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A Malicious Act.

Some weeks ago the NEWS noted the disappearance of the Levy Ledger from the office of the County Commissioners of Kent County. It was thought by many that this book had simply been misplaced, but such a theory has been exploded by recent events. There is no doubt now that it was stolen.

This theft has been followed by another discovery which rivals anything in the history of public affairs in Kent County It was announced by the expert, Mr. Blacklock, that although the Levy Ledger had been stolen, he could verify accounts by the minute book. Last Friday he had occasion to use the latter book and discovered four pages missing! They were pages 329, 330, 331 and 332, which contained minutes of meetings in July, 1900. They had been removed artistically, not a leaf being torn, and evidenced the fact that the miscreant had plenty of time and used his knife in a very expert manner.

Every citizen regrets such conduct. It is not only a reflection upon our County officers but the whole county will suffer to some extent the odium that must be attached to such an outrage. The act arouses indignation everywhere and every effort will be made to discover the thief and the object of his plunder. Mr. Blacklock thinks he can find the levies passed by the board during July, 1900, by examination of the certificate book; but of course if there are no records he can find nothing.

Our cotemporary is of course indignant at this outrage but when he charges Democrats with this crime he oversteps the bounds of justice and brings suspicion upon the friends he would defend. To charge this malicious act upon Democrats or Republicans is far beyond our purpose. The public will have their theories, and the circumstances are too plain to require any explanation. When the expert discovers what was hidden in the month of July, 1900, then will the public know whether a Democrat or Republican got the levy book and mutilated the records.

If there was any grievous wrong committed by Democrats, surely Messrs. Townshend and Willson would have been too anxious to show it up. They had the books and reported that they had made a careful examination several months ago, and did not report anything wrong, then certainly the Democrats have no reason to mutilate any book or to fear an investivation made by Grand Jury or otherwise and to charge the Republicans with such a heinous crime should not be done on circumstantial evidence alone.

Mr. Blacklock, the expert, now examining the books, says he has not yet found the need of either the lost book or the four abstracted pages, as all the data therein is supplied by original orders and proceedings on file in the office.

The County Commissioners by advertisement elsewhere in this issue very wisely offer a reward of one thousand dollars for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties. No expense should be spared in getting to the bottom of this affair and whoever the guilty party is, Democrat, Republican, Prohibition or Mugwump, let him get his just deserts.

Mr. Blacklock expects to conclude his examinations next week, so that the grand jury may be called together the first week in August.

No Loss Of Life.

Every cloud has a silver lining is certainly true in connection with the cyclone of Sunday. Regretable as was the great loss of property in Worton, Still Pond, Coleman's and elsewhere, there is a deep satisfaction in the knowledge that there was not a single life lost in the county. This seems almost incredible when the tremendous rush of wind and water and the fury of the hail and lightning are considered.

Carriages in which men were riding were overturned by the wind and struck by lightning, but the occupants were not hurt. In Baltimore walls of houses were blown down and havoc wrought in upper rooms which men and women had left not many moments before. A few persons were caught by rushing water and carried along some feet. But all escaped, as by a miracle. Damage to property is a serious thing, but loss of life is so much more serious that we almost feel as though the county and city is to be congratulated.

THE National Christian Endeavor convention is to meet in Baltimore in 1905. This will bring to the city between 15,000 and 35,000 members of the society from various parts of the country and the good influence will be felt in all sections of the State.

WHEAT was quoted at 79 cents in Baltimore yesterday.

POPE LEO still survives, but his physicians give little hope. People of all nations and creeds sympathize with him in his marvelous battle for life.

POLITICAL NOTES.

G. E. NOLAND, Esq., has decided to withdraw from the contest for Senatorship in Kent County and has written a letter in favor of Garrett Foxwell, Esq. Mr. Noland was prompted to take this action upon advice of his friends. He will heartily support the ticket nominated by the Democrats on July 28th.

THE commissionership fight in the first district has been simplified by the withdrawal of Mr. Jacob Shallcross and Mr. Gove Everett leaving the contest to be waged between Mr. Bradford Dudley and Wm. Steel. A movement was set on foot last week to bring out Mr. Harry Griffith for commissioner but failed of consummation.

JUDGE F. H. HARDER is looming up prominently as the coming Republican candidate for clerk. Mr. Eliason's friends are urging him to accept this place but he is not now in a receptive mood. Capt. Dan Hill is also mentioned in connection with this office.

ONEY KEYSER, of Fairlee, and J. C. Jones, of Lynch's, are rivals for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff. There may be others in a few days.

CANDIDATES for Legislature seem to be scarce up to this time.

THERE is war declared between the Republican organization force led by Chairman Mason and the antis under the leadership of Congressman Wachter. The defeat of Senator McComas is the end in view. All good citizens will join in this movement, and if his own party does not defeat him, the Democrats will. Not a single name has been mentioned by either of the Republican factions in connection with the Comptrollership. But it is supposed that whichever wins he will come from the Eastern Shore. Kent will send a delegation in favor of John D. Urie for Comptroller. There has been some intimation that the anti-McComas faction may make Mr. Thomas J. Shryock their candidate for State Treasurer in case they carry the Legislature. That was the position he held in the Lowndes administration. It, of course, goes without saying that Mr. Jackson's reward, if the combination succeeds, will be the United States Senate and that he will make the fight of his life to elect the ticket if his side nominates it. Governor Lowndes, if elected, it is understood, will serve out his term.

THE Democratic county primaries will be held next Saturday according to the plan published on the second page of this issue. The party is in excellent shape and there is every indication of success, provided the Democrats are wise and nominate a ticket composed of representative citizens. There is no disputing this fact, viz., that a ticket named by any one man cannot be elected. It is therefore vitally essential that all elements of the party be consulted and that they be represented in the make-up of the ticket. The Republicans are watching with keen eye every move made by the Democrats and will take advantage of every loop hole. Kent county should be in control of Democrats and now is their opportunity to regain same.

A GREAT DAY.

Tolchester to be Scene of Great Crab Feast Thursday—Admission by Badge—No Boat for Public.

Arrangements have been perfected for the great Elks outing at Tolchester next Thursday. The positions for the 25 cauldrons, tables, various stands and tents were selected, and 10 rooms in the hotel engaged for Dr Henkel, 412 West Fayette street, who, with the assistance of 14 trained nurses, will be in attendance during the day and prepare for any emergency.

Each room set aside for the ladies will be attended by a maid. It is expected that at least 10,000 people will visit the shore on that day. Each of the four boats will make several trips. The following list of the necessary provisions to be sent to the beach on the morning of the outing, is as follows:

3,000 rolls.
100 pounds butter.
300 pounds coffee.
100 pounds cut-loaf sugar.
100 pounds granulated sugar.
400 pounds ham.
150 pounds spiced beef.
100 pounds beef tongue.
2 barrels of vinegar.
8 tubs of potato salad.
10 barrels of potatoes.
50 gallons of milk.
10 gallons of mustard.
4 boxes of lemons.
2,500 bottles ginger ale.
2,500 bottles sarsaparilla.
8 cords of wood.
10 tons ice.
400 pounds crab meat.
50,000 crabs.

The crabs are to be furnished by C. W. Martin & Co., Annapolis. This firm is also to supply many other things, such as canned corn, canned tomatoes, pickles, chowchow, etc.

No one will be allowed at the beach on "crab day" except Elks and members of their families or some near relative. Admission to the steamers will be by tickets only, and these tickets will be given only on the presentation of the official badge at the registration building on the day before the outing. Ladies who attend the occasion will be required to have an escort.

W. S. & A. M. CULP have commenced the big improvement at the Chester River Steamboat Company's wharf. This firm has been awarded the contract for building the Pennsylvania depot at Cambridge.

DON'T forget the excursion next Wednesday to Rehoboth. The committee in charge is a guarantee of perfect arrangements while the pleasure of past seasons will no doubt be enjoyed by all who go on the excursion.

SIXTEEN persons took the teachers' examination in Chestertown last week, five of the number were colored. The examinations for the scholarships at the various Md. colleges were held Wednesday and there were fifteen candidates. The Western Maryland vacancy had seven applicants. These scholarships will be awarded next Tuesday by the Kent school commissioners.

THE report that Dr. C. W. Reid is an applicant for the vice presidency of St. John's College, Annapolis, is a mistake. He says he has a better position than that as announced by the NEWS two weeks ago.

THE Standard Oil Company are increasing their business in this section under the direction of their energetic manager, Mr. George Rouse. During the last quarter he sold 3500 gallons more than for the same time last year. He was complimented for his energy by his company.

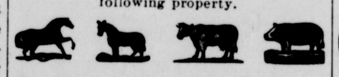
OWNERS of traction engines cannot be too careful in using the roads. Much complaint is heard of some machine men not complying with the law in regard to proper protection of the traveling public, especially when moving their machines at night.

Public Sale
—OF—
PERSONAL PROPERTY.

THE Undersigned intending to discontinue farming will sell the following property on the premises where he now resides, one mile from Chesterville, on the road to Millington, on

WEDNESDAY, July 22, 1903.

Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. all the following property.



5 Young Horses,

all good workers and drivers.

2 Fine Colts, 1 year old and 1 Spring Colt.
1 Pair Mules well broken.
6 Head Good Milch Cows.
5 Heifers, 1 year old.
1 Bull.
5 Head of Hogs.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS:

1 Deering Binder, 6 foot, in good order, 1 Farm Wagon, 1 Dearborn, 1 York Carriage and Harness, 1 Set Double Carriage Harness, 1 U. S. Corn Planter. Two 3 Horse Oliver Chill Plows, Two 2 Horse and One 1 Horse Plows, 3 Hand and 1 Sulky Cultivator, 1 Corn Marker, 2 Horse Carts and Harness, 2 Sets Wagon Harness, 1 Missouri Grain Drill, 11 Hoes, 7 in., 3 Milk Cans, 1 Grindstone, Cross-cut Saw, a lot of Carpenter Tools, 1 Scoop, Shovels, Spades, Picks, Forks, 6 Sets Plow Harness and a lot of Double and Single Trees, 2 tons of Timothy and Clover Hay, and a lot of household goods and many other things too numerous to mention.

TERMS:—All sums under $10 cash, over that amount 12 months. All notes must have approved security and bear interest from day of sale and made payable at the Kent County Savings Bank. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

C. W. ENGLAND.

THOS. M. BRITTON, Auct.

Straw Wanted!

We will buy your straw in bulk, by the load or by the ton.

If in bulk, as mutually agreed.
If by the load, $3.00 per load.
If by the gross ton, $3.50 per ton.
If bought by the ton, all chaff, wet and discolored straw to be rejected.

Payments to be made within 5 days after receipt of straw.

All persons within 18 miles of our mill having straw to sell will find it to their interest to correspond with us.

American Straw Board Company,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Tax Sale Order Nisi.

Thomas J. Fletcher, Sheriff,
vs.
Sylvey Riley.

In The Circuit Court For Kent County.

THE report of sale of real estate of Sylvey Riley for taxes made by T. J. Fletcher, as sheriff of Kent county, collecting taxes and reported by him in the above case, and the proceedings therein having been read and considered and the same appearing to have been regular, and the provisions of law in relation thereto have been complied with; it is thereupon this 13th day of July, 1903, by the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, ordered that all persons interested in the said real estate of Sylvey Riley sold by Thos. J. Fletcher, Sheriff, and reported as aforesaid, be and they are hereby notified, to show cause if any they have, on or before the 15th day of September, 1903, why said sale shall not be ratified and confirmed, provided a copy of this order be inserted in the KENT NEWS, a newspaper printed and published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 13th day of August, 1903.

The report states the amount of sales to be one hundred dollars ($100.00).

JAMES A. PEARCE,
EDWIN H. BROWN,
True copy, Test:—
JAS. T. DIXON, Clerk.

NOTICE TO TRACTION ENGINES

The traveling public are hereby warned that the bridge across "Mullin's Branch" near Lambson's Station, is unsafe for Traction Engines. By order of Board.

jy11-tf. H. THEO. JEWELL, Clerk.

Proposals for Coal.

OFFICE BOARD SCHOOL COMMISS'RS, Chestertown, Md., June 19, 1903.

Proposals will be received at this office up to July 21st, proximo, for supplying the public schools of the county with the best Stove Coal, 22 0 pounds to the ton, to be delivered as follows:

Rock Hall	40	Tons.
Buck Neck	24	"
Betterton	25	"
Massey	20	"
Millington	20	"
Lambson's	20	"
Kennedyville	25	"
Worton	20	"
Chestertown (anthracite)	30	"
" (bituminous)	30	"

All the coal to be delivered by August 3rd, 1903, and to be paid for on the return of the certificate, signed by one or more of the trustees, certifying that the coal has been delivered and placed in the coal houses on the school premises.

Bids will be received for contract to supply all of above, or amount needed, at any point or more points as indicated above.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to increase or decrease quantities.

JOSEPH PETERSON, Secretary.

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PUBLIC SALE
—OF—
HORSES, CARRIAGES, ETC.

The undersigned will offer at Public Sale in front of the Court House Yard, in Chestertown,

On SATURDAY, July 18th, 1903,

at 2 o'clock p m., the following described Personal Property:

Two Large Bay Horses,

both good drivers and workers;

1 Two-Horse Carriage, in good order,
1 Drop Foot Carriage,
1 Light Farm Wagon, 1 Sleigh,
1 Hand Corn Sheller, 1 Feed Cutter,
2 Sets Double Carriage Harness,
1 Set Single Carriage Harness,
1 Set Double Wagon Harness,
2 Cultivators, Plow, Hoes, &c.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums of $10.00 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of 5 monts will be given on bankable note with approved security.

M. BLANCHE CONSTABLE,
HORACE B. CONSTABLE, Atty.
J. H. GREENWOOD, Auctioneer. jy11-ts.

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JEWELER.
Chestertown, Md.

JAMES T. MULLIN & SONS.

1-2 Price Sale Now On

Clean up of odd suits, small lots and broken sizes; Men's Suits $4, $5, $6 and $7.50, that were $8 to $15. Some Boys' and Children's Suits in same sale, $1 to $5 for suits worth double or more. Cut prices on Straw Hats, now 50 cents and $1 for big bargains. Special values in Furnishings; 25 and 50 cents, Negligee Shirts, thin Underwear, Neckwear, Belts.

10 per cent. off Suits and Trousers to order from Summer goods.

Big line regular Serge Suits and Thin Goods.

Jas. T. Mullin & Sons,
6th and Market,
Wilmington.

MASS will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown, Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, and in St. John's Church, Rock Hall, at half past ten.

THERE will be a 10 days meeting in the grove at Golt's, beginning on Sunday the second day of August. All are cordially invited to come and help us in the good work.

AT the Asbury M. E. Church, Millington Twilight services during July and August at 6 o'clock, each Sunday evening.

PREACHING and reorganizing of Sunday School on Sunday afternoon, July 19, at 3 o'clock, at Morgnec. You and your friends invited.

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HAMMOCKS, LAWN SWINGS, LAWN MOWERS.

At Still Pond

BALED HAY, in Clover and Timothy;
FEED OF ALL KINDS, and the
AMERICAN FENCE WIRE, the best fence, and we are moving it rapidly. See us on this before you buy.

OUR HARNESS at Chestertown and Still Pond is a seller. The best set for **$10.00.**

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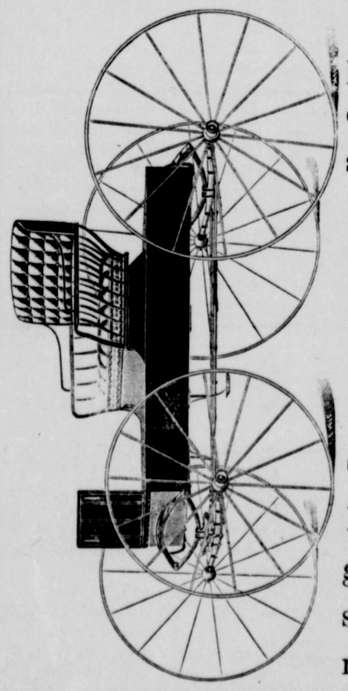

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