Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN - FEB. 16, 1889.

THE ceremony of canvassing the electoral vote of the various States was made in the joint session of Congress on Wednesday and the election of President Harrison and Vice-President Morton duly declared.

MICHAEL RIZZELLO, alias "Red-Nose Mike," an Italian, was convicted at Wilkesbarre, Pa., on Monday of murder in the first degree for killing Paymaster McClure. The jury was a unit for conviction on the first ballot. He will be brought before court for sentence to-day.

REQUITED MERIT.—Capt. Thomas C. B. Howard, who rendered such efficient and effective service for the Oyster Navy in the waters of the Chester River, has been promoted to the captaincy of the Gov. Thomas, Capt. J. D. Loker, her commander, having resigned. Capt. Howard for two months past has been acting as captain of the steamer McLane.

LARGE DEAL IN REAL ESTATE.—The fine tract of land near Frederick City, Md., embracing about 2,000 acres, which furnished truck for Mr. Louis McMurray's canneries, has been sold to Mr. Joseph D. Baker, of Frederick City. The purchase price has not been made public, but it is said that the land cost Mr. Murray on an average of about $100 per acre.

THE INAUGURAL MARCH.—An effort is being made, which will probably be successful, to have the inaugural march which was played when Tippecanoe Harrison became President played again when his grandson rides up Pennsylvania avenue to take the oath of office. The march was composed by Miss Susanna Warfield, of Sykesville Md., who is still living, aged 95 years.

A COLOSSAL PALACE is to be opened at Fort Worth, in June, to be known as the Texas Spring Palace. Every product of the State will be put into the construction of the building. The various minerals of the States will be erected into temples, the palace will be dressed with cotton, wheat, corn, oats, sugar-cane, varieties of grasses, vegetables, fruits and flowers of Texas growth, and every product of the State will be exhibited in the interior.

THE age of Senator Wm. M. Evarts has been mentioned as against him for a cabinet position. The New York *Sun* says that's all nonsense. There are five Senators who are Brother Evarts's seniors, two more who were born in the same year as he. Senator Morrill and Senator Payne are seventy-nine, Senator Sawyer and Senator Dawes are seventy-three, Senator Saulsbury is seventy-two, while Reagan, Wade Hampton, and Brother Evarts at seventy-one are scarcely out of school.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, having signed the bill elevating the Bureau of Agriculture into a department, with a Cabinet officer at its head, the only logical thing remaining to be done was the appointment of the Secretary of Agriculture. This the President did on Monday by nominating Commissioner Colman for the place. Mr. Colman will doubtless be confirmed by the Senate and for less than a month he will be permitted to wear Cabinet honors in warming a seat to be filled by President Harrison.

THE MARRIAGE LICENSE FEE.

A Decision in Favor of the Court Clerks.

The Maryland Court of Appeals has decided the case of the State of Maryland vs. James A. Davis, clerk of the circuit court for Cecil county, involving the marriage license law, and to test the right of the clerk to retain the whole or one-half of every marriage license fee, in favor of the court clerks. Two marriage license bills were passed in 1886, both placing the tax at $1. One is known as chapter 261 and the other as chapter 497. Both were approved by the Governor at the same time. Under the former the clerk was to receive fifty cents, the balance to go to the State treasury, but chapter 497 provides "that the clerk of the court shall receive $1 for every license issued as aforesaid and for the performance of the other duties required by this act." The clerk of Cecil county refused to pay over to the State one-half of the marriage license fees received by him since July 1, 1886, claiming that under chapter 497 no part of the license money belongs to the State, but that it all goes to the clerk for his services in issuing the license and performing other duties required of him by the law. The circuit court for Cecil county sustained the refusal of the clerk to account to the comptroller, from which the State appealed.

The Court of Appeals, through Judge Irving, affirms the judgment of the lower court, holding that chapter 496, passed three days after chapter 261, is the law, and that, as additional duties were placed on the clerk, the Legislature intended to increase his fees. The decision will affect the State to the extent of from $10,000 to $15,000, which will have to be refunded to the clerks who have during the two years paid into the treasury what they considered to be the State's portion of the marriage tax.

This decision will affect the compensation of all the county clerks throughout the State, except those in Baltimore, Frederick and Carroll counties, and Clerk Gray, of Baltimore city, who are the only clerks who have paid into the State treasury an excess of the fees of their offices. The money paid in on account of marriage licenses by the other clerks since the new law went into effect will be refunded.

A Good Speculation.

Secretary Whitney, it is said, has made more money than any man in Washington in a single real estate deal, and more than most of those in a combination of speculations. One of his best investments was in the purchase of his farm, Grasslands, on the Tenallytown road. He bought that place soon after he entered the Cabinet and some months before the President invested out there and the resultant boom set in. Mr. Whitney bought the 100 acres, including the old house, out-buildings and improvements, for $300 per acre. He had to have the house considerably altered before it was suitable for his use, and to build a barn. Altogether he spent some $6,000 or $7,000 in improving the place, and it is now an attractive country residence.

He had owned the place scarcely two years when the speculators began to look with longing eyes upon the fair acres. One enterprising syndicate induced him to part with twenty-five acres, including that portion of his farm which borders on the Tenallytown road. The secretary was probably reluctant to do this, but an offer of $1,500 per acre convinced him that the land was too expensive for him to own. A short time afterward he received and accepted an offer of $4,000 per acre for the remaining seventy-five acres, retaining, however, the privilege of remaining on the place as a tenant for three years. He thus in two years made a clean profit of $75,000 on his little investment of $30,000 in farming land along the Tenallytown road. This little episode not only illustrates the good luck of Secretary Whitney, but the rapid appreciation in the value of suburban property near Washington.

THE heaviest verdict for damages ever awarded in Philadelphia, $20,000, was given last week in the case of Charles T. Orban, the newsboy who lost a leg by being run over by a Traction Company car.

Representative M'Comas.

Hon. Louis E. McComas made a strong speech in the House last Tuesday. He tempered his partizanship for the time and employed his great ability in a stirring argument and appeal for equal laws North and South, and the necessity for some general effort against bribery in elections, intimidation and fraud. All these evils are recognized and growing in magnitude, so that the whole nation is cursed with the corrupting results. The wholesale bribery practiced of recent years especially calls for the condemnation of all men and a united effort to stop it.

A Club Case in Talbot Court.

State's Attorney Stewart, by the direction of the Governor, filed a petition before the Circuit Court of Talbot county at its session last week asking a writ of scire facias issued against the Easton Social, Literary and Musical Club for violation of charter privileges. The petition alleges that the constitution of the club is at variance with its charter; that its management is not in accordance with that provided in the articles of incorporation; that it does not have literary and musical entertainments, and that it sells liquor to its members in violation of the local-option law. The court passed an order directing the club to show cause on or before the 5th day of March next why its charter should not be forfeited.

Ex-Gov. Whyte Makes a Speech.

Attorney General Wm. Pinkney Whyte made a political speech last Tuesday evening at Waverly. Like everything that emanates from the able ex-Governor it was interesting, though we find not a word in it about *oysters*. Doubtless he concluded that if Bradley Johnson and John K. Cowen couldn't take care of *that* subject it was not worth caring for!

Mr. Whyte discussed the tariff, the reasons for Cleveland's defeat, and dwelt upon the necessity for a better organization, if the Democratic party would succeed in the future. In the course of his speech he said: No honest man who looks at figures will believe the croakers who are soured by defeat, and say that tariff reform beat Cleveland. He carried New Jersey, the stronghold of protection, and Connecticut, where factories are as thick as small-pox. We are not beaten where the tariff would have affected us, but in New York, his own home, he was defeated by scientific treachery, factional quarrels and boodle spread throughout the State. So in Indiana, which was stolen from us by the purchase of floaters in blocks of five. He who says Cleveland was beaten on tariff must think I'm a fool if I can swallow his garrulous nonsense. The issue is not dead.

Mr. Whyte thinks it all important that there should be a change in the "old stereotyped method of making nominations, as in the last few years." He said: "I have never scratched a name from a regular Democratic ticket. Others differed from me. Some did it by treachery, and some like men. I have learned something by the logic of events. When a public sentiment is abroad, you must have some regard for it. We need no reform from without. In this business no Republican need apply. It will require all their power to keep together when Harrison begins to distribute the offices."

THE annual statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York appears in this issue and shows the remarkable progress made by this institution during twelve months. The record made by the Mutual eclipses its own best efforts, and naturally exceeds that of any other financial institution in the world. The new business written amounted to $103,214,261.32, an increase of $33,756,792.95 over the new risks assumed in 1887, and a gain of $46,381,542 over the business of 1886—showing a continuous and phenomenal advance. The assets of the Mutual Life now aggregate $126,082,153.56, indicating a gain for the year of $7,275,301. The company has now an outstanding insurance account amounting to $482,125,184. Its total income from all sources is reported at $26,215,932. It paid to its members during the year for death claims and endowments and other obligations, $14,727,550.22. Up to date the Mutual had 158,369 policies in force, showing a gain in membership for the year of 17,426, thus forming the biggest army of policy holders in any regular life insurance company in the world. The surplus fund was increased $1,645,622.11 in 1888, and the Mutual now has $7,940,063.33 over and above every liability.

BIG FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.—John Wyeth & Brother's great wholesale drug house, at 1416 Walnut street, Philadelphia, was almost totally destroyed by fire on Sunday, and Frank E. Morgan's handsome drug store, at 1412 and 1414 Walnut street, formerly the retail department of Wyeth & Brother, was entirely destroyed. It was one of the most disastrous fires that has occurred in that city for years. Three handsome residences and the Hotel Stratford were badly damaged by fire, smoke and water. The losses will foot up over half a million dollars. The insurance will not cover the damage. A number of firemen and others were injured.

Among those badly cut and bruised the Philadelphia papers mention the name of Lieut. E. L. Usilton, of the fifth district police. Lieutenant Usilton has received a letter from John Wyeth & Bro. thanking him for his personal services and commending in the highest terms the coolness and efficiency of the force under his command. A check for $100 was enclosed which the firm asked the lieutenant to distribute among the officers according to his discretion.

AN ENORMOUS CORN CROP.—Representative Baker, of Illinois, has presented in the House of Representatives at Washington a petition asking that steps be taken to set forth at the Paris Exposition the value of the corn crop of the United States. The petition bristles with statistics, and says: "Our corn crop just gathered never before yielded such bountiful harvest. Nearly two billions of bushels were raised on 75,569,279 acres of the finest land in the world, which will bring us nearly 700,000,000 dollars. The train that would be required to bring this immense yield to the seaboard would be 3,000,000 cars, loaded with 622 bushels each, and nearly 60,000 locomotives would reach more than round the world. So heavily loaded a train travels slowly, and would require a whole year to pass through Chicago. Iowa is the banner State for corn last year, having raised 321,629,962 bushels, of the commercial value of $73,974,891. This is almost equal to the value of all the gold, silver and lead mined in the United States in 1886. It is almost a larger sum than all the railroads in the United States paid in dividends on stock in that year. It is $8,000,000 more than the total net earnings of all the national banks in America.

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE has received another gift from a graduate of the college, the sum donated to be used to erect and equip a complete gymnasium.

YES, WHY NOT?

The Cecil *News* asks: "Again, why does not our agricultural society show itself to be an agricultural society in fact as well as in name, by calling the farmers of the county together for a general discussion of their common interests. The board of managers of the Frederick county society, has followed the example of Harford, Baltimore and Montgomery counties, and appointed a committee to arrange for a series of gatherings at its fair grounds for the discussion of questions pertaining to the agricultural interests of the county. It is also proposed to organize in the near future a regular farmers' institution or association for the advancement of the agricultural interests of Frederick. The Cecil county society ought to do the same thing, and it ought to do it at once."

Good advice this. It is eminently practical and to the point. But our cotemporary has not given "honor to whom honor is due." The societies above named are only following the lead of the Kent County Agricultural Society. Meetings for the discussion of farm interests have been held by this organization for *twenty years*. It is the oldest county agricultural society in the State, and from the time of its organization by leading agriculturists of Worton, its intellectual feasts have continued. The first fair was held on the grounds of Mr. Wm. W. Stephens, near Melitota, and the weekly meetings were held for some time in a hall on Worton Heights. Frederick, Harford, Baltimore and Montgomery are wise in inaugurating a "series of meetings" for the discussion of agricultural questions, and Cecil will do well to follow in the same line, but they are many years in the rear of old Kent. And don't *you* forget it, Dr. Frazer!

Taken to Baltimore for a Hearing.

The "Gov. Thomas" arrived here last Saturday with a prisoner in the person of Capt. Fred Walters, who was captured on the dredging schooner Martha A. Jones that morning on Swan Point. The arrest was made by detectives Droste and Pumphrey, of Baltimore, and the prisoner was lodged in jail in default of bail under two charges—illegal dredging and running off with the schooner Martha A. Jones while under bonds in Rock Hall creek. Captain Walters declares that he was deceived by his companions who came from Baltimore with him to bond for him and the boat; that they put him on the boat after the arrival at Rock Hall, with instructions to get the boat ready to sail while they proceeded to the magistrate's office and gave the bond; he saw them go in that direction, and when they returned and said it was all right, he did not doubt them, and knew no better until the boat was well on the way to Baltimore, when he was told of the "good joke" that had been played upon the police authorities.

On Thursday a messenger arrived with a writ of *habeas corpus* for Capt. Walters, directing Sheriff Casey to have him before Judge Hanlan's court Saturday morning for a hearing on the charge of running off the boat. State's Attorney Smith took care to see that the other charge of illegal dredging should not be overlooked, so that it may have been as well for the captain's friends to bond for him here as in Baltimore. Deputy Sheriff Lambert took the captain over yesterday morning.

Queen Anne's Items.

The following are taken from the Centreville papers:

Gov. Jackson has directed a *nolle prosequi* to be entered in the case of State vs. John T. Jones, indicted at the November term, 1888, for forgery.

C. J. Thawley, of Centreville, has assumed the editorial and business management of the *Carrolltonian*, of Westminister. Mr. Thawley is a newspaper man of considerable experience.

Mrs. Catherine McCollister, relict of Judge Charles McCollister, died of pneumonia at the residence of her son, C. C. McCollister, near Church Hill, on the 7th inst., in the 78th year of her age.

Mr. Samuel G. McCollister, residing on Southeast river, sent to the Centreville *Record* office last week a small branch of a peach tree, of the Garey's Holdon variety, nearly all the buds of which were in full bloom. Mr. McCollister says that the bloom is opening all over the trees.

The colored people's church near Church Hill was consumed by fire on the 1st inst. The building was occupied as a school room through the week and the fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. Several of the scholars were slightly burned in their efforts to extinguish the flames.

Edward Jester, son of P. C. Jester, residing near Church Hill, was driving on the public road one day last week when the breeching of the harness broke. While making the necessary repairs the horse kicked Mr. Jester in the face, causing an ugly and painful wound. Dr. J. L. Finley rendered medical aid and no serious results are anticipated.

A valuable horse belonging to Mr. J. P. Crossley, was seriously injured on Wednesday of last week. Mr. Crossley, who lives near Church Hill, was out driving when his horse stepped on a brick, which caused him to stumble and fracture his leg. Dr. J. H. W. G. Weeden was called in to reduce the fracture. During the surgical operation the horse made a lunge, striking the doctor on the leg, in inflicting a painful, but not serious wound.

The directors and managers of the Centreville Flouring Mill are much elated at the excellent grade of flour they have been able to produce at their new mill. It has been thoroughly tested by bread-makers here and in other towns, and is pronounced equal to the highest grade made by any of the well-known flour mills of the country. It is a feather in Centreville's cap to have located here what promises to be one of the best mills in the country, and our people are justly proud of the fact. Only last week the company received a letter from a distinguished Baltimore chemist extolling the flour very highly and ordering a lot for family use. It will probably prove the entering wedge for the establishment of other important enterprises here.

COLORED SCHOOLS.—A meeting of the colored school trustees and others, to the number of about fifty, met at Perkins' Hall last Saturday, for the purpose of securing better school facilities for the county and State. It was agreed to send five delegates, one from each district, to the State Educational Convention, to be held in Baltimore during the latter part of this month. The following delegates were elected: Second district, Charles W. Jones; third district, Jno. H. Murphy; fourth district, D. T. Williamson; fifth district, Louis Henry. The first district was not represented, but will send a delegate. The condition of the colored schools of Kent county was fully discussed and the delegates were instructed to make known the facts at the convention.

FALLING INTO THE JAWS OF A SHARK.—The Melbourne *Argus* reports that a horrible affair occurred at Hawkesbury bridge, Sydney, New South Wales, during December. Mr. Ryland, of Messrs. Ryland & Morse, sub-contractors for the erection of the superstructure of the bridge, was walking along the top of one of the spans, when he missed his footing and fell some fifty feet into the river blow. As he was falling a huge shark was observed immediately below, and the unfortunate man had scarcely reached the water when the monster seized him, and both disappeared under the water, which at once became tingled with blood.

The Nicholson Creamery.

Messrs. Robt. G. and Wm. T. Nicholson have purchased a three acre lot of ground adjoining the property of the Strawboard Mill, and will at once utilize the same for the creamery enterprise in which they propose to engage. They have already erected a temporary ice-house and have been storing ice therein this week. The creamery building will be a two-story frame structure 28x42. The machinery comes from New York. The main building is to go up immediately and the enterprising managers expect to be ready for butter making by the middle of May next. Their works will be on a large scale. They will be able to use as much as twenty-five hundred gallons of milk per day which will yield 600 pounds of butter. They will have a separator at Fairlee and will locate others at points which may justify them.

Another Manufactory Probable.

Mr. Wilbur Eliason left home last Monday for Toledo, Ohio, and spends the week in the West looking after his strawboard interests. While away he expects to look into the practicability of a paper peach basket factory. He has for some time been thinking about starting a factory of this kind here, but there have been difficulties in the way. Whether he will come home settled in mind to begin operations remains to be seen.

We have over and over again urged the advisability of a peach basket factory at Chestertown—or at some other central location in Kent. With our million of peach trees there certainly seems to be an open field here for a basket maker. There is no reason why we should be compelled to go to Delaware for all the baskets we use, when they could be made cheaper at home, and with good profit to the manufacturer.

Religious Notes.

Services will be held at J. U. at 10½ on tomorrow (Sunday) and St. Paul's at 3 P. M.

Rev. S. C. Roberts, of Chestertown, and Dr. DuHammel, of St. Luke's, Church Hill, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

The revival meeting in the M. P. Church, Chestertown, has been continued this week by the pastor, Rev. W. R. Graham, with excellent results. Meetings are held every evening with full congregations, and numbers have professed conversion. Afternoon inquiry meetings are also held. To-morrow (Sunday) morning will be given an opportunity for baptism and the occasion is expected to be of special interest.

Rt. Rev. A. A. Curtis, Bishop of the diocese of Wilmington, administered the rite of confirmation at the Church of the Holy Family at Church Hill, on Sunday morning last.

Rev. Mr. Bailie preached his introductory sermon to a good audience at the Worton Presbyterian Church last Sunday. His effort was highly gratifying to all. He will no doubt prove popular and useful in this new field.

The Evangelist, Rev. Quincy L. Morrow, preached his first sermon before a crowded house at Lynch's on Sabbath evening last. The meetings during the week have been of a prosperous character, a number of person becoming awakened to a sense of their religious obligation. Rev. Mr. Morrow will fill the pulpit at St. James' Sabbath morning at 10.30, and at Lynch's Chapel at 3 P. M. and also at 7 P. M. All invited.

Extra services at the M. E. Church at Millington are in the seventh week. Eighty probationers have been received.

The extra meetings at the Meth. Epis. Church in Georgetown, Del., Rev. J. D. Kemp, pastor, are resulting in one of the greatest revivals ever experienced in the history of the town. They are even held on Saturday night. There have been 75 conversions, and the interest has not abated at all.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—Mr. James Brice met with a painful accident on Friday of last week while on the way from Chestertown to his farm near Urieville. Seeing a bunch of straw in the road, he got out of the dearborn to pick it up, placing the reins over the dash. While attempting to get in the dearborn again the horse started off in a run, throwing Mr. Brice in the vehicle and the reins falling to the ground. Realizing the situation, Mr. Brice attempted to get out of the dearborn, and in so doing fell so violently to the ground that he remained unconscious for a time. Mr. Brice thinks his hands sustained the brunt of the fall and saved him from more serious injury. They were much swollen and quite painful for several days. His forehead and right side of the face were much bruised. The accident confined Mr. Brice to the house for several days, but he is now himself again. The horse escaped injury and the dearborn was not seriously damaged.

DIED IN JAIL.—Theodore Groom, colored, aged about 19 years, who was lodged in jail last week as a witness against another colored man for stealing corn, died last Monday. When Officer Parsons brought him in Dr. Hines was called to see him and declared him ill of pneumonia. Sheriff Casey had him put to bed and properly cared for, but he lived only four days, Coroner Pippin held an inquest, as the law requires in cases of persons dying in jail, the jury being as follows: G. C. Adkinson, foreman; J. W. Bordley, J. S. Vandegrift, S. Hicks, W. S. Culp, Jos. Downey, W. H. Lambert, Jr., B. B. Wroth, J. E. Mirch, Jas. Chilcutt, W. B. Copper, Frank Howard, L. K. Stam, J. W. Crouch, J. U. Coleman, T. J. Joiner, D. P. Jones, J. L. Hamilton. The verdict was death from natural causes.

SENT TO THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION.—Melvina Butler, colored, aged about 45 years, was arrested by Officer Simpson last Tuesday for stealing a bag of flour from the residence of Wm. Berger. Justice T. S. Dodd sentenced her to the House of Correction for three months.

Robert Bird, alias Thomas, colored, was arrested by Constable Henly last Saturday and Justice C. W. C. Johnson sent him to the House of Correction for six months on two charges. This fellow is a genuine kleptomaniac. He was just out of the penitentiary, where he had served a term for stealing a watch from Mr. Dilhofer, when he was arrested and sent to jail, in default of $100 bail, for stealing a pair of gloves from Mr. N. C. Crow's store. He got bail and started for home, but his disease was too much for him; in passing the store of Mrs. Lynch he stole a bag of flour and several handkerchiefs! The justice thought that a term in the House of Correction might be beneficial, although there is little hope for the cure of the disease. M. deK. Smith, Esq., State's Attorney, represented the State in each case.

A GOOD DAY'S WORK.—Geo. W. Bramble is reported to have shelled for Mr. J. W. Loud, on Tuesday, 2,150 bushels of corn in eight hours. This is claimed to be the best day's work of the kind ever done in this county.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—The Greenwood farm, consisting of 188 acres, in Elk Neck, Cecil county, improved by a nearly new dwelling house and out-buildings, was sold at a mortgage sale at Elkton, Tuesday, to Capt. J. Fletcher Wilson, of Kent, for $3,100.

A farm of 210 acres, in Frederick county, was sold a few days ago to Mr. Charles N. Hargate, for $17,850.

EVERYBODY in reach of Still Pond hall should remember the entertainment to be held there next Tuesday evening.

A SUCCESS.—The suppers this week at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church were well patronized and successful, both socially and financially.

PROF. OBER'S entertainment in Stam's Hall last Saturday evening was attended by a good audience, and all were delighted with the beautiful pictures and the graphic delineations.

NAVIGATION.—The steamer Emma A. Ford has made all her landings this week notwithstanding the ice in the creeks. Capt. McConnor has been suffering from a bad cold and Capt. Taylor has had his place for several trips. The steamer Trumpeter, of the Sassafras river line, has been withdrawn because of the ice.

DUCKS PLENTIFUL.—Ducks are said to be very numerous about the mouth of Chester river, but difficult to get at. Mr. Robert Wickes, of the Island, brought to town on Tuesday twelve pair and a swan, and Mr. Frank Legg, of Rock Hall, also sent up a fine lot. Mr. Wickes reported acres of ducks off his beach on Tuesday morning.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.—At a meeting of the board of visitors of Washington College, held last Monday evening, it was decided to appropriate $50 to aid in sustaining the gymnasium, and Prof. Clarke, who is at the head of the athletic association, was charged with the expenditure of the same. Some improvement in the recitation room of the primary department was also authorized.

A STATEMENT WORTH READING.—The statement of Mr. L. Bates Russell, published on the third page of the NEWS, headed "Life Insurance par excellence," should have the careful consideration of every one who is thinking about investing in life insurance. The "Mutual Life" of New York is one of the strongest companies in the world, and some of the advantages of its policy holders may be seen in the statement given in the article alluded to. Its *new* policy is certainly destined to become very popular.

AN EVENT TO OCCUR ON THE 16TH.—This date will chronicle the appearance of that popular combination, Hi. Henry's Premium Minstrels, with new features, new faces, new acts, new specialties, new solos, new everything, and notably the most elegant and costly wardrobe ever seen in their profession. While this organization promise one of the finest minstrel entertainments ever offered our public, they place their prices so low as to be within reach of all. Reserved seats now on sale at C. F. Stam's.

BITTEN BY A DOG.—Mr. W. T. Sutton, superintendent of the Chestertown Water Works, was bitten in the calf of the left leg on Tuesday morning by a young shepherd dog belonging to Mr. N. G. Westcott. Mr. Sutton was passing on the Queen street side of Mr. Westcott's premises when the dog rushed out of the gate unobserved and bit him as described. The wound was dressed by Dr. Whaland. Mr. Sutton has since been confined to the house, but will probably be out in a few days. Mr. Westcott has since given the dog to a gentleman in the country.

ARBITRATION.—A case, of interest to landlords and tenants, was heard in Chestertown last Tuesday. Mr. John W. Fowler, tenant on the "Flatland" farm of the late Isaac Parsons, presented to the Orphans' Court a claim of $100 against the estate of the latter for taking up an old peach orchard, and $200 for setting out and tilling a young orchard of 2,500 trees. Objection was made to the claim, and the court declined to pass it. Thereupon it was submitted to arbitration, and Messrs. Samuel F. Cooper and Wm. Ford were selected as arbitrators. Mr. Fowler has been on the farm thirteen years, and when he went there he found an orchard five years old. He claimed that Mr. Parsons' custom was to allow his tenants extra compensation for taking out old peach orchards and putting in young. The arbitrators heard the evidence on both sides and took the case under consideration.

APPEAL TAKEN.—Justice T. S. Dodd received notice last Wednesday from George M. Russum, Esq., of Denton, of an appeal to the circuit court in the case of E. J. Clarke, vs. the P. W. & B. Railroad. This is the case in which the justice recently gave judgment in favor of the plaintiff for $15 and costs—the defendant's train having been delayed on the way from Pocomoke City to Clayton, and the Kent train, receiving no proper notice, left before its arrival, thus compelling Mr. Clarke to return to Pocomoke and remain over another day. He brought suit for $100—Hope H. Barroll, Esq., representing the plaintiff.

Justice Dodd also gave judgment last Thursday in the case of H. H. Barroll vs. the Pennsylvania railroad for $25 and costs, and Mr. Russum took an appeal.

FOOT-BALL.—An interesting but indecisive game of foot-ball was played on the college campus last Saturday between the college team and the team from Chestertown. The game was hotly contested and exciting throughout, and was much enjoyed by the spectators. All declared it to be the hardest fought game ever played on the grounds. If the weather is good the same teams will play again this afternoon.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. Tonkin, wife of Prof. Henry Tonkin, principal of Millington Academy, died at her home in Millington on Tuesday.

Governor Jackson has appointed Isaac Gale a justice of the peace for the fifth district of this county, vice Samuel C. Brannock, resigned.

Mr. James W. Rollison, of Washington, has been visiting his brother, Charles W. Rollison, in Chestertown this week.

Miss Lillie Reynolds, who has been visiting Mrs. Harry Hyland, has returned home after a pleasant visit in Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Wheatley celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage on Monday evening, some account of which is given by a correspondent. The large company present and the numerous presents received indicate the high esteem in which they are held by the community.

ORPHANS' COURT, Feb. 12, 1889.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett.

Marion deK. Smith and H. H. Barroll, adm'rs of Mrs. A. J. Merritt, filed an account of sale of the personal property of their decedent, and passed their first administration account. M. deK. Smith, adm'r of Ebenezer Tillison and Edward Slaughter, filed account of sales of personal property of his decedents. Hiram Ellsworth Meredith was indentured to C. F. C. Kronemeier.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS met Tuesday. Full board present.

A resolution was passed that the board visit the public landing at Betterton to designate and locate the lines of said landing, and the clerk was directed to notify C. J. Scott, Esq., surveyor, to fix a day for said visit. This action was taken in consequence of some dispute about the lines.

THERE are 607 prisoners in the Maryland penitentiary—38 females and 569 males; five men are there for life.

MARRIED.

On Eastern Neck Island, Jan. 30th, 1889, ROBERT BOYLE to MARY A. WICKES, both of Kent county, by Rev. Wm. Munford.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14th, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. S. C. Roberts, Mr. ROBERT A. WALLIS, of Philadelphia, Pa., to Miss ANTOINETTE WICKES, daughter of Mrs. E. R. Wickes, of Kent county, Md.

At the M. P. Parsonage in Chestertown, Dec. 26th, 1888, by Rev. Walter R. Graham, ISAAC FRANCIS WALRAVEN, of Kent, to Miss CORA E. RIGGIN, of Baltimore.

On the 7th inst., by Rev. J. D. Rigg, at Still Pond, CHARLES FRANKLIN and ELIZABETH CULLY, both of Kent county.

On the 14th inst., at Union M. E. Church, Worton, by Rev. J. D. Rigg, JOHN D. BURRIS and EMMA B. CREW, both of Kent county.

LOST.—Somewhere in Chestertown, a MEMORANDUM BOOK of Auction Sales, with name of owner. The book contained also five two-dollar notes. A liberal reward will be paid for its recovery. 2t JOHN H. GREENWOOD.

MONEY TO LOAN:

$1,000, $1,200, $2,000 and $4,000 to loan on Mortgage at 6 per cent.
HOPE H. BARROLL,
fe16-3t. ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Chestertown, Md.

4,000 Cedar and Locust Posts.

Suitable for Post Fence—1,000 of them for Wire Fence.
For Sale by W. G. SKIRVEN,
fe16-3t. Fairlee, Kent Co., Md.

JACKSON DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the "Jackson Democratic Club" has been called to meet at their Hall on SATURDAY, February 16th, at 7 o'clock. Important business claims your attention.
f9-2t. JNO. DICKINSON, SEC'Y.

$10 REWARD

Will be paid for the name or names of the person or persons who were so dastardly mean as to throw wood in my well during my absence, thereby making it impossible to get any water from the well. HORACE SKEGGS.
f9-3t Betterton, Md.

FOR RENT for the Present Year:

PARSONS'S MILL.

A good stream, good neighborhood and rent cheap.
Apply to HOPE H. BARROLL,
f9-4t.* Attorney for owner.

FOR RENT:

AN EIGHT-ROOM DWELLING on High Street in Chestertown
f9-3t. Apply to J. S. BRADLEY.

A BARGAIN!

A PLACE OF SIX or EIGHT ACRES, with a COMFORTABLE DWELLING HOUSE, situated at Smithville, near Worton Station, Kent county, Md., will be sold at a great bargain.
For terms, &c., apply at KENT NEWS OFFICE.

FOR SALE:

PALMETTO ASPARAGUS SEED and PLANTS, the best variety on the market.
Also, PURE POLAND CHINA PIGS.
F. P. COCHRAN,
f9-3m. Galena, Kent County, Md.

FOR SALE:

100 BUSH. FIRST-CLASS ORCHARD GRASS SEED.

CHESTNUT RAILS, CEDAR and LOCUST POSTS.
Appply at once to COMEGYS BROWN,
WM. T. BROWN,
f9-3t.* Pomona, Md.

CLOVER, TIMOTHY,
—AND—
ORCHARD GRASS SEED

FOR SALE AT CLOSE PROFIT, FOR CASH.

☞Send for sample and price before buying
fe9-3t. TURNER BROS., Betterton.

MISS SADIE STRATTON,

Teacher of Instrumental Music, Piano or Organ.

CHESTERTOWN, - - MARYLAND.

Reference:—Mrs. T. A. Hulme or Mrs. L. Alrich. *

A FIRST-CLASS DRESSMAKER

Wishes work at home, or will go out by the day. Call on or address "DRESSMAKER."
Residence, B. P. McManus, High st., Chestertown.
f2-4t.*

THE BEST POULTRY.

THE CELEBRATED PENCILED "WYANDOTTE,"

are recognized for their fine size, good laying and setting qualities. I have a few for sale at low prices. Call or address B. TREW,
f2-3t. POMONA.

FOR SALE:

ONE ECLIPSE ENGINE AND THRESHER,

both in complete order; 1 Dearborn; Lot of Wheelwright Lumber. The Engine and Thresher a bargain—terms made so that the machine will pay for itself. L. C. JUSTIS, Jr.,
f2-3t. KENNEDYVILLE.

STATEMENT

—OF—

The Mutual Life Insurance Company

OF NEW YORK,

RICHARD A. McCURDY, President,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31ST, 1888.

Total Assets - - $126,082,153 56

Increase in Assets	$7,275,501 68
Surplus at four per cent	7,940,063 63
Increase in Surplus	1,645,622 11
Policies in force	158,369
Increase during the year	17,426
Policies written	32,606
Increase during year	10,301
Risks assumed	$103,214,261 32
Increase during the year	33,756,792 95
Risks in force	482,125,184 36
Increase during the year	54,496,251 85
Receipts from all sources	26,215,932 22
Increase during year	3,096,010 05
Paid Policy-Holders	14,727,550 22

THE ASSETS ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

Bonds and Mortgages	$49,617,874 02
United States and other securities	48,616,704 14
Real Estate and Loans on collateral	21,789,125 34
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest	2,813,277 60
Interest accrued, Premiums deferred and in transit, Etc.	3,248,172 46
	$126,082,153 56

Year.	Risks Assumed.	Risks Outsanding.	Surplus.
1884	$34,681,420	$351,789,285	$4,743,771
1885	46,507,139	368,981,441	5,012,634
1886	56,832,719	393,809,203	5,643,568
1887	69,457,468	427,628,963	6,284,442
1888	103,214,261	482,125,184	7,940,063

ROBERT A. GRANNISS, Vice-President,
ISAAC F. LLOYD, Second Vice-President,
WILLIAM J. EASTON, Secretary.

L. B. RUSSELL, Agent, - Chestertown, Md,
O. F. BRESEE & SONS, Gen'l Agts., Balto., Md,

CAUTION TO TRESPASSERS.

Having rented the farm and shores of B. J. McCauley, known as the Culbreth farm, for gunning purposes, all persons are hereby notified not to trespass from this date, as the law will be strictly enforced.
B. J. MCCAULEY,
J. THOS. PENNINGTON,
THOS. F. FAULKNER,
j19-tf. WM. H. PENNINGTON.

FINAL NOTICE

of the Fifth District Collector!

AFTER having ridden my district for 18 months, I now give notice that I may be found at home (Edesville) any day except Tuesday, when I will be in Chestertown. I shall collect the taxes.
J. FRANK WHEATLEY,
Jan. 5, 1889—tf. Collector.

WM. T. HICKS,

Undertaker and Funeral Director,

GALENA, MARYLAND.

I BEG leave to inform the public that I am now prepared for the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS. Caskets, Coffins, Shrouds, Burial Robes &c., kept constantly on hand and furnished upon short notice at prices to suit the times.

With three years' experience I can guarantee to execute all orders in a satisfactory manner.

☞Bodies kept without ice.
apr7-tf Respectfully, WM. T. HICKS.

ENTERTAINMENT!

THE LADIES OF ST. JAMES' M. P. CHURCH WILL HOLD AN

{--Entertainment--}

AT STILL POND HALL,

On TUESDAY EVENING, Feb. 19,

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK.

SUPPER in KENNEDYVILLE.

The Ladies of the M. P. Church, Kennedyville, will hold a SUPPER in the Town Hall, on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, Feb. 20th, 21st and 22d, 1889. Their friends and the public generally are cordially invited to attend.
Feb. 9—2t.

OYSTER SUPPER.

The friends of Rock Hall M. E. Church will have an OYSTER SUPPER at the Knights of Pythias Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th of Feb., to which the public are earnestly invited. Proceeds for the church. Oysters will be served by the plate in any quantity desired. Refreshments, consisting of Confectionery, &c., will also be served. f9-2t*.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

George B. Westcott, use W. W. Tschudy,
versus
Marie L. Turner, et al.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity.

ORDERED, this 9th day of February, 1889, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by CHARLES T. WESCOTT, trustee, appointed by a decree in this cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 18th day of April next;—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the 18th day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $6,700.

SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.

True copy, Test—
Feb. 16, 1888—4t. SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

JOHN D. URIE, AS