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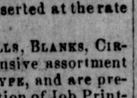
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SLAUGHTER'S LINE OF STEAMERS.



ON and after Monday, July 23, 1866, the STEAMER CHESTER will leave Balto., at 7 o'clock, A. M., every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, for Crumpton, touching at all the landings on the river, except Corsica. Returning the alternate days.

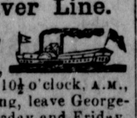
The Steamer GEO. LAW will leave Baltimore for Crumpton, every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY, touching at all the landings on the river, including Corsica.

Both boats leave Baltimore at 7 o'cl'k, A.M, and Crumpton at 6½, A. M.

☞Fare $1.25. Meals extra. All freight must be prepaid. Not responsible for freight after being landed from the boats. Baggage at the owner's risk.

jy21-tf. B. C. CATLIN, Agent.

BALTIMORE And Sassafras River Line.



STEAMER TRUMPETER, CAPT. M. DEMING, will leave Baltimore Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 10½ o'clock, A.M., for Sassafras River. Returning, leave Georgetown every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8½, A. M., leaving Buck Neck Wharf at 11½ A. M., arriving in Baltimore at 2 o'clock.

FARE $1.25. Meals extra.

☞Fare to and from Buck Neck $1.00.

apr7-6m. M. DEMING, Prop'r.

The STEAMER COMMERCE,



Will commence running between SASSAFRAS RIVER and PHILADELPHIA on Monday, the 2nd of April, leaving WILSON'S POINT on MONDAYS and THURSDAYS, at 10 o'clock, A. M.; leave Geo. & Fredericktowns at 12, M., touching at all the Landings on Sassafras and Elk River. Leave Betterton about 3, P. M.

Will leave Philadelphia, third wharf, above Arch St., at 2 o'clock, P. M., every Wednesday and Saturday.

Freight carried at reasonable rates, but must be prepaid. J. F. WILSON, Captain.

March 31, 1866—tf.

NEW ICE-CREAM SALOON!

Washington Hudgins,

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and customers, that he is prepared to supply

ICE-CREAM,
LEMON POP,
SARSAPARILLA,
Raspberry Lemonade,
Mineral Water,

to all who will give him a call. Thankful for past patronage, he solicits a continuance of the same. Parties, Pic Nics and Excursions supplied with Cream and Cake on the most reasonable terms. W. HUDGINS.

Adjoining Post Office, Chestertown.

June 16, 1866—3m.

Teeth Extracted Without Pain!

NITROUS OXIDE.

I DESIRE to call the attention of those suffering from bad teeth, (as there is nothing more calculated to undermine the constitution than decayed teeth,) that the time has come, and now is, when they can have their teeth taken out without pain, and that in Chestertown. When I first introduced this powerful esthetic, I was called upon to vouch for its innocency, and the happy effect it was said to produce.—That I could not then do except upon the authority of other responsible parties. But, as I now have practical knowledge in its operation, it gives me great pleasure to say, I feel no hesitancy in vouching for it, surpassing as it does my expectation in its happy effect.

J. T. TWILLEY,
Dental Surgeon, Chestertown.

June 30, 1866—tf.

MARYLAND, *Kent County Orphans' Court,* July 17th, 1866.—On the application of James A. Jones, (colored,) executor of Aaron Benton, (col'd,) late of Kent county, dec'd;

Ordered, That he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, in Kent county, Md., 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 17th day of July, 1866. Test, JOS. P. IRELAND, Reg. of Wills for Kent county.

{SEAL}

In compliance with the above order this is to give notice, that the subscriber, of Kent county, has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, Maryland, letters testamentary on personal estate of Aaron Benton, late of Kent county, dec'd. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 29th of January, 1867; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 17th day of July, 1866. JAMES A. JONES,

jy21-4t. Ex'r of Aaron Benton, dec'd.

BERGER & BUTZ'S EXCELSIOR SUPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME,

—AND—

Berger & Butz's AMMONIATED SUPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME.

FARMERS AND DEALERS are respectfully referred to the above FERTILIZERS, as being prepared in the best manner, thoroughly reliable, and in every way calculated to give universal satisfaction. They are extensively known, having been used with great success during the past six or seven years.

☞Read the following certificate of one of the best chemists of this country:

CHEMICAL LABARATORY, No. 108 Arch Street, PHILADELPHIA, April 10th, 1866.

During the last five years I have been in frequent consultation with Mr. George M. Woodward, manufacturer of Messrs. BERGER & BUTZ'S artificial manures, in regard to the preparation of their Super Phosphate of Lime, etc. The materials used in these Fertilizers, are in all cases subjected to my examination and analysis before purchase. Being fully acquainted with their formula and methods of manufacture, I can assure those interested in the purchase and sale of Fertilizers, that their "EXCELSIOR" and "AMMONIATED" Super Phosphate of Lime are of such a character as must render them of great value to the farmer, and place them amongst the BEST FERTILIZERS now in the market. F. A. GENTH.

☞ *We Guarantee these Fertilizers to be UNADULTERATED.* ☜

By the introduction of new and improved machinery into our factory these articles will be much better prepared than formerly.

R. J. RUTH & CO.,

General Agents,

No. 16 Bowly's Wharf,

BALTIMORE.

☞For sale by

THOS. DEC. RUTH, Chestertown,
T. D. BURGESS, Grey's Inn Creek,
JAMES SHUSTER, Buck Neck,
R. T. TURNER, Betterton,
JOHN CARSON, Crumpton.

June 23, 1866.

SOMETHING NEW!

Ice Cream! Ice Cream!

CONFECTIONERY! CAKES! FRUITS! CANDIES!

THE subscriber, at considerable expense, has completed his NEW ICE CREAM SALOON and Confectionery, on the corner of Broad and Mechanic Streets, in the Town of Crumpton, and is now ready to supply the lovers of Ice Cream and Sweat Meats, with fresh and choice articles.

Excursions, Pic-Nics, Parties, &c.,

supplied to order with ICE CREAM, and other dainties, by giving three or four days notice. This notice is necessary to enable the subscriber to fill the contract.

With the determination to please, the subscriber hopes to merit a liberal share of public patronage. WM. H. BAYNARD.

Crumpton, June 2.—tf.

NEW STORE.

IT gives us pleasure to inform the public that we have removed to the store room lately occupied by Mr. S. S. Usilton, and are prepared to sell at the LOWEST MARKET PRICES

Sugars, Coffee, Tea,

FLOUR, CRACKERS, RICE,

COAL OIL, and every thing commonly kept in a GROCERY STORE, besides a large assortment of QUEENSWARE, TOBACCO and SEGARS, &c., &c.

We will also buy at the highest market price in trade or cash, all kinds of *Country Produce,* such as Butter, Eggs, Lard, Meat, Poultry, and Dried Fruit. Also, Rags and all kinds of Fur. Please give us a call.

GEO W. SIMPSON.

Chestertown, May 12, 1866.

NEW GOODS, AT KENNEDYVILLE, MD.

A LARGE STOCK OF ALL KINDS OF GOODS, just received.

GOOD CALICOES AT 12½ CENTS!

AND ALL OTHER GOODS at THE REDUCED PRICES!

Persons wanting Goods will do well to call and examine my stock before going elsewhere.

TERMS—*Cash, or Country Produce.*

C. W. WARREN,
Kennedyville, Kent county, Md.

April 21, 1866.

NEW STORE!

THE subscriber has opened a NEW GROCERY, VARIETY AND CONFECTIONERY STORE, in the basement of his dwelling, adjoining Aldridge's Stove and Tinware establishment, and is selling goods at the very lowest cash prices.

BACON, BUTTER, LARD, EGGS, and all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE, taken in exchange for goods, or the highest market price paid in cash.

☞A call is respectfully solicited from his friends and the public generally.

my26-3m. SAMUEL A. SMITH.

Carriages, Buggies, Wagons, Rockaways, Harness, &c.,

FOR SALE AT

HOFF & MILLER'S GREAT BAZAR,

Nos. 35, 37 and 39 NORTH STREET,

BALTIMORE, MD.

1000 Sets of Wagon Harness,
500 Sets Ambulance Harness,
100 Sets Single Wagon Harness,
60 Sets Cart Harness,
200 Four-horse Wagons,
100 Two-horse Wagons,
50 Ambulances, 250 Carts,
1000 Bridles,
2500 Halters,
500 Collars.

10000 lbs. of Canvass suitable for Wagon Covers and Awnings, 3000 Bags,
1000 Fifth Chains and Spreaders,
500 Single Trees.

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, ROCKAWAYS, JAGGERS, JERSEY GERMANTOWNS, SULKIES, EXPRESS WAGONS, HARNESS, &c.

We have a large assortment of the above on hand, which will be sold *low for Cash.* Persons wishing to purchase any of the above will do well to give us a call before purchasing.

HOFF & MILLER,
35, 37 and 39 North St., Baltimore.

Apr. 28—3m.

MONTGOMERY, SLADE & CO.,

No. 5 Hollingsworth Street,

(*Near Pratt Street, between Light and Calvert,*)

BALTIMORE, MD.,

MANUFACTURERS OF

Plows, Harrows, Cultivators,

Hay, Straw and Fodder Cutters,
Spring-Tooth RAKES,
Corn Shellers, &c.

And keep on hand HORSE-POWERS, IRON GEARED THRESHERS & CLEANERS, WHEAT DRILLS, &c, PLOW AND OTHER CASTINGS.

MONTGOMERY & BRO'S CELEBRATED *ROCKAWAY GRAIN FANS.*

Also, the *Southern Giant Cider Mill,* the best Mill in use.

Agents for the *Rarritan two-wheeled Mower and Reaper.*

MONTGOMERY, SLADE & CO.,
No. 5 Hollingsworth St.,

apr28-3m. Baltimore, Md.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

CHARLES STANLEY respectfully informs his friends, and the public generally, that he has this day associated with him, his son C. A. A. STANLEY, in the FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING BUSINESS, which will hereafter be conducted under the name and style o

CHARLES STANLEY & SON,

at the Old Stand, opposite the Kent National Bank Chestertown, where they will keep on hand (or furnish to order) a general assortment of Furniture suited to this market; such as Bedsteads, Mattrasses, Bureaus, Wash-stands, Tables, Chairs, Cradles, Cribs, &c.; at about City retail prices.

Particular attention will be given to the UNDERTAKING branch of the business.

They will keep constantly on hand, or make to order, at the shortest notice Coffins of all sizes, styles and finish. Personal attention will be given to Funerals (when requested) and Corpses will be sent to any part of the county.

Furniture neatly repaired and varnished, and Chairs newly Caned at reasonable rates.

We respectfully solicit a liberal share of the public patronage.

CHARLES STANLEY,
jy14-y. C. A. A. STANLEY.

Tobacco and Segars, CONFECTIONERY, &c.

JOHN H. REDUE,

INVITES the attention of the public to a fine assortment of

CHEWING TOBACCO AND CIGARS, OF EXCELLENT QUALITY.

Persons fond of the luxury of a chew of good Tobacco, or a fine Cigar, are invited to give him a call. Also, PIPES of various patterns and fine SMOKING TOBACCO

CONFECTIONERY.

CANDIES, RASINS,
ALMONDS, FIGS DATES,
PRUNES, COCOANUTS,
FLAVORING EXTRACTS, ESSENCES, &c

Also, **Fine French Confectionery,** such as Mint Julip Charms, Brandy Smash do., Grape Drops, Jelly Cake, Fig Jelly Cream, Quince, Peach, Pear and Apple Paste; Cordial Drops, Cream Chocolate, &c.

Also, Letter and Note PAPER, PENS, INK, and ENVELOPES. JOHN H. REDUE,

dec3v. Next Door to the Bank.

BREAD AND CAKE BAKERY.

JOHN C. GRUBER,

HAS taken the Bakery of Mr. John Walbel, (up town,) respectfully informs the public that he is prepared to furnish

BREAD, RUSK, BUNS, PIES, Biscuits, &c.,

FRESH FROM THE BAKERY, together with every description of Cake, such as

Pound Cake, Sponge Cake,

FRUIT CAKE, JUMBLES, SUGAR CAKE, Jelly Cake, Lemon Cake, &c., at the lowest prices. Having had large experience in Philadelphia in this business, he is satisfied of his ability to give satisfaction.

JOHN C. GRUBER.

Chestertown, April 7, 1866.

MILL NOTICE.

I AM prepared to accommodate the community with sawing, either their own Timber, or I will furnish Timber to fill bills, at the Mill. My terms for sawing are $10 per thousand, except Hickory and Walnut. All bills made at this Mill, if not paid when the work is done, ten per cent. will be charged from date until paid. I will not be responsible for Lumber left on the yard.

I have a Dwelling House and Shop for rent

All persons that have not settled their bills for work, or other bills, will please call and settle them.

WILLIAM T. SMITH,
mh24-tf. Urieville Mills, Kent County.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, sitting in equity, the undersigned as Trustee, will expose at PUBLIC SALE, to the highest bidder, at the Voshell House, in Chestertown, on

Tuesday, 21st of August next,

at 11 o'clock, A. M., all that

Farm or Plantation,

whereof the late John C. Willson died seized and possessed, situated on the North West prong of Langford's Bay in Kent county, and containing by recent survey, (a plot of which will be exhibited on the day of sale,)

372 ACRES, 2 Roods, 5 Perches of Land,



about one hundred acres of which are in

WOOD AND TIMBER,

PRINCIPALLY WHITE OAK.

The arable land is in four fields, and enclosed by good fences. The soil is of good quality and in good heart.



The Improvements

ARE A TWO-STORY

BRICK DWELLING,

and necessary Out-Buildings in good repair.

This Farm is eligibly located in a desirable neighborhood, and convenient to Churches, School House, Store and Blacksmith shop, and within four miles of the Steamboat Landing at Grey's Inn Creek.

Possession will be given on the first day of January, 1867, and privilege of seeding wheat this fall.

TERMS OF SALE:—The terms of sale as prescribed by the Decree are, eight hundred dollars cash on the day of sale, and the balance of the purchase money in equal instalments in one, two and three years, with interest from the day of sale—the credit payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser, with security approved by the Trustee.

THOS. J. KEATING, Trustee.

JAS. H. COSTIN, Auctioneer.

July 28, 1866—tds.

Ratification Notice.

ORPHANS' COURT OF KENT COUNTY, July 24, 1866.

ORDERED BY THE ORPHANS' COURT of Kent county, that the sales of the Real Estate of Edward Comegys, late of Kent county, deceased, made and reported by RICHARD HYNSON, Executor of the last will and testament of the said Edward Comegys, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the first day of October next; provided a copy of this order be published in some newspaper in Kent county, State of Maryland, for three successive weeks before the first day of October next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $161,196.99.

A. W. MELVIN,
WILLIAM GOODING,
JAMES BECK, of Geo.,
Judges Orphans' Court Kent Co.

Test: JOS. P. IRELAND,

jy28-4t. Reg. of Wills.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES FOR 1866.

THE undersigned respectfully notifies the Tax Payers of the FIRST TAX DISTRICT of Kent county, that his books are made out, and that he is now prepared to receive the amount of their taxes for the present year.

Taxes, both State and County, are due on the first day of July.

A discount of five per cent. is allowed by law on State tax paid on or before the first day of September; four per cent. if paid between the first of September and the first day of October; and three per cent. if paid between the first of October and the first day of November.

SAMUEL G. COPPER,
July 7, 1866—tf. Col. First District.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES FOR 1866.

THE undersigned respectfully notifies the Tax Payers of the SECOND TAX DISTRICT of Kent county, that his books are made out, and that he is now prepared to receive the amount of their taxes for the present year.

Taxes, both State and County, are due on the first day of July.

A discount of five per cent. is allowed by law on State tax paid on or before the first day of September; four per cent. if paid between the first of September and the first day of October; and three per cent. if paid between the first of October and the first day of November.

JOHN W. DUYER,
July 7, 1866—tf. Col. 2nd District.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES FOR 1866.

THE undersigned respectfully notifies the Tax Payers of the Third Tax District of Kent county, that his books are made out, and that he is now prepared to receive the amount of their taxes for the present year. Taxes, both State and County, are due on the first of July.

☞A discount of five per cent. is allowed by law on State Tax paid on or before the first day of September; four per cent. if paid between the first of September and the first day of October; and three per cent. if paid between the first of October and the first day of November.

EDWIN CROUCH,
July 7, 1866—tf. Col. Third District.

KENT COUNTY, To Wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that J. K. Aldridge, farmer of said county, brought before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the said county, this 26th day of July, in the year 1866, as an estray trespassing upon his enclosures, a black and white spotted HOG, with a crop off the right ear and under bit off the left ear, supposed to weigh about 125 lbs.; came to his house about the 23rd or 24th of July. Given under my hand.

HENRY W. EARNEST, J. P.

NOTICE.—The owner of said Hog is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away.

jy28-3t. ($2) J. K. ALDRIDGE.

TRY THEM.

GREINER S INFALLIBLE AGUE PILLS,

A POSITIVE CURE for CHILLS and FEVER, for sale at

J. OSBORN DUGAN'S,
June 23—tf. (late Mrs. Mansfield's.)

THE WILLOW.

O willow, why forever weep,
As one who mourns an endless wrong?
What hidden woe can lie so deep?
What utter grief can last so long?

The spring makes haste with step elate,
Your life and beauty to renew;
She even bids the roses wait,
And gives her first sweet care to you.

The sunshine drapes your limbs with light,
The rain braids diamonds in your hair;
The breeze makes love to you at night—
Yet still you droop, and still despair.

Beneath your boughs, at fall of dew,
By lovers' lip is softly told
The tale that all the ages through
Has kept the world from growing old.

But still, though April's buds unfold,
Or summer sets the earth aleaf,
Or autumn pranks your robes with gold,
You sway and sigh in graceful grief.

Mourn on forever unconsoled,
And keep your secret, faithful tree!
No heart in all the world can hold
A sweeter grace than constancy.

Correspondence of the Kent News.

AMERICAN HOUSE, CAPE ISLAND, *August 2d,* 1866.

Dear News:—I send you some jottings down at Cape May.

Serious illness of two members of our family produced the pilgrimage to this gay resort. Taking the steamer S. M. Felton at New Castle, we had a delightful ride down the bay, the warm and placid weather rendering the water as we approached the mouth smooth as glass, except occasionally a few breakers would swell about the boat, producing rather anxious faces for a time.

At the wharf a crowd of carriages, of all sizes and conditions, greeted us. Filling the nearest "*line*" carriage, we were soon on our road rejoicing. The drive across the Island is a very pleasant one, over a beautiful macademized road three miles in length. The impromptu races gotten up become laughable and exciting, as it does not take long for the Jehu's here to get their blood up. *Our* Jehu strongly eulogized the Sherman House, but the ladies of our party voted *no* on the sight of it, We pushed for the Atlantic, as being nearest the beach; failing there, tried Congress Hall, United States, Columbia House, and finally got in by a neck at the American.

I must say, any one coming to Cape May for *pleasure,* can see about as much of it in *one* day as in a month. It is awfully dull; nothing to excite but the bathing, which is certainly grand and imposing. Nothing can be more exhilarating and health inspiring. We had the satisfaction to find one of our invalids improved immediately; the other but indifferently.

The hotels are filled to overflowing, and the accommodations you are compelled to put up with are such as an "upper ten" darkey in Kent would turn up his nose at, whilst "extra" charges meet you at every turn.

Fashion, who is an omnipotent goddess, makes queer changes at Cape May. At the balls, hops and "*soiree dansante,*" the beautiful sylph-like creatures, floating in clouds of gossamer lace, silks of every hue, followed by long trails, in the morning and at the bath, present appearances anything but flattering. The Hebe-like form of the evening previous becomes the wan and weird phantom, the handsome bust has vanished, a *bony stemure* is in its place; teeth and hair which shone brilliantly only a few short hours before have departed to regions of darkness; the rounded and beautiful proportions become angular and sharp in outline, whilst that crowning grace of all, a beautiful foot and ankle, is changed, ye gods! into a mass of bony knuckles, corns and bunions that would afford practice for a "chiropodist" for a thousand years to exterminate. Nevertheless, the sight of three or four thousand persons of both sexes, the variegated colors of the bathing suits, the moving, struggling mass battling the waves, is a sight worth coming to see.

After the bath, which always takes place at eleven o'clock, A. M., comes the *reaction.* The dullness is terrific. There are no amusements, except to punch a lot of colored balls about a table, familiarly known as *billiards,* rolling ten pins, and popping at a mark with a pistol.

The balls, hops, etc., to our notion, is a flat failure. We have seen many finer collections of ladies at the pic-nics at the Fox-hole, Shallcross' landing, and the private parties in Kent and Cecil, and infinitely better dressed and far more beautiful. Two ladies in our company, Miss M. A. C., of Shady Grove, near Warwick, Md., and Miss M. E. C P., of Coliton, near Head of Sassafras, far surpassed in beauty, grace of person and *artistic* dress any lady we saw on the Island.

The rule seems to be, and it is a rule that has *no exceptions,* to get all out of you that's possible and make you the most infinitesimal return. They do it very amiably, and with as pleasant and heroic a *smile* as Jack Sheppard.

There are very few prominent men as visitors here. We had the pleasure of meeting Gen. George Vickers, of your town, at the Columbia. Maryland and Delaware are well represented, which, with the Philadelphians, about make up the company. But as the mail is about closing, I will close and send you more anon. NEPTUNE.

THE man who does most has the least time to talk about what he does.

WHAT IS LOYALTY?—Hon. Edgar Cowan, of Pennsylvania, in a recent speech in the United States Senate, in reply to a remark of Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, in which that catch-phrase "*loyalty*" was the leading idea, gives, in the following brief and concise language, his definition of the term:

"Loyal! What is loyal? I ask Massachusetts what is loyal? What is the meaning of the word? A fellow that votes with you! That is like the chap defining 'orthodox'—'orthodox is the way I believe; heterodox is the way the other man believes.' Loyal means an abolitionist, I suppose. At least I find that everybody who does not happen to be an abolitionist or tarred with that stick is said to be disloyal. Loyalty, Mr. President, is a very simple word. Loyalty means obedience to the laws. It means legality. *Legalis* means law as well as *lex* meant it. When a man alleges his loyalty to me, see his reverence for the Constitution and the laws. Show me a man who disregards either; show me a man who does not believe in the Constitution which brought this country to such a pitch of prosperity for seventy-five years and made us so great and so happy a people; show me a man that lays sacreligious hands upon that instrument, especially when I know that half the time he does not understand it and that he never read a commentary upon it in his life; show me that man, and I will show you one who is not loyal.—Show me a man who for temporary advantage, either for himself or his party, would set a foot upon one of his country's laws, and he is not loyal."

THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER DRYING UP.—Old steamboat men declare that the signs of the past four or five seasons point to the permanent drying up of the Mississippi river, reducing it from a stream navigable for the largest boats the whole season, to one of uncertain navigation, like the Missouri, passable at certain seasons, and the rest of the year shrunk to a mere creek winding along among sand-bars and shoals. There is certainly some change taking place in our climate that is affecting our lakes and rivers. They are greatly different in their habits from what they were eight or ten years ago. The average of water is steadily decreasing. Our "June rise," once as certain as the coming of the month, has totally ceased. The heaviest rains, which once would have swelled the river several feet, now do not seem to effect it in the least. There are many theories advanced to explain this. One is that the climate is undergoing some change which seems plausible, as those who have studied the meteorology of our State are convinced that this change is taking place. Another theory is that the cultivation of the country, destruction of forests and other physical causes, have tended to decrease the rainfall and retard the flowing of extra moisture into the streams.—*St. Paul Pioneer.*

LABOR.—Did it ever occur to you, reader, what is accomplished by labor, and what the world would be without it?—Why, man of idleness, labor has rocked you in the cradle, and nourished your pampered life; without it the woven wool upon your back would be upon the shepherd's flock. For the meanest thing that ministers to human want, save the air of heaven, man is indebted to toil; and even the air, in God's wise ordination, is breathed with some degree of labor. It is only drones who toil not—who infest the hive of the active like masses of corruption.—The lords of the earth, then, are workingmen who build or cast down at their will and who can retort at the sneer of the bogus aristocracy by pointing to their trophies wheresoever art, science, civilization and humanity are known. Work on, man of toil! Be true to thyself, and to thy cause, and thy loyalty will yet be acknowledged.

SHE KNOWS THE MEN.—This is the latest from Fanny Fern, addressed to the ladies:

"Show but a strip of white stockings above your boot, or a bit of embroidered skirt, or a calmoral, and you may lead a man by the nose. I have positively seen men stand at the corners, eagerly bobbing their heads this way and that, to catch a sight of the gaiter boots, as they alighted from the various omnibuses. Not all young men, either, but grayheaded old dodgers, who had grandpa written all over them."

Then, Fanny, if that is the case, and "but a strip," or "a bit" are only necessary to lead us "by the nose," will you have the kindness to inform us what you of "the gentler" propose to accomplish by the "tilters?"

NEW TAXES.—For each curl on a lady's head above ten, five cents.

For wearing a low-necked dress, one dollar.

For wearing hoops larger than 8 feet in diameter, eight cents for each hoop.

For sleeping in church, ten dollars.

Seeing a lady home from church; twenty cents.

For every flirtation, ten cents.

For kissing a pretty girl, one dollar.

Each pretty lady to be taxed from twenty-five dollars, she to fix the estimate of her own beauty.

Old bachelors over thirty are taxed ten dollars, and sentenced to banishment to Utah.