THE
Chestertown Transcript

CHESTERTOWN, MD.,

Saturday Morning, June 16, 1866.

☞ An unusual amount of job work, has materialy interfered with our reading columns this week.

Mr. Greeley on the Case of Jefferson Davis.

In many respects the force and facts of the following article from the New York Tribune of yesterday cannot be gainsayed, however much any may differ from the peculiar political ideas of Mr. Greeley, and some of the sentiments which crop out in the course of the statement. The rights of a prisoner are as sacred as those of any other individual, if not more so; and acknowledging this Mr. Greely's manly candor and straightforwardness revolt at any indirect overslaughing of them, whether by outside or inside politicians, or any others; and he would have the government itself—if it or any of its officials have been led into error in the past in regard even to Jefferson Davis—reverse its action, openly boldly, promptly—taking back false charges, if such have been made—and proceed directly and as in duty bound to stand upon such others as it feels justified in doing, or abandon the whole. The Tribune's article is as annexed:

JEFFERSON DAVIS.—The House of Representatives on Monday, on motion of Mr. Boutwell, of Massachusetts, by a vote of 105 to 39,

"Resolved, As the opinion of the House of Representatives, that said Davis should be held in custody as a prisoner, and subjected to trial, according to the laws of the land."

There would seem to be no room for doubt as to the correctness of one proposition here given, since all parties are agreed upon it. The House says Davis should be tried; his counsel say exactly the same, and have been trying, ever since they were allowed to communicate with him, to get his case before a judge and jury. Then why is he *not* tried? Who stands in the way?

Judge Underwood held on Monday, on an application for bail, that he was a prisoner of war—therefore not bailable. The fact being assumed, the reason is conclusive. But how long may a prisoner of war be held after the war is officially declared at an end? Suppose one were held to-day as a prisoner of war, taken by Gen. Jackson at New Orleans in 1816, would that suffice to bar his liberation?

But how and when did Davis become a prisoner of war? He was not arrested as a public enemy, but as a felon, officially charged, in the face of the civilized world, with the foulest, most execrable guilt—that of having suborned assassins to murder President Lincoln—a crime the basest and most cowardly known to mankind.—It was for this that $100,000 was offered and paid for his arrest. And the proclamation of Andrew Johnson and Wm. H. Seward offering this reward says his complicity with Wilkes Booth & Co. is established "by evidence now in the Bureau of Military Justice." So there was no need of time to hunt it up.

Others charged with that horrible deed have been arraigned, tried, some of them long ago acquitted and set at liberty; others executed and buried; others are now serving out their terms as convict-prisoners. Why is this one alone still awaiting trial—not even indicted? Is the charge of assassination abandoned? Then it should be retracted as publicly as it was made. Is it persisted in? Then why is he not tried on it? Can you imagine any creditable reason for leaving this matter as it is?

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For eight or ten months he was not allowed to see his wife or any member of his family, nor to communicate with counsel save by open letters sent through the War Department. At length the embargo is relaxed, and he is simultaneously indicted for treason. "Now," say his counsel, "we shall get his case into court;" and they attend at the very first sitting to call it on. * * * * * *

But the government comes limping in the second day and is not ready. No preparation has been made on that side, and the case has to go over.

Now if there be any reason for not trying the case in Virginia, it is perfectly triable in Tennessee. There is ample evidence that Jeff. Davis was at Murfreesboro' in 1862, wielding and impelling the rebel army of Tennessee. Judge Trigg of that district is thoroughly loyal; he holds court at Knoxville, among a people as overwhelming loyal as Vermont. Why has not an indictment been found and tried in his court? Who can say?

It has a very bad look when a man officially charged with the vilest crime known to men is not even indicted therefor, but kept in close jail over a year without knowing on what charge; and when at length an indictment *is* found against him for something totally different, he can't get tried on that, but is still held in close jail without being allowed a chance to face his accusers. He should not like this sort of treatment, and we mean to insist on fair play for friends and enemies alike.

Mind, here is no question of mercy or lenity, since none has yet been solicited. A prisoner accused of heinous crimes asks to be tried, and his trial is shuffled off, while he is kept in close jail a good way on his second year. * * *

For our own part, and in behalf of some others who believe the true, sufficient basis of reconstruction to be universal amnesty, impartial suffrage—these two, and no more—we demand that this prisoner of war, or prisoner of State, or whatever he may be, shall have the full legal rights secured to him by the constitution and laws of the land. Believing that any illegal harshness to which he may be exposed tends to engender new bitterness between North and South, and to indispose the latter to accept conditions of reconciliation which we hold best for each and all, we shall oppose it as at once a wrong and a blunder. We have still an open, serious controversy with those who insist on reconstituting our country on a basis of caste and prejudice and we cannot afford to give them the avantage of truly representing us as making war on a fallen, powerless prisoner of war or of peace.

Rail Road Meeting.

At a meeting of the friends of the Kent County Rail Road, held in Galena on Saturday the 9th day of June 1866, John M. Comegys was called to the chair and Cornelius J. Scott appointed secretary.—The object of the Meeting was stated by J. O. Slay, Esq., of Chestertown, who was followed by Major Biggs of Delaware, in a clear and elaborate address, showing the advantages that must accrue to this and adjoining Counties by the completion of this Road. After which the Stock Book was open and the sum of four thousand and twenty-five dollars subscribed as new stock beside a large amount was transferred from the old Book.

Upon motion the Chair appointed J. B. Fennimore and Samuel Townsend, Esqs., of Delaware, and Col. Richard C. Johnson of Maryland, a Committee to confer with the President of the P. W. & B. Rail Road Company, and accept his offer of an Engineer and assistant to survey and estimate the cost of two proposed routes, from the Delaware Rail Road into the State of Maryland to or near Massey's X Roads, take charge of the funds intended to bear the expense of the survey and disburse the same, and accompany, if in their judgment it be necessary, the surveying party; and report to the Chairman of this meeting.

Sales of Real Estate.

On Tuesday next the farm of Stevenson Constable, near Hanesville, and the farm known as the "Everett farm," will be sold at the Voshell House in Chestertown.—On Wednesday the Real Estate of the late Edward Comegys.

On Thursday next, W. R. Constable will have a Vendue of personal property. See adv't.

☞ The students of Washington College will give a Dramatic Entertainment, at the College Buildings, for the benefit of their library, on Tuesday and Wednesday evening next. For particulars see advertisement.

On our first page will be found the Revised Ordinances of Chestertown. We advise a persual, as they will be strictly enforced.

A Quarterly Camp meeting, will be held in Baker's woods, on Kent Circuit, (Providence permitting) Commencing July 27th. Preachers and people are invited to attend. We extend a special invitation to the old pastors of Kent Circuit.

J. B. QUIGG,
ENOCH STUBBS.

Sudden Death.

Col. John McKenney, an aged and highly respected citizen of Centreville, died suddenly on the street on Thursday morning. He had been suffering from a partial paralysis of one side for more than two years, but was in the habit of walking up town daily, in good weather, by the aid of crutches. On the morning above named, at about 8½ o'clock, while making his way up town when opposite the residence of Mr. William J. Hopper, he was observed to stagger and fall. Several gentlemen immediately ran to his assistance, but by the time they had taken him into Mr. Hopper's porch, he was found to be dead. It is believed he was attacked with paralysis of the brain.—*Centreville Citizen.*

CONCERT.

THE CHESTERVILLE Singing School, (D. J. Quimby, Teacher,) assisted by several singers from Still Pond, will give a

CONCERT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL,
In the Church at CHESTERVILLE,
On Thursday next, June 21st.

Doors open at 8 o'clock, P. M. Admission 25 cts. Should the weather be inclement the Concert will be postponed until Friday evening. June 16, 1866.

VENDUE.

HAVING sold his farm and removed to Virginia, the subscriber will sell at Public Sale, on

Thursday next, the 21st of June,

at the "Miller Farm" on Swan Creek, at 10 o'clock, A. M.,

A superior Yoke of WORK STEERS,
6 Superior Milch Cows,

4 Yearlings, 11 fine Shoats, a large lot of Poultry, 1 Mare and Colt, a Square-top Buggy, Fan, Straw Cutter and Corn Sheller, Ox Cart, Sled and Trucks and General Farming Implements. Large Cook and Parlor Stoves and some other Household Furniture.

Also, ONE CANOE WITH SAILS.

☞ Terms made known on the day of sale.

June 16 W. R. CONSTABLE.

HARVEST GOODS!

IN view of the Harvest Season now at hand, Wickes & Bro. have prepared themselves for the general accommodation of their customers with a varied and full line of such Goods as the exigencies of the *Harvest Field* are usually supposed to call into requisition. Sugars, Coffees, Molasses, Rice, Tin Ware, Crockery Ware, etc., and some excellent common LIQUORS of the "Old Virginia" Brand, sold below the usual price for the occasion only. June 6, 1866.

ENGLISH GRAIN BLADES of the celebrated Waldron make, and Machine Oil of the finest quality, on hand and sale by June 16, 1866. WICKES & BRO.

Wickes & Bro.

REMIND their Farmer friends that they will at all times find them upon the Top Ridge of the Market in the figures which they are paying for Wool, whether in the Fleece or Washed. June 16, 1866.

WICKES & BRO.

CALL the attention of Ladies to a very superior article of Black Silk, Goods particularly adapted to the making of Ladies Coats and Circulars, and which they are selling, taking the quality into consideration, at a very low figure.

Chestertown, June 9, 1866.

MARRIED.

BAKER—FRAZIER.—On Thursday evening last, at the M. P. Church, Cistertown, by Rev. L. W. Bates, MILTON BAKER to Miss MARTHA FRAZIER—all of this place.

OFFICE BOARD SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS,
Chestertown, June 12, 1866.

To the Teachers of Public Schools.

Notice is hereby given that the Teachers' Institute for Kent County, will commence its first Session in the School room at Chestertown on Monday, 25th inst., at 9 o'clock A. M., under the direction of Prof. M. A. Newell.

The fine for non-attendance, as fixed by law, is not less than five, nor more than twenty-five dollars.

The citizens of the town have generously proffered the hospitalities of their homes to teachers remote from town.

Teachers of private Schools are also cordially invited to attend. By order of the Board. J. W. HINES, Sec'y.
June 16, 1866.

NEW GOODS THIS WEEK

NOW OPENING at the "People's Popular Store," *at very low figures!* Persons that are in want will be satisfied with the prices. W. A. VICKERS.
Chestertown, June 16, 1866.

ABOUT 20 DOZ. STRAW HATS,

TO BE CLOSED OUT AT ABOUT HALF PRICE—any style you want. They were bought this week from parties that were selling off to close. Go to W. A. Vickers and buy a good Hat for a mere trifle.
June 16, 1866.

A LARGE LOT OF VERY CHEAP SHOES, of every description of style and quality, just received at the People's Popular Store.
June 16, 1866. W. A. VICKERS.

THE MT. VERNON LT. SOC.

OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE, will give a

Dramatic Entertainment
In the College Hall,

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR LIBRARY
On the Evenings of the 19th and 20th of June, respectively.

The first evening's entertainment will consist of the Comedy of the

"GOLDEN FARMER,"

and the Ludicrous Farce,

"KISS IN THE DARK."

On the following evening will be presented

"STATE SECRETS,"

AND

"SWISS COTTAGE,"

Plays of such well known character that they require no commendation here.

The performance will be enlivened by Hodgkins' celebrated Cotillion Band.

Admission 50 cts.; children under twelve 25 cts. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performance to begin precisely at 8.

TICKETS can be had at College Building on the evenings of entertainment.
June 16, 1866.

STEAMER KENT ISLAND



SUMMER ARRANGEMENT

THE Steamer Kent Island, Capt. Taylor will on and after MONDAY JUNE 18 run as follows during the Summer season, viz:

Leave Chestertown for Baltimore

On MONDAYS and FRIDAYS at 7 o'clock A. M. On TUESDAYS at 2 o'clock, P. M. On WEDNESDAYS at 1 o'clock, P. M. returning, leave Baltimore every TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY mornings at 7 o'clock, A. M.

Leave Spencer's Landing and Corsica for Baltimore,

On MONDAY and FRIDAY Mornings at 9 o'clock, and on WEDNESDAY at 2 o'clock, P. M.; returning leaves Baltimore on TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY Mornings at 7 o'clock.

The Boat will touch at Kent Island, Bade's and Ralph's each trip.

J. FRISBY TAYLOR,
June 16, 1866—3t. Captain.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

BY Virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Kent County, as a Court of Equity, the undersigned as Trustee, will expose at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, on

THURSDAY,

The 12th day of July

1866, at the Voshell House in Chestertown, at 11 o'clock, A. M.,

All that Farm and Plantation

in Kent County, in Swan Creek Neck, commonly called "Page's Farm," formerly the property of the late Hiram Jones, deceased, and at present owned by the Rev. William Dale and his children, and occupied by Mr. James Pearce as Tenant,

Containing 265 Acres

more or less, and adjoining the lands of Richard W. Jones, Esq., and others. The soil is good and the farm productive. It grows the various kinds of Grain and Grasses well. It has been several times limed—is divided into Four Fields and Four Lots, under good Fencing. The land is adapted to the growth of Fruit, and is very convenient to Public Landings in the neighborhood. There is a

YOUNG ORCHARD of APPLE AND PEACH TREES IN BEARING.

THE BUILDINGS



consist of a

Comfortable Dwelling,

A Large Barn,

With convenient SHEDS around, and STABLING and all the usual Out Buildings, in good condition. The situation is a eligible one, being healthy and near Churches Schools, Stores, Post Offices and Mechanics Shops, and in a choice neighborhood. It is convenient to Rees' Corner, Rock Hall and Swan Creek. The purchaser can have possession on the first day of January next, and the privilege of seeding Wheat and of doing some other work on the premises. The owners reside in Worcester county, which renders it inconvenient to attend to the property, and makes a sale of it advantageous to them.

THE TERMS OF SALE

As prescribed by the Decree are, the purchase money to be paid in five equal instalments in six, twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, and thirty months, from the day of sale, with interest from the 1st of January, 1867, and to be secured by the Bond of the purchaser to the Trustee, with approved security. Upon the payment of the whole purchase money and interest, the Trustee is authorized to execute a valid deed for the premises.

GEORGE [illegible]ICKERS, *Trustee.*
Chestertown, June 16, 1866—4ts.

Baltimore Grain Market,

[From Thursday's papers.]

WHEAT—Red $3 05.
CORN—White 1 05a1 09; yellow 93a95 cts.
OATS—Weight, 73 cents.

Public Notice

IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED, that the undersigned, citizens of Kent County, intend to petition the County Commissioners at their first meeting held thirty days after the date of this notice, to build a Bridge near the gate and Landing of C. W. Spry.

DAVID CLEMENTS.

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REV. JO[illegible] deliver [illegible] near Rock H[illegible]

Mond[illegible]

a Lecture on [illegible] the Church. [illegible] Lecture to [illegible] mittance 25 [illegible] P. S.—If [illegible] Lecture will [illegible] ing thereafte[illegible]

THE LA[illegible]

Heart, Kidneys, Bladder, Womb, and diseases arising from habit or indiscretion, after a other treatments have failed, are indeed wo derful. Cancers cured without the knife and with but little pain. The afflicted are invi ed to call, or write stating symptoms, age, &c and get a treatment that will cure them Direct to Box 185 Baltimore P. O.
June 9, 1866.

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