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A Serious Question.

The two questions—first of labor and second of profitable farm production—are now facing the people of Kent. They are, it is true, concerning all classes of every community in this broad land, but especially *at this time* do they prominently rise and demand the attention of citizens of this section, particularly of the agriculturist. In a recent issue of the Baltimore *Weekly Sun* we find the following editorial paragraph:

LIFE IN THE OLD LAND YET.—In the first branch of the city council, Wednesday, Mr. Stabler introduced a resolution memorializing the Legislature to provide for the creation of a department or bureau of agriculture and immigration, with the view of making the advantages and resources of Maryland better known and of attracting capital and labor especially to the thinly populated portions of the State. The preamble to the resolution draws a tempting but not exaggerated picture of the wonderful variety of products and of advantages of soil and climate which we enjoy, and which many Marylanders, it is to be feared, do not appreciate at their full value, as otherwise we would not hear of the emigration of persons from the western counties every spring for points in the far West, instead of seeking homes in the sparsely settled but naturally fertile counties of Southern Maryland. *The Sun* has for years given wide currency on frequent occasions to the attractions of Maryland for immigrants, and systematic, well-directed efforts by the people would no doubt result in substantial gain to the State at large in attracting a thrifty and substantial class of immigrants.

"A thrifty and substantial class of immigrants" is what we want in Kent county. Industrious white men, young or old, from the North or South, are the classes needed in Kent, and in every other county of this peninsula, as a substitute for the unreliable and the unprofitable foreign colored population which has been crowding in upon us in recent years. Our people have not heretofore seriously considered this as one of the evils upon the body politic; they have not recognized it as a prime cause for the *embarrassments of agriculture or laggard enterprise*. But recent events have partially awakened our people. The matter is assuming alarming proportions. It is not the *colored* people as a class that are referred to, but the *foreign* colored immigrant. Most of our home people of color are good citizens, and recognized by the community as worthy and upright in ordinary affairs of life. But the *foreign negro*—the Virginia contraband—comes to us with immorality and ignorance as his most prominent characteristic, and his hostility to law and decency and to all the interests of the white race is at once apparent. And it is with this class that our tribunals of justice have mostly to do.

No less than sixty-four of these foreign colored voters have been added to the registration list of the fourth district alone in recent years! How many have assumed the right of suffrage in other districts we have not taken the trouble to inquire. But they are numerous, of course. The number will reach several hundred in the county! These foreign negro voters without a hundred dollars' worth of taxable interest in the county are liable at any time to assume the balance of power in a political contest between the two great parties. More than that, they may exercise the same prerogative in the Republican party. If they but choose to combine in their own party movements, which they will naturally do, according to ignorance and race prejudice, then Republicanism in Kent will be more objectionable than ever.

But it is not as a political question we are now aiming to discuss this subject. It comes home to us as a matter of *business* prudence—of agricultural and monetary interest. The class of people we refer to can never become identified with us in our business concerns. They are here to-day and somewhere else to-morrow. They take the place and reap the advantages of labor that might be gained by another class of people. And it is this other class our county needs. The industrious, intelligent white settlers from the over-populated cities and States Northward. The push and energy of these people in cultivating lands, in originating and carrying forward manufacturing enterprises, is the need of the hour. Is it not the only prospect for better times?

The curse of the American nation today and its future peril is in the unrestricted immigration of the worthless and vicious classes of other lands—the polygamist, the anarchist, the socialist and the communist. The sooner the national congress passes laws prohibiting altogether the landing of these classes upon our soil, the sooner will better days begin for us as a nation. We are glad to know that President Harrison takes this view, and the present session of Congress will certainly consider the matter.

This national grievance has its counterpart locally in the visiting tramps and roving Virginia contrabands to some of the counties of Maryland. What the national Congress is called upon to do for the country at large, the State Legislature will be expected to do for us locally.

Senator Burchinal's Prospects.

The Baltimore Sun's Washington correspondent yesterday intimated that the fight for the Baltimore collectorship was about narrowed down to Senators Burchinal and Urner, with chances favorable to Burchinal. If the President is disposed to regard the claims of old friends Burchinal will win as he was an original Harrison man.

Mr. T. S. Hodson seems, just now, to be ahead in the race for United States district attorney, but there will be no appointment until next spring. His assistant will probably be Mr. Daniel Brinton.

Respect for Mr. Henry W. Grady.

The Boston Merchants' Association, which entertained Mr. Grady at Boston two weeks ago, met on Tuesday and adopted a letter expressing the admiration of the members for Mr. Grady's sincerity and earnest desire to find a common country, and declaring his death a public calamity in which Georgia and Massachusetts equally suffer, and conveying to Mr. Grady's family their sympathy. The American Shipping and Industrial League, of which Mr. Grady was vice-president for Georgia, adopted memorial resolutions.

The people of Atlanta have determined to erect a monument to the memory of Henry W. Grady. A meeting of young men on Tuesday resolved on this and raised $5,000 within one hour.

Mr. Grady's funeral took place on Wednesday. The procession was the largest ever seen in the State.

Mr. Grady's beautiful peroration in "The New South" speech—the occasion when he startled the country with his eloquence, will be read with new interest now. It will be found in another column of the NEWS.

A MAD DOG SCARE.—Five children were bitten by mad dogs in Birdsboro', Pa., in one day week before last. They are all quite sick, but not yet taken with the rabies. Great excitement has prevailed since. All the dogs in the State are not worth one of these little child lives; that *five* should be sacrificed by a few worthless curs, and many others endangered, is causing the utmost indignation. A dispatch from Birdsboro' city says: "Such a slaughter of canines never occurred before in any city as here the past week. There is not a dog left in South Birdsboro', and in Birdsboro' proper the species is becoming rarer each day."

THE LEGISLATURE.

The Maryland Legislature will meet next Wednesday. The session will be a very important one. A new assessment law and new registration and election laws are among the subjects of general interest to be considered, and they concern not only the tax-payer and politician, but the masses as well. A United States Senator is to be elected in place of Senator Wilson; State Treasurer in place of Stevenson Archer, and a police commissioner for Baltimore city in place of Commissioner Jno. Gill, Jr. The State Tax Commissioner and Insurance Commissioner will be selected by the board of public works unless the Legislature changes the law in reference to these officers. Senator Burchinal and Delegate-elect Taylor will be in their places promptly on the first day, but Mr. Vannort will probably be detained at home for a few days, although he is rapidly recovering from his illness. A caucus of the Democratic members elect will be held in Annapolis next Tuesday evening to select the officers and employes for both branches of the assembly.

NEW REGISTRATION LAW.

Col. L. Victor Baughman, State Comptroller, in the last issue of his paper, the Frederick *Citizen*, gives his views upon the Registration question. Col. Baughman's influence and prominence in the dominant party of the State—his clear mind and intelligent comprehension of all such questions—render his opinion of great importance at this time. Below we give the article in full:

The Southern counties of Maryland are deeply interested in the question of a new registration law, and well they may be. For years the people of these counties have protested against the deep injustice of allowing droves of negroes to visit their counties and deposit their ballots, when it is an established fact that they are never seen or known of, except on the day of election. They reside in the city of Washington, work there or survive there the whole year round, until the day before election, when they are hunted up by the agents of their recruiting bureaus and sent to the Southern counties to carry them against the tax-ridden people of Southern Maryland. In Prince George's is this shameful condition of affairs mostly noticed. In the last election that gallant young Democrat, Stephen Gambrill, with the rest of the nominees of the Democratic ticket, was slaughtered by dozens of negro voters sent out from Washington, hired by radical money and vote on names which should years ago have been stricken from the registration books. Even in the city of Baltimore that brave defender of the people's rights, Isidor Rayner, was defeated by the colonization of negro votes. Eighteen hundred negro names were stricken from the books in his Congressional district last year that could not be accounted for in any way, except, that they had falsely registered by Republican leaders. Yet, in the face of this outrage, no word of protest has gone up from the so-called reformers of Baltimore—no warning to the men who have perpetrated this outrage upon the people—no effort to bring these men before the bar of public opinion, but all the talents, all the ability of these insincere people have been directed against the so-called ballot-box stuffers of the Democratic party. It is time that the people unmask these men and place them where they properly belong—in the ranks of the bitter partisans of the Republican party of Maryland. Such reformers would reform the Democratic party out of power and place our enemies in command to-morrow, not that they are honest in their professions, but in consequence of the hatred they have for many of our trusted and able leaders. The duty, therefore, of the Democratic party is to go ahead, regardless of protests, regardless of bitter denunciations, and make for the people of Maryland what they consider a fair and honest registration law; one that will prevent negro colonization; one that will prevent negro repeaters from registering one place at one sitting of the registers and at a half dozen others at other sittings. A law that will not allow white or black to go and come at pleasure and claim any place they may think proper as their voting place. When a man leaves the county let him declare his intention of returning or staying, and if he returns let him so register the fact, that there can be no question regarding his right to vote. We do not ask for any special kind of law; we are not in favor or opposed to the Australian system, pure or revised, but what we do want and will try to insist upon, is a law that do justice to our party and to the white men of Maryland, and not any injustice to the negro voter.

The jist of the article is in the sentence next to the closing—

When a man leaves the county let him declare his intention of returning or staying, and if he returns let him so register the fact, that there can be no question regarding his right to vote.

The same proposition was advanced during the last campaign in Kent. The evil complained of in Southern Maryland faces the Eastern Shore counties also. H. W. Vickers, Esq., in an able speech in Stam's Hall the week previous to the election, suggested the very remedy above mentioned and it has since been discussed here by many. In another article in the NEWS we refer at some length to evils confronting our agricultural communities from this unhealthy *political immigration*.

Proposed Legislation.

The peach growers of Washington county, Maryland, will ask the Legislature to pass a law looking to the extirpation of peach yellows. The disease, it appears, is prevailing throughout the western section of the State as well as on this peninsula. The Hagerstown *Mail* says, in regard to the proposed legislation, "The law will have to be local. In the first place yellows will have to be so defined in the law as to leave no question. The bill, an outline of which has already been drafted, will provide for proceedings before a Justice of the Peace. Upon information that a certain farm has diseased trees upon it, the justice will be empowered to notify the owner to cut them down, and upon failure, to have them cut down at the owner's expense."

The Annapolis *Advertiser* of last Saturday advocates a law compelling tramps, thieves, &c., confined in jail for small offences, to work on the streets or roads as much as possible during their term of incarceration. This would lighten the burden on the county somewhat and be a punishment that would prove to be a healthy check on the transgression of the law. There are many questions like this that deserve the close study and attention of our legislators if the greatest good is to be guaranteed the people.

Delegate-elect Wm. Collins, of Talbot county, proposes to introduce a bill in the House of Delegates to relieve the farmers of the exhorbitant prices of the binder cord trust. His plan seems feasible. The bill provides that proper machinery shall be put in the penitentiary for the manufacture of hemp into binder cord. The climate and soil of Maryland is well adapted to the cultivation of hemp. In early days of the republic it was extensively produced in Maryland. Mr. Collins says the farmers could grow enough for their own use, paying for the manufacture in money or raw material, and some of them would grow it extensively and sell it to the State.

A GREAT many people in Atlanta are eating vegetables raised in their own gardens; the trees are budding and the flowers blooming. The effect of the mild weather is springlike, and December is wearing the garments of May.

EX-SENATOR MCDONALD, of Indiana, says President Harrison's administration has greatly strengthened the Democracy in that State. He believes the people of Indiana are a unit in favoring the renomination of Mr. Cleveland.

Two Beatrice (Neb.) men have patented a portable corn-husker, which is drawn through the fields and husks the corn as clean as could be desired. It is claimed it will husk twelve acres a day.

ARRESTS AND ESCAPE.

The Thieving Season — Turkeys, Blankets, Buffalo Robes, Store Goods, &c., Stolen — An Officer Outwitted and Loses his Two Sentenced Prisoners.

Constable Thos. J. Parsons, of Worton, is a shrewd and efficient officer, but a couple of darkey prisioners fooled him badly last Wednesday. Mr. Charles L. Gill, a young farmer living near Kennedyville, was aroused about two o'clock Tuesday morning by his dogs, and when daylight came he found three of his turkeys missing from their roost near the barn, and a fourth old fellow was just wending his way homeward across the field. Mr. Gill found the tracks of the thief and identified them by a peculiar heel-tap as belonging to a colored man named Robert Scott, who had been at work for him the week previous. Constable Parsons was sent for and soon had Scott in custody and one of the turkeys recovered. Scott told all sorts of yarns about the theft and finally implicated another colored man named John Hicks, who lives in Morgan's Creek Neck. The latter was also charged with stealing two pairs of gloves from Mr. Edw. Hudson's store in Kennedyville. The two men were taken before Justice I. R. Starkey in Still Pond, and after a hearing were sentenced—Scott for twelve months and Hicks six months—to the House of Correction. Officer Parsons took the men in charge, hand-cuffed them together, and started to Chestertown about nightfall with his prisioners, intending to keep them in jail until Friday morning when he would convey them to Jessup's Cut via steamer Ford. The men had requested the officer not to come in town before *dark* as they wished to avoid publicity as much as possible; and then on the way down Hicks said the "cuffs" hurt him and they were loosened. They were in an open dearborn; Mr. Parsons was in front, with a little boy, driving, and all went well until they reached the hill this side of Washington College, when as the team descended the hill the two men suddenly jumped out the back of the dearborn, leaped the roadside fence and were off! Hicks had slipped the cuffs from his wrist and thus seperated the two. The officer sent to town and secured the assistance of deputy-sheriff Morgan, and officer B. F. Henley, who went out to assist in the hunt for the men. In the meantime Mr. Parsons suspicioning that they would make for Morgan's Creek bridge, went directly to that place after securing a gun from a neighboring farmer. Here he secreted himself and after a wait of about an hour Scott, sure enough, made his appearance; when within ten or fifteen feet of him the officer exposed himself and called to him to halt, which he did just long enough to straighten himself for another run! As he ran the officer fired, hoping this would cause to him halt, but there was no halt in him; he only ran the faster. The officer fired a second time over the man's head with a like result—quickened speed—and neither of the two fugitives have since been taken, but the officers are still on the hunt for them.

Mr. Eugene Bonwill had a buffalo robe stolen from his carriage in front of Mr. Geo. W. Harper's store in Still Pond Tuesday night, and Mr. J. S. Harris, Jr., had a horse blanket stolen. In searching for the above officer Parsons found a fine goat robe in a colored man's domicile secreted in a bureau draw.

Mr. Josias Massey drove to town with his wife last Thursday evening and hitched his team in front of Mr. H. L. Boyd's residence. It was stolen shortly after and driven away and Mr. Massey was compelled to hire a conveyance home. The team was recovered the next morning.

MEETING OF PHYSICIANS.—About thirty physicians met in Chestertown at noon of Tuesday for the purpose of appointing two delegates to attend a general convention of physicians which will meet in Baltimore on January 2. Dr. J. A. Perkins was made chairman of the meeting with Dr. Frank Hines secretary. After some preliminary discussion Drs. W. Frank Hines, of Chestertown, and W. S. Maxwell, of Still Pond, were elected delegates to the January convention. The object of the Baltimore convention will be to take such measures as may be necessary to secure the passage of a law at the approaching session of the Legislature legalizing the practice of medicine, or asking that certain requirements and conditions be imposed upon those desiring to enter the profession of medicine. It is evident that additional legislation in the direction proposed is much needed. Medical "quackery" is prevalent everywhere.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.—The M. E. Sunday School gave its Christmas entertainment at Stam's Hall on Thursday evening. The program comprised hymns appropriate to the occasion, recitations and domestic scenery, after which "Old Chris" made his appearance in the person of Mr. R. Snowden Thomas and distributed the good things which had been provided for the occasion. He knew that all of them had been good children and would therefore dispense with a liberal hand. The hall was crowded and an evening of real enjoyment was experienced by all.

The children of Sacred Heart Catholic Church were regaled with Christmas sweets in the church lecture room yesterday afternoon, and a good time was enjoyed by all present.

The Protestant Episcopal School will have its annual Christmas entertainment in the lecture room next Monday evening. The Methodist Protestant School will have a visit from "Old Kriss" the same evening in the school audience room.

WAIVED A HEARING.—Mr. T. H. Topping, teacher of Lankford public school, appeared before Justice Dodd last Saturday and waived a hearing, and bail bond of $1,000 was renewed for his appearance at court next April. Mr. Hubbard, the party so seriously injured by a blow on the side of the head with a brick, is reported by his physician, Dr. Hines, to be improving and may recover. He is conscious and can talk a little.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The annual election for officers of Eureka Grange, Kennedyville, took place on Saturday evening, when the following were chosen: I. R. Bennett, master; John Barwick, overseer; Tilghman Shafer, lecturer; L. C. Justis, treasurer; D. U. Dewess, secretary; W. A. Kennedy, steward; W. T. Jones, assistant treasurer; George Bolton, gate-keeper; Lala Vandake, Pomona; Carrie Vandyke, Flora; Accie Vandyke, Ceres; M. L. Dewees, assistant lady steward. They expect to install the officers the second week in January.

SOLD AT AUCTION.—The stock of canned tomatoes, amounting to 575 cases, left by Bellingham, who absconded from Lynch's last fall, was sold at auction a few days ago and purchased by Mr. Joseph Downey for 98 cents per case. The price obtained is considered fair as the purchaser assumes all risk of loss. The proceeds will be apportioned to the benefit of the laborers who lost heavily by Bellingham's abscondence, and amounts to about 18 cents in the dollar.

Christmas Music.

The Churches in Chestertown are preparing special Christmas music for tomorrow, and the pastors may be expected to deliver discourses appropriate to the day. In Christ M. P. Church Rev. W. R. Graham will preach morning and evening, and the music will be under the direction of Mr. W. W. Chapman, chorister, with Prof. F. O. Elmore, organist. The choir is composed as follows:

Sopranos, Mrs. T. S. Dodd, Mrs. W. R. Aldridge, Miss Clare Vannort, Miss Annie Robertson; Altos, Miss Mollie Parks, Miss Julia Thompson, Miss Marian Lusby, Miss Coe Thompson; Cornet, John N. Dodd; tenors, Dr. H. L. Dodd, T. D. Bowers, Hydie Thompson, J. W. Chapman, Jr.; bassos, Thomas S. Dodd, Fred. G. Usilton, L. Bates Russell.

The following anthems will be rendered during the morning and evening services:

"Sing Unto the Lord" ..... Blumenschien.
"While All Things Were in Quiet Silence" ..... MacFarren.
"Unto Us a Child is Born" ..... Percival.
"Gloria in Excelsis" ..... Dudley Buck.
"Hark, What Means those Holy Voices" ..... Schnecker.
"Shout the Glad Tidings" ..... Gilchrist.
"Calm on the Listening Ear of Night," solo—Marston.
Offertory, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

In the Meth. Epis. Church, Rev. R. W. Todd, pastor, will preach morning and evening. The choir has been newly organized as follows:

Chorister, Robert K. Pippin; organist, Miss Belle Pippin; sopranos, Miss Anna and Susie Lambert; altos, Mrs. Mamie Brown, Miss Nannie Bordley; tenors, Thomas S. Bordley, Wilbur Thomas; bassos, J. W. Bordley, Snowden Thomas.

The following music will be rendered:

Christmas Anthem, "Bright Angels on the Wing." ..... J. F. Kinsey.
Christmas Anthem, "The Birth of Christ." ..... M. L. Bartlett.

At the Catholic Church Rev. Father Murphy will have mass at 10½ in the morning and vespers and benediction at 7½. At Rock Hall early mass.

NOT YET SETTLED.—Postmaster Fowler's successor is not yet agreed upon, and it is not now likely that he ever will be if it is necessary for all the local leaders to unite. The contest is too serious to be amusing to the five applicants and their friends, but the Democrats may enjoy it for all it is worth as they have no part or lot in the matter. We stated last week that Mr. B—would most likely be the lucky man. We still stick to Mr. B—. But, kaleideoscope like, the changes in the fight have been so frequent and so surprising that any outcome now will not startle us. Our first prediction was that Mr. Lambert would be the new postmaster, and we had good reasons for it. But, presto, change! and Carroll has the call. In a few hours the cup is dashed from his lips and Burchinal is the man. And how Mr. Hodson could get away from his promise to this gentleman is more than the saints can tell! But he did it. Then comes the other B— to the front. And all this week the Brown star has been in the ascendant. The next turn may bring forward Lambert again. But Wright says not. *He* is still in the fight, and says his chances are improved!

The name of Mr. Edward B. Jones has been mentioned in the last few days in connection with the office.

CHRISTMAS IN CHESTERTOWN.—Delightful weather ushered in the joyous Christmas week. Chestertown was full of people on Tuesday—the streets were lined with carriages and the pavements crowded with young and old of both sexes and all colors until late into the night. If the stores did not do a rushing business it was not for lack in the numbers that thronged their counters. A notice issued by the town authorities early Tuesday morning had the effect to prevent the usual fire-cracker bombardment, but it gave officer Duyer all the work he could do to enforce it. Christmas day was also exceptionally fine. There was no disorder of any kind and but little drunkenness on the streets. The day was spent by our citizents in feasting, in pleasant family reunions, and general social intercourse, while a few appropriately engaged in religious services. At the Episcopal Church service was held at 11 A. M., conducted by the rector, Rev. S. C. Roberts. At the Catholic Church Rev. Father Murphy had service in the evening. On Thursday evening special services were held in Christ Church, conducted by Rev. W. R. Graham, pastor.

REMOVALS, &c.

The moving season is now come. In Chestertown and neighborhood there will not be as many changes as usual. We note the following: Mr. J. B. Sappington leaves the store and dwelling near Wheatley's corner and goes to his own house next to the M. P. Church; the property he leaves is for rent; Mr. Rusk, of Easton, section boss on the railroad, has moved into the Whaland homestead, and Mr. Robt. Kimble to the Primrose farm across Chester bridge; Mr. J. W. Rollison to Cannon street near Kent, Mr. Wm. H. Blakeney to the Davis house on Mill street; Mr. Wm. B. Roland to the Bradley house on High street heretofore occupied by Mr. F. J. Carter, who goes in one of Mr. C. S. Smith's new houses; Mr. Frank D. Leary, of Hanesville, has moved in one of Mr. C. S. Smith's new brick houses; Mr. McKaig moves to the other side of the cemetery; Mr. Frank H. Miller to the house occupied by Mr. Duyer, who moves into his new residence on Mill street; Messrs. Smith & Clements take the uptown part of Mr. Eliason's store; Mr. J. C. Voshell goes to the Armstrong House and Mr. Robt. Wright to the Rasin house; Mr. C. C. B. Rasin will move on his farm in Quaker Neck; Mr. E. B. Jones to Fowler's new house; Murray Smith to the Gary Leaverton farm; Louis Rinehart to the Mirch house on Cannon street; Major B. B. Wroth to one of Turner's new houses; J. S. Vandegrift to his own house on Cross street which has been lately improved under the supervision of Mr. W. S. Carroll; Mrs. Jas. Stewart has removed to Baltimore; Miss Anna Hartley will vacate the millinery store of Mrs. L. J. Davis and remove to Philadelphia; Mr. Edw. Lynch moves from the Dodd farm to Cecil, and Mr. Richards, of Cecil, brother of Jos. S. Richards, will succeed Mr. Lynch; Mr. Edw. Biddle, of Lynch's takes the Beck farm near Lynch's.

The Transcript gives the following removals about Still Pond: Messrs. Morter, Bailey and Price, of Still Pond, have moved to Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. Pratt has moved into the house on the corner vacated by them. She will continue her boarding house and bakery. Mrs. Jump and family have moved to the Gus Krusen house in Still Pond. Wm. Vansant will move to W. P. Norris farm near Lynch's. W. P. Norris has moved to his new storeroom in Lynch's. Mrs. Scotten has moved to her farm near Locust Grove and J. T. Moffit of the first district takes the Dunlap farm. Benj. Richardson and family will move to Wilmington, and Wm. Smith will take the Bryan farm vacated by R. Geo. Bowers moves to Worton; J. T. Robinson and Chas. Meeks from Still Pond Neck to Still Pond; Mr. Burrows from Lynch's to Howell's Point farm, and Chas. A. Jackson from Howell's Point to Sussex, Del.; Harry Todd to Tolchester farm.

THE 82d birthday of America's most honored and venerable poet, John G. Whittier, was appropriately observed, as has been the custom for several years, by the pupils of "Fancy school," on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Mr. J. F. Copper, the worthy teacher of that school, thinks that such exercises as the one above have a beneficial effect upon the minds and character of the young, and he is no doubt correct.

Personal Mention.

In the death of Mr. Dennis McCauley, which occurred at the residence of his son Barney, near Galena, on Thursday morning last, Kent loses one of her oldest and most respected citizens. He had been in feeble health for a number of years and mostly confined to the house.

Thomas Hill, Esq., of Baltimore, and well known to many of this county, has resigned the presidency of the Real Estate Exchange, of which he had been president since its formation in 1886. It demanded too much of the time that he should devote to his private business is the reason he assigns for his resignation.

Mrs. E. H. Barroll left last week for a visit to her son, Lieutenant Morris K. Barroll, who is now stationed at Fort Barancas at Warrington, near Pensacola, Florida. Mrs. Barroll will remain South during the winter.

Mr. C. L. Severn, of Millington, was in town on Monday. He is a peach basket manufacturer and in a good season employs over forty hands. He may possibly establish a factory in Chestertown soon if prospects are favorable.

Mrs. Mary Chapman, the aged mother of Mr. James W. Chapman, of this town, died at her late residence in Dover last week. An extended notice will be found on our fourth page.

Capt. Jos. Horney, of the oyster police boat Helen M. Baughman, was in town on Tuesday. He is seeking the appointment of commander of this boat for Capt. Kerr's unexpired term, and has strong recommendations. Those to whom he applied for endorsement in Chestertown referred him to the fifth district and those directly interested. Capt. J. B. Willson is also an applicant for the position, and has a strong petition.

Rev. John D. Kemp and wife, of Georgetown, Del., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Thomas S. Bordley.

Miss Lucy Robertson, who is teaching at Morristown, N. J., was in Chestertown on Tuesday. She is spending the Christmas with relatives in Kent.

Mr. Albert Penn, of Howard county, is visiting at Postmaster Fowler's.

Mr. Robert Bickley and wife, of Wilmington, Del., have been spending a day or two this week at Mr. E. J. Watson's, Chestertown.

Mr. Chas. J. Fitzpatrick and wife, of Baltimore, spent Christmas day in town.

Benj. F. Beck, Esq., of Lankford, has quit farming and taken up his residence with his sister, Mrs. A. M. Hurtt, in Chestertown. Mr. R. H. Corbally, of Marseys, has also moved to town and taken board at the Crawford House.

Miss Nettie Gooding, vice-principal of Chestertown public school, is spending Christmas at home near Chesterville, and Miss Nellie Walters, in Pocomoke City.

Mrs. Fannie Moore, of Dover, is visiting her parents on Washington avenue.

Mrs. Allie Kidd and son Charleston, of Helena, Arkansas, is visiting Mrs. Dr. J. T. Twilley.

Mrs. Sophia Patterson and children, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. M. A. Gamble.

Miss Mollie Noland, of near Chesterville, is visiting friends in Washington.

Another postoffice deputation left here for Washington Thursday evening on the Corsica, and Mr. Wright followed on the Ford yesterday morning.

Mr. T. Q. Primrose, at the bridge, who had a slight stroke of paralysis last Tuesday week, is reported by his physician, Dr. Catlin, as much improved.

Miss Mamie Marshall, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Anna Brown.

Miss Lollie Watkins, of Eastern Neck Island, who has been visiting Mrs. Walter Kendall near town, is now visiting friends in Cecil county.

Rev. T. E. Martindale, of Salisbury, declines to succeed Rev. Mr. Wilson at Easton for the present, and Rev. Herman Roe, of Smyrna, occupied the pulpit of the M. E. Church at Easton last Sunday. He had a pleasant greeting by the people.

Among the pleasant features of the Christmas season is the home-coming of absent children and relatives from schools and distant employments. In many homes in Kent the family Christmas boards were thus made more bright and joyous. Among those in their places at the home Christmas dinner, we may mention—Edw. B. Jones and John T. Hodgkin, Washington; James M. Chilcutt, Annapolis; Chas. E. and George Perkins, Wm. R. Pippin, Allie, Blackistone, Walter and David Perkins, Harry W. Brice, Philadelphia; Ellwood Baker, Chas. Howard, Willmington; Hugh Wallis, Germantown; Wm. F. Russell, Ernest and Thos. Reiche, Dr. Wm. Twilley, James Russell, Alvin Willis, Misses Sadie Morris and Lottie Taylor, of Baltimore; Miss Belle Redmile, Philad'a; Misses Mamie Catlin and Etta Kelley, State Normal School; Viva Perkins, Madge Meeteer, Grace Turner, of Frederick; J. Henry Baker, Dickinson College; Jos. Rasin, Wilbur Stephens, St. John's; Prof. John R. Todd, Dr. Marion Twilley and wife, C. F. Harper, Richard and C. Leaverton, Dover.

CHESTERTOWN vs. CENTREVILLE.—A football game was announced for yesterday afternoon on the Washington College grounds between Centreville and Chestertown teams. The following "soggy" fellows, composing the Centreville team arrived here at noon all ready for the fray. The game was to be called at 3 P. M., too late for us to get particulars. A full account will be given next week: Jos. P. Bryan, Frank Beaver, Wm McKenney, Jr., Jno. B. Brown, Jr., Kennard Brown, Chas. Newnam, A. S. Goldsborough, Mat. Brown, W. Trenchard, Tom Trenchard, and John Ford.

A GOOD INVESTMENT.—A young man met us on the street Christmas Eve, and said "Send the KENT NEWS one year to ——Baltimore, it shall be my Christmas gift to him." This was a wise investment of a thoughtful young business man. How could he have spent $2 for his friend to a better purpose?

CONSIDERED FAVORABLY.—The Postoffice Department at Washington is disposed to favorably consider the petition asking for the establishment of an additional mail route for Chestertown via the Chester river line of steamers. The project has the sanction of Postmaster Fowler. It is likely that the new route will be shortly inaugurated.

NARROW ESCAPE.—The hand-car on the railroad, above Kennedyville, was run into by the regular train north on Monday morning and demolished. The section men, nine in number, escaped injury by jumping from the car.

A GREAT RUSH!—The greatest rush for clothing ever known in Chestertown occurred at the clothing store of T. S. Bordley last Monday and Tuesday. It is said that the crowd was so great that all could not be waited on. Nothing but the extreme low prices that he has advertised for the past month could have brought such a crowd of eager buyers together. If you look for his new advertisement in our next issue, you will find that he intends to sell the balance of his winter stock below cost.

MARRIED.

In Baltimore, Dec., 18th, 1889, at the residence of the bride's parents, 915 N. Calhoun st., by Rev. Mr. Grub, GEORGE W. OWENS, of Betterton, Kent co., and Miss IDA REED, of Balto., Md.

On December 11, by the Rev. S. M. Hartsock, OLEN E. SHAW to MARY E. COLE, both of Baltimore.

DIED.

At the residence of his son, B. J. McCauley, near Galena, on Thursday morning, Dec. 26, DENNIS McCAULEY, aged about 76. [Funeral at 9 A. M. this Saturday morning.]

In Chestertown, Dec. 27, LEONARD EDWARD, infant son of I. Frank and S. Lilian Vandegrift, aged 1 year, six days.

Suddenly, in Baltimore, on the morning of Dec. 20, 1889, Mrs. CLARA BARKMAN, relict of Jacob Barkman, of this county, aged 59 years.

CAUTION NOTICE.

All persons are hereby cautioned against trespassing upon the Usilton farm, adjoining Chestertown, now tenanted by the undersigned. Owners of stock, dogs, &c., must look after their property, as I shall use all measures the law allows to prevent trespassing of any kind after Jan. 1st, 1890.
Dec.28-3t*. WM. J. HUDSON.

FOR RENT for the coming year 1890:

The VOSHELL HOUSE STABLES. These are the most convenient stables in town. Also, for sale, FOUR HORSES and MARES.
d28-tf. WM. D. BURCHINAL.

FOR SALE or RENT.

A comfortable, nearly new DWELLING HOUSE in Chestertown, on the corner of Maple Avenue and Spring Avenue, adjoining residence of T. S. Bordley. It will be rented for 1890, and is for sale on liberal terms. Apply to
MARION DEK. SMITH,
d28-tf. Att'y for Chester Loan Association.

FOR RENT for the year 1890:

A SMALL DWELLING HOUSE, in the village of Still Pond.
Apply to J. FRANK WILSON,
d28-3t. Still Pond, Md.

FOR RENT for the year 1890:

TWO DWELLING HOUSES in Lynch's, Kent county. Apply to
dec21-3t. JOS. B. HOSSINGER.

FOR SALE:

One Thoroughbred Alderney COW, third calf by her side, good milker, quiet and good size. Apply to THEO. DIEHL,
d21-3t. Rock Point, Md.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

to the Stockholders of the CHESTERTOWN NATIONAL BANK that the regular Annual Meeting for the election of Five Directors for the bank will be held at the Banking House in Chestertown, TUESDAY, January 14, 1890, at 11 o'clock A. M.
d14-tm. JOS. PETERSON, CASHIER.

500 BUSHELS

Orchard Grass Seed

Good quality, for sale by
WALTER T. MORRIS,
d21-4t.* near Chestertown.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

HENRIETTA E. HOWARD,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 1st day of July, 1890, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber. Given under my hand this 24th day of December 1889.
E. HOWARD HAMAN,
Dec. 28, 1889—4t. Executor.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

Richard D. Hynson, assignee,
versus
Wm. E. Sanders, Laura V. Sanders, his wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 19th day of December, 1889, that the sale of the Real Estate of Laura V. Sanders, made and reported by RICHARD D. HYNSON, assignee of a mortgage from Wm. E. Sanders and wife to Geo. B. Westcott, dated September 10, 1885, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, in Liber S. B., No. 7, Folios 25, &c., be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 21st day of February 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 21st day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $6,180.

SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True copy, Test—
Dec. 21, 1889—4t. SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

Richard D. Hynson, assignee,
versus
James Rankin and wife, and Montgomery Rankin and wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity.

ORDERED, this 19th day of December, 1889, that the sale of the Real Estate of James Rankin and Montgomery Rankin, made and reported by RICHARD D. HYNSON, assignee of a mortgage from the said James and Montgomery Rankin and others, to Geo. B. Westcott, dated December 21st, 1886, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent county in Liber S. B., No. 8, Folios 481, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 21st day of February 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 21st day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $4,260.

SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True copy, Test—
Dec. 21, 1889—4t. SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.

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WILLIAM ARCHIBALD,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 10th day of June, 1890, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscribers. Given under our hands this 3d day of December, 1889.

MARY J. ARCHIBALD,
WILLIAM ARCHIBALD,
JAMES ARCHIBALD, Executors.
Dec. 7, 1889—4t.

VISIT

Geo. H. C. Neal & Son,

LEXINGTON ST. and PARK AVE.,

BALTIMORE.

For Imported and Domestic Dress Goods, Black Goods, Black, Colored and Novelty Silks, Dress Trimmings, Gloves, Umbrellas and Parasols, Ladies' Neckwear, Laces and Embroidery, Notions, Men's Furnishing Goods, Ladies', Misses', Children's and Infants' Underwear, Hoisery, Muslin Underwear, Wash Goods, White Goods, Lace Curtains and Portiers, Linens, Muslins and Sheetings Blankets, Quilts and Comforts, Flannels, Ladies', Misses' and Children's Wraps, Jackets, Jerseys, Shawls, Ready-Made Dresses, Rubber Garments and Infants' Wear, Boys' Clothing, House-Furnishing Goods, China, Glass and Tinware, Bric-a-Brac and Art Novelties.

Dec. 14, 1889—4t*.

FOR RENT for 1890.

A Desirable Two-Story DWELLING HOUSE in the village of Still Pond. Stable and Garden attached. For terms apply to
d14-3t. GEO. H. CLARK, AGENT.

FOR RENT for the year 1890:

DWELLING HOUSE corner Princess and Cannon Streets, Chestertown.
o12-tf. Apply to H. C. CHASE.

FOR RENT for 1890.

A STORE HOUSE at LYNCH'S, Kent county—an excellent stand for a general store and drug store, on moderate terms. Apply to
R. D. HYNSON, ATT'Y, Chestertown,
a17-tf or to JULIA A. HOSSIN