions and explanations as may be necessary and useful.

Sec. 11. Be it enacted, That the Secretary of the Senate shall cause the returns received by him for each year to be bound together in one volume, with an index thereto; he shall prepare from the returns such tabular results as will render them of practical utility, and reports thereof to each regular session of the Legislature, and do all other things necessary to carry into effect the provisons of this act; he shall enforce by suit in the name of the State the recovery of the forfeits or penalties prescribed in section eight of this act, and he shall receive for the performance of the duties imposed by this act, the sum of one thousand dollars per annum; in case of a vacancy occurring in this office by death, resignation or otherwise the vacancy shall be filled by the Governor until a successor shall be elected and qualified.

Sec. 12. Be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Clerks for the respective counties and the city of Baltimore to enforce by suit, in the name of the State, for the recovery of the forfeitures and penalties imposed by sections three and five of this act.

Sec. 13. Be it enacted, That the registration of births, marriages and deaths required by this act, shall be such as occur on and after the first day of July next.

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