Kent News.

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BALLOT REFORM.

Your Way or My Way?—Or, Any Way?

From an editorial in the Baltimore Sun of last Saturday we make the following extracts:

In a recent editorial in one of the county papers of this State, which is not in favor of the Australian system, and which insists that the county democrats and their representatives in the Legislature are not bound by the pledges of the Baltimore city convention or of democratic candidates and speakers in this city, we read the following candid confession. The journal we refer to is the KENT NEWS, which in its issue of Jan. 4th, says: "Bribery is one of the greatest curses of this age and nation. We see its evils in every district in Kent county; in every county in the State and in every State in the land. It is a growing evil. It threatens to paralyze every merit, every virtue of popular government. We *must* have legislation to stem this flood tide of evil." Now the needed legislation is offered in the form of an election law which has been tried for thirty years in the English colonies from which it takes its name among a population as heterogenous as was ever attracted to California gold fields in the worst days of the gold fever, and *which have proved effective*. Thirty years' experience has taken the Australian system of voting out of the category of experimental legislation. It is difficult, therefore, in the face of this frank recognition of the existence of the evils to be remedied, to account for any opposition to the Australian law, if the explanation were not furnished in the fact that nine-tenths of those who are opposed to the law are machine politicians, men who rely upon the very practices which our Kent county contemporary so eloquently deplores, for the perpetuation of their own personal and selfish hold upon place and power. The opposition of the other tenth—and we have, no doubt, that this is the case with our contemporary—is due to misconception or misinformation upon the subject of the details of the law. The evil is admitted not to be local. Neither should the remedy be a local one. It is as much needed in the counties as in the cities. It is the same medicine for Republicans and for democrats. The duty of applying the remedy does not rest alone upon the obligation to fulfill party pledges but, to quote once more from our Kent county contemporary, upon "higher motives even than the fulfillment of the written platform pledge; It will be done because it is right, and not only the State, but the dominant party, will be benefited by such action." With such entire accordance as to the character and magnitude of the evils to be remedied and the duty of applying a remedy, there ought not to be any serious divergence of opinion or sentiment in regard to the form of the remedy.

There is very little difference between the *Sun* and the NEWS upon this ballot reform subject. We are in perfect accord in recognition of the existence of the evils incident to our election machinery—bribery, intimidation, colonization, etc. We agree further that a remedy should be applied. Then comes the divergence. The Sun says the Australian law is *the* remedy; the Australian law is *the* duty of the Legislature, and the Australian law the demand of the people, which, if not granted will prove rottenness in the party and venality in the Legislature. "It is difficult," says the Sun, "to account for any opposition to the Australian law." Here are the Sun's premises. All the merit in the thought of past ages and the possibilities of present and future time, is fixed and perfected in this particular remedy for all election abuses! Well, the Sun may be right. We have thought it possible for it to be wrong. While we may have "misconceived the details" of the law, our contemporary may likewise have misconceived the character of the people to be affected by the law. The Sun is a little arbitrary in its position, we think. It manifests the "rule or ruin" spirit. The Australian law is *its* demand. *Any law*—that will accomplish the desired end—is the demand of the NEWS. We expressly so stated in the article from which the Sun quotes. Here is *our* platform, and this we claim to be the promise of the party—the *only and all sufficient promise* of the party—

"We are in favor of that law which is found to be the best for its purpose, no matter whether it is the Australian, the Pearce, or the Tilden law. The purpose is pure elections."

The *State* convention pledge was literally

"A further and more careful review of this fundamental and most vital subject, so that at the coming session of the General Assembly, following the good example set by many of our sister States, stringent provisions may be adopted for the purpose of preserving more thoroughly the purity of the ballot-box," etc.

What *city* platforms or speakers promised is a *secondary* matter; just so is it with the promises and pledges of Southern Maryland or the Eastern Shore; they are to be regarded only so far as their demands are found to be serviceable to the State as a whole. But there need be no conflict between the different sections, and will be none if we are all honestly striving for what we claim. To avoid this it is only necessary that we stand upon the *State platform*. It is not the Sun's way, nor the Kent News' way, but *any way* that the Legislature may find best suited for the State at this time to serve the cause of ballot reform.

We claim to be as honest as the Sun is—not more so—in proffering our opinion regarding any particular measure. We claim to be as sincere in the desire to accomplish a common purpose—that is, purer election methods—as either Judge Fisher, the Sun, or any other man. Not more so. We propose to consider fairly all plans proposed and make our suggestions accordingly. It is not only the privilege, but the duty of the *Sun* and others to do the same. "In the multitude of counselors there is wisdom." Senator Gorman not only exercised *his* privilege but he would have been recreant to his duty as a trusted leader did he not speak out in opposition to a measure he thought wrong. He exercises precisely the same prerogatives in opposing that the Sun or any individual does in favoring it. Is it fair or proper to question the *motive* in either case? We do not understand that the distinguished Senator has said or done anything which would reasonably open him to the charge of favoring a continued system of bribery, of intimidation or of colonization in the conduct of elections. When he does this or interferes to prevent any proper legislation on the subject, then the Sun may scalp him alive—or rather dead, for his political life will likely end then and there. Would it not be more considerate to the wisdom of the law-making body itself to leave with them the specific details of a law which every honest man in Maryland is supposed to favor at this time, namely, a purer election system?

We trust the Legislature will, at the very earliest practical moment, adopt such a measure. Whether it shall include the 'essential features of the Australian system' or some other system, it matters not. A remedy is what we want. All wisdom in pure election methods may possibly not have had a deliverance in the Australian features. If that *can be* then we trust the Legislature will consider other features at the same time, and give the State the benefit of its own wisdom as well as of the wisdom of the Sun, and of the city of Baltimore's political speakers and platforms, and honest voices from all other parts of the State.

We should be most happy could we have the faith in any law or system that our contemporary claims for the Australian. We cannot prevent our skepticism upon this subject. The time is very short since its adoption in any of the American States. If the ingenuity of the corrupt politician is not equal to the task of "working" that system to his own needs, then it is indeed *the* one law above all election laws. We can certainly see much advantage in the private booth provision. There are disadvantages also. It is virtually educational qualification, and, therefore, it is unconstitutional. To meet this defect some device or assistance must be provided for voters. Now see: In the very act adopted by the Business Men's Association now before us, it is provided that if a voter "swears that he is illiterate and needs assistance in marking his ballot he can obtain it from *one or both of the ballot officers*." How would this work in Kent? *A thousand colored voters would be directly in the hands of these partizan markers.*" In the State twenty-five thousand, or more, would thus be placed under the direct surveilance and control of *party workers!* The field for party dictation or for personal tyranny would be even more fertile than under our present laws howsoever imperfect they are.

In conclusion we desire our contemporary to answer these simple questions: Is it possible to put this Australian system, pure and simple, in practical operation in Maryland? Would such a law be constitutional? If nay, in what particular shall it be amended?

The Author Of It.

Francis S. Dutton, member of the Legislature for South Australia is the author of the Australian ballot system. The secret ballot was first proposed by him in 1851 before representative government and universal suffrage had been granted to South Australia. It became a law in 1857.

In the United States it was first introduced in Michigan in 1885, but the Legislature defeated it by a vote of 23 to 44—15 Democrats and 8 Republicans voting in its favor, and 20 Democrats and 24 Republicans in opposition. In 1887 it passed by a vote of 57 to 32. It was adopted in Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Rhode Island in 1888, in Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee, Connecticut, Montana and Minnesota last year. In a number of other States the subject has been introduced in the Legislatures but failed of passage, and in most of the above the first elections under the new law are yet to be held.

The New York Legislature has twice passed the Australian act and Gov. Hill interposed his veto both times. It is now again before the Legislature of that State.

In New Jersey and Colorado the bills were passed in one house but not reached in the other. In the following States bills have been presented and rejected: Maine Nebraska, Arkansas, California, Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Hampshire. In Iowa, Louisiana, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia, Idaho, Nevada and Maryland no legislation has yet been had. So that it seems that in regard to this measure the States stand now about as follows: In 9 adopted, and will soon be in practical operation; in 12 defeated, and in 15 no legislative action taken. These facts we get from Wigmore's 'Australian Ballot System' a valuable work of two hundred pages.

Who's to Blame?

Old Zack Chandler was not in all respects a model statesman, but he was a splendid representative of Michigan interests, and when we find her receiving nearly eight millions for rivers and harbors, while Maryland, with all her waterways, shows less than two millions in nearly a century, it is calculated to make us pause in our judgment of the rough-and-tumble old Senator who always looked after his State. But in matters of this kind it is never too late to mend, and it is to be hoped that those who represent us at Washington will endeavor to make amends for the failure of past years.—*Balt. Sun.*

Will Senators Gorman and Wilson please mend their ways? Mr. Gibson has been priding himself upon what *he* has accomplished for the State as a member of the committee on rivers and harbors. Has he, too, really been a laggard? We trust when he recovers from his illness he will have something to say on the subject. Then there is Mr. McComas. He stands high in the Republican councils. Why has he not accomplished something? Let's hear from you, too, Mr. McComas! The Sun wants a new custom *house*; it don't care whether Urner or Burchinal gets the easy chair therein!

But the most unfortunate thing about the Sun's critical drag-net is that it sweeps so far back. It drags from the slumbers of the grave and from political death beds—from voluntary and involuntary political repose—to the gaze of a wronged constituency, representatives of Maryland "during the cycle of time from 1789 to 1882!" Dead or alive, stand up ye faithless ones, and give an account. Mend your ways! It is true the Sun says there have been some "notable exceptions to this *general* supineness," but it fails to name them. Was the eminent Senator Wm. Pinkney Whyte among the exceptions? Or is it that the Sun desires him to have a chance to mend *his* ways? Tell us about him. We thought him a model representative. Is it true that he followed the example of the Sun last fall and failed to support his party ticket? Tell us something about *that*.

The Sun Almanac.

The Baltimore Sun Almanac for 1890 is on our table. Its value is known best to those who have known its predecessors. It contains over one hundred pages. It is simply invaluable to the Maryland business man, and indeed to all intelligent people who keep up with the times. In the office of the lawyer, the editor and the man of business it will be found hanging in a convenient place for reference, and the agricultural community also seek its pages for facts to be found only there in the most desired form. Every subscriber of the daily *Sun* receives one of these valuable books free of charge. Begin the new year by sending for it.

Dissatisfied Colored Politicians.

A Washington letter of last Tuesday states that there are a number of prominent colored men from the South now in Washington on political business. Many of them are dissatisfied with the way they have been treated by the present administration, and do not hesitate to express their sentiments in language that is anything but complimentary to the Republican party. It is predicted that thousands of colored men will henceforth vote with the Democrats in the South on the ground that by so doing they are sure of better treatment, personally and politically, and besides, they feel that the time has come for them to assert their independence. It is claimed by some that the appointing power requires that photographs be filed with applications for office to prove that the aspirant is not a negro! This plan wouldn't work in the case of Higgins' black-white postal clerk. He got in for a little while any way!

Two DEAFS from hydrophobia by being bitten by cats are reported—Prof. Chas. A. Clarke, aged 35 years, of Milton, Wisconsin, and Miss Ida Spence, a charming young lady of Dayton, Tenn. Both died on Tuesday.

MR. C. R. LEWIS has petitioned the Virginia Legislature to pay him $42,598,99 for losses sustained by him by the repeal of the Hog Island flats lease.

OUR NEW POSTMASTER.

An Offer For a New Postoffice Building.

The nomination of Mr. Hiram Brown for postmaster of Chestertown was sent to the Senate last Tuesday, and when confirmed by that body his commission will be sent on and Mr. Fowler will be relieved. Mr. Fowler's term expired last Monday. There is hardly any doubt of Mr. Brown's confirmation by the Senate although it is said efforts are being made to prevent it. The fight has been long and earnest and Mr. Brown will no doubt appreciate the sense of relief from the anxieties of the contest when his commission is received and finally accepted. The Baltimore Sun's Washington correspondent in noting Mr. Brown's appointment says: "Mr. Brown's campaign for the office excited more interest at the Postoffice Department than any that has yet been conducted before the Department for the reason that he was very ably seconded by his wife, a bright, intelligent little lady, whose pleasant face and zealous work in her husband's behalf won all the officials in the Department to his cause."

We understand that Mr. Brown has rented the store-room of Mr. J. S. Bradley, adjoining Mr. S. F. Smith's, for the postoffice, and will fix it up in modern style. This is a good location; it is on the main street and in the centre of the town, but the room itself is not well adapted to the purpose. It is, however, about as good as any other conveniently located. The town badly needs a postoffice building. The government ought to erect buildings in all towns of this size. Mr. Thos. S. Wickes, one of our philanthropic citizens, who owns the building which has been used by Postmaster Fowler during his whole term, *offers to donate this lot to the government* if a $25,000 postoffice building is erected on it. The lot is one of the most eligible in the town and cost Mr. Wickes $8,000. This offer ought certainly to be an inducement to the government to favor us with a building, even to the extent of making an exception in our case. Our Congressional representatives, we hope, will urge the matter.

THE deaths from the "grippe" in New York have been on the increase this week.

BALTIMORE'S new postmaster Mr. W. W. Johnson, will have twenty-eight officials to appoint outside of the civil service list, salaries ranging from $2500 down, the total being $29,500.

SENATOR QUAY and his son Richard have made their plans to leave Washington for Florida on February 1. They will spend three or four weeks fishing for tarpon.

A CLOSE SHAVE.—One of the most exciting elections ever held in the city of Lynchburg, Va., took place last Tuesday. It was to decide whether liquor should be sold. The whiskey advocates won by seven majority. They carried the city last year by 1,100 majority, but Rev. Sam Jones has had a great revival there since!

A SIGNIFICANT MEETING was held in Towsontown, Baltimore county, last Thursday. It was to organize a tariff reform club. It is proposed to organize these clubs at every county seat, and endeavor to specially interest the farmer who is the greatest victim of the tariff robbery. It is desired to make the clubs non-partizan. But how can they be anything better than Cleveland clubs?

BITTEN BY A MAD DOG.—J. Alex. Rutter, a well-known farmer of Elk Neck, Cecil county, has gone to Paris with his son, 16 years old, who was bitten three weeks ago by a mad dog. He is to be treated by Pasteur. The lad was bitten on the finger, and a mule bitten afterwards went mad and broke its neck.

HON. JOHN B. BROWN.—The Centreville Record, editorially referring to the re-election of United States Senator Wilson, says:

"The friends of Senator Brown, while they regret he was not the choice of the Democracy of the State, have no heartburnings because of Senator Wilson's success. They have no enemies to punish, only friends to reward, and Senator Wilson's supporters are counted among the friends."

Against the Australian Law.

The Prince George's *Gazette* sees no necessity for a change in the present election law as far as the counties are concerned. The Westminster *Advocate* says no change in the election law for that county is desired. The elections are fair and the ballots are legally counted. Easton *Ledger*: The people have declared against the Australian system.

Death of Walker Blaine.

Mr. Walker Blaine, examiner of claims in the State Department, and eldest living son of the Hon. James G. Blaine, Secretary of State, died suddenly and without premonition, at the family residence, in Washington at 8.30 o'clock last Wednesday evening, of acute pneumonia, superinduced by an attack of the grip. He was in the 35th year of his age. Mr. Blaine and his son had been more like two loving brothers during the past ten or twelve years than father and son. They were very much alike in their tastes, and were almost constantly together.

"It Makes Me Sick."

The Baltimore *Sun* states that a prominent official of the Baltimore custom-house whose home is in one of the counties, has received a letter from a neighbor in which the tariff question is handled in this way:

"I have sold my best corn crop for 32 cents per bushel, less freight, commission and all other charges and skimmings. How is this for the farmer with high tariff? When you come home again please engage for me a fourth-class room at the Hotel de Cherry Hill. (Cherry Hill is an almshouse.) I see it coming, and have about made up my mind to accept and be reconciled to the inevitable. When I think of having to give one bushel of corn for a post-hole, eighteen bushels for a derby, fifty bushels for a pair of boots, one hundred bushels for a suit of clothes and six hundred bushels for a horse, it makes me sick at heart."

Let Maryland Slave Property Be Paid For Also.

Senator Quay has introduced a bill to authorize the payment of damages sustained by citizens of the State of Pennsylvania, from Union and Confederate troops during the late war, as adjudicated and liquidated by the State under the provisions of an act of its General Assembly. The bill appropriates $3,477,945 to be paid to the Governor for the use of the citizens of the counties of Adams, Bedford, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Perry, Somerset and York. These counties were subject to invasion and raids by the Confederate troops and operations and occupancy of the Federal troops during the war.

Now let one of the Maryland Senators move to amend, so as to provide for paying for slave property in Maryland. This State was as much a part of the Union as Pennsylvania, and those who lost slaves, either by enlistment or emancipation, are as much entitled to be paid as the citizens on the border counties of Pennsylvania for damages they sustained during the war.—*Westminster Advocate.*

Peach Trees in Bloom.

We have received during the week specimen twigs from a number of peach orchards in different sections of the county, showing the advanced condition of the buds. A bundle of switches were from Mr. J. R. Stavely in Still Pond; they were of the Crawford Late variety; another from the orchard of H. W. Vickers, Esq., near Chestertown, of the variety called Chinese, a third from the fifth district and a fourth from Worton, neither of the two last giving variety name; all of them were filled with buds swollen to bursting, and a few were already in bloom. The change to cooler weather in the last day or two is advantageous, and it is thought that if there is no extreme cold during the balance of the winter, a full crop of the luscious fruit may be realized next summer. Their condition, however, must certainly be most critical.

Of the Delaware peach crop the Wilmington *Every Evening's* Dover correspondent reports: "The thermometer yesterday (Sunday) registered from 70 to 80 degrees in the shade, and in the sun went up to 106, and the peach buds are so far advanced that a general freeze-up would entirely kill them. William Gehman, living about five miles west of Dover, says that almost all his peach trees are in bloom, and this is not an orchard of prematures, but of healthy bearing trees."

DREDGERS CAPTURED.—Four captains of dredge boats are in jail here, namely: Edw. Eisenbrey, of the schooner Mariana; Louis Broll Stump, of schooner Jacob Bulack; Michael Hurley, of the schooner Annie K. Dukes; Anthony Prendergrast, of schooner John Nichols. Capt. Horney, of the Chester river police schooner Helen Baughman, got aground at the mouth of Rock Hall creek on Friday of last week, and the dredgers took advantage of it to pounce upon the Swan Point reservations. Capt. Turner, of the steamer McLane, who was at Kent Island at the time, saw the movement and pounced upon the dredgers. He arrested the four boats above named and took them to Rock Hail. They demanded a trial by Justice Isaac Gale. State's Attorney Marian deK. Smith was sent for and appeared at the hearing, which was held in the cabin of the McLane. They were each held in $1,000 bail for court. They telegraphed to Baltimore, from whence the parties all hailed, and H. G. Struven came over to represent his partner, Wacker, owner of the Bulack, but as he could not show that he was worth the required sum, the State refused to accept him as bail. Constable Walter Francis thereupon brought the four to Chestertown and lodged them in jail. The men were taken to Baltimore on a writ of habeas corpus on Wednesday, and Judge Phelps released them on $1,000 bail for court.

Capt. Horney took his boat to Dawson's yard at Rock Hall and had needed repairs made, and she was promptly placed on duty again.

DEATH AND INQUEST.—John Mannor, who was accidentally shot in the elbow at Golt's Station on the night of Nov. 4, died at his home last Monday night. His wound was not thought to be dangerous at the time; it readily healed, the ball remaining in the elbow. Mannor was taken very sick last week, and thinking it a favorable time to remove the ball, sent for Dr. Hill and it was extracted. Five days afterwards, he became dangerously ill and died as stated on Monday night, of blood poison. Justice Parr summoned a jury of inquest on Wednesday and after a full and careful investigation the jury rendered a verdict that "the deceased came to his death by hemorrhage caused by phlebitis."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The annual meeting of the Kent County Agricultural Association was held at the hall Worton Station on Monday last, and was well attended. The meeting was of a most interesting character, clearly showing the continued hold of the organization upon the agricultural community. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—James M. J. Byron.
Vice-President—Samuel Mann.
Recording Sec.—John P. Nicholson.
Corresponding Sec.—W. Penn Norris.
Treasurer—Henry T. Massey.
Librarian—John J. Roeder.
Auditing Committee—Wm. W. Stephens, Elias Walraven, W. J. Vannort.

Another meeting will be held next Monday.

AT the annual election for directors of the Chestertown National Bank, held last Tuesday, the following were chosen: C. T. Westcott, T. W. Eliason, Jr., N. G. Westcott, E. S. Valiant and R. D. Hynson. The only change is in the last named being put in the place of his father.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.—The Mount Vernon Literary Society elected officers last Saturday evening to serve until next fall as follows: President, W. S. Stephens; vice-president, W. B. Usilton, Jr.; recording secretary, C. P. Hammond; corresponding secretary, Clarence W. Perkins; treasurer, A. M. Hanna.

Married Couples.

Licenses were issued from the clerk's office of Kent county, during the month of December for the following marriages:

WHITE.

George T. Satterfield to Mary E. Moffett.
Chas. H. Crittenden to Emma A. Carey.
Morton Taylor to Mary E. Downey.
Chas. H. Joiner to Florence Webb.
Dennis N. Foard to Frances A. Camp.
Wm. H. Burris to Annie Whittington.
Geo. E. Crouch to Hannah Thomas.
B. Romeo McCauley to Alice M. Homes.
Edw. H. Jewell to Maggie E. Davis.
Wm. S. Gettschall to Annie P. Traverse.
Chas. Henry Bird to Virginia Conlyn.
Jas. R. Bennett to Louisa Cooper.

COLORED.

Evan C. Wilson to Emma Johnson.
Wm. H. Preston to Ann Maria Milburn.
Wm. Johnson to Josephine Doman.
W. H. Wright to Annie R. Wilmer.
Geo. E. D. Redding to Mary Norton.
Geo. E. Hurtt to Annie Hollins.
Alex. Brown to Eliza J. Wilmer.
Jas. Blackiston to Rebecca Butler.
Butler L. Byrd to Minnie Morgan.
Eben J. Jones to Margaret E. Carpenter.
Armisted Green to Eliza Hackett.
John T. Scott to Elenora Suskey.
Mifflin Brown to Etta Jones.
Chas. H. Stephens to Priscilla Hynson.
Wm. E. Milligan to Annie Frisby.
Jos. Lamdin to Lottie Sachel.
Isaac W. Summons to Maggie Brown.

TONGERS ARRESTED.—Stanford Bullen, mate of the police schooner, recently arrested two tongers for working on Sunday. They plead as an excuse that they were mistaken in the day!

AN EXPERT OYSTERMAN.—John Rhodes, of Bowen's Neck, a colored oysterman, recently caught with tongs 23 feet in length, 45 bushels of oysters in one day which he sold for 55 cents per bushel, netting him $24.75. John states that oysters were scarce and it was altogether a bad day for oystering. He is the boss tonger of the Patuxent and will put his muscle against even patent *tongs*.—*Calvert Journal.*

THE FARMERS MOVING.—In another column will be found a pointed letter from Mr. L. C. Justis, Jr., on the question of farm labor, and corresponding with his view is a card from Col. Wm. J. Vannort, who is the vice-president for this county of the State Farmers' Association. He calls a meeting of farmers to be held in Chestertown on Tuesday, Jan. 28. If the farmers will not take the trouble to attend this meeting they should not complain if there are no good results from this movement.

FIRE AT CRUMPTON.—The blacksmith and wheelwright shops of George W. Butler, of Crumpton, were consumed by fire on the night of the 14th. The fire was discovered about 9 o'clock in the wheelwright shop, and the whole building was in flames within fifteen minutes. All of his tools and material were consumed together with a new dearborn. There was also in the shop a fine dayton belonging to Simmons & Hendrix, and a carriage the property of Miss Laura Carson, both of which were lost. The shops were owned by Mr. Simon Swartz and were not valued at more than $200. Mr. Butler's loss will probably be between $200 and $300. No other damage was done; no insurance.

LARGE SALE.—Attention is called to the sale of personal property by Mr. J. B. Cochran, next Thursday. He is about to discontinue farming at Wilson's Point, and will therefore dispose of the large and valuable personalty.

Personal Mention.

Mr. John W. Hines and family have removed to Baltimore.

Miss Daisy Stavely is visiting relatives in New Castle county, Delaware.

Mr. J. McComb Primrose, of Wilmington, Del., is visiting his father across the bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Price, of near Lankford, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Wm. A. Colescott, in Camden, N. J.

Messrs. F. H. Harper, Still Pond, and R. C. Johnson, Masseys, have been re-elected directors in the Fruit Growers Bank of Smyrna, Del.

Miss Eloise Davis, a niece of the late Jefferson Davis, who has been spending some time with Mrs. Josias Ringgold, has returned South.

Mrs. Mary J. Guest, of Cecilton, is visiting the batchelor home of her brother, Mr. George Lofland.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Sappington have, after spending some time with their uncle, Mr. J. T. Dixon, returned to their home in Philadelphia, Wednesday.

R. F. Ellis McClellan has secured a position with the Miller Safe Company, of Baltimore, and left Chestertown on Monday to assume his new duties.

Miss Ida M. Hepbron and Mr. Ellsworth C. Bowers will be married at Lynch's M. P. Chapel on Wednesday evening, Jan. 22d, at 8 P. M. No cards.

Rev. J. D. Kinzer, of Mt. Lebanon, Baltimore, is chairman of a committee appointed to purchase a lot for a new church in his section of the city.

Mr. W. B. Stephens, a popular young gentleman of Worton, is now with Wm. P. Dolby, dealer in groceries and provisions, N. E. corner Balt. ave. and 40th st., Phila. He will be pleased to see his friends when they visit the city.

Rev. W. L. S. Murray, presiding elder of Wilmington District M. E. Church, was in town on Monday, settling the estate of the late E. P. Janvier, of which he and Mrs. Janvier are administrators.

Miss Lillian Hynson attended the hop given by the Eutaw Place Tennis Club, Balto., last Wednesday night. She was the guest of Miss Nina Quinlan.

Dr. J. J. Murray has been asked by the congregation of St. John's, Baltimore, to serve another year. He has just completed his seventh year at that church.

Bishop Foster, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will preach the annual sermon before the Christian Association in Mt. Vernon Place Church, Feb. 23. Bishop Foster will be 70 years old on that day. His residence is in Boston, Mass.

Rev. F. T. Tagg, corresponding secretary and manager of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, preached for Rev. Walter R. Graham last Sunday morning and evening. Both sermons were in keeping with the character of the distinguished preacher, both in interest and ability.

Anthony Peterson, living at Thomas' shops, below Smith's Corner, in Queen Anne's, on the road to Chestertown, was thrown from a wagon loaded with lumber on Saturday last, and had his left arm crushed by the wheel passing over it. He went to Baltimore for treatment on Saturday last, and is reported doing well.

The Centreville *Record* says "R. Bennett Willson, Esq., Mr. Richard B. Willson and Mr. James Ringgold, of Kent county, came over from Rock Hall last Tuesday and spent several days with Mr. Wm. F. Watson. It has been many years since Mr. Bennett Willson visited this county. Nearly all the acquaintances of his youth have passed away."

Mr. Christopher Wilkinson, one of the oldest and most respected citizens in the fifth district, died on Friday night at his residence, "Deep Landing," near Rock Hall. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Centreville. He leaves but one child, a daughter, the wife of Mr. George H. Mullikin, residing at Hayden's station. Deceased was born in 1811 in Queen Anne's; lived there 45 years, and since then in Kent, at Deep Landing. His ambition was to see a line of steamers from his place to Baltimore, and he lived to see a wharf built and steamers running daily.

The Afflicted.

Drs. J. A. Perkins and T. H. Cooper, who were quite sick last week and unable to attend patients, have recovered and resumed practice. —Rev. J. D. Rigg, of Still Pond, who has been quite sick, is greatly improved. —Rev. W. R. Graham has recovered from his "la grippe." —Mr. Sam'l Vannort had a slight relapse last Sunday which threw him back in bed for a day or two, but he is now again up and about the house. —Mr. M. A. Toulson, one of our popular druggists, has been quite sick for ten days past; he is yet in bed, but his physician, Dr. Hines, reports his symptoms more favorable. —Miss Nellie Walters, Miss Lizzie Roberts and Prof. Fallowfield, of the public school faculty, have been kept at home several days this week but are at their duties again. —H. W. Vickers, Esq., has recovered from his attack of la grippe, and is at his office this week. —The Senior editor of the NEWS is rapidly recovering and expects to be at the office again in a day or two. —Mrs. Rasin, wife of Mr. C. Black Rasin, died last Thursday; she was a most estimable lady and her death is a grievous affliction to her family. —Mr. W. H. Blakeney, who has been quite sick for a week past, is out again. —Mr. Benj. F. Fleming was out yesterday for the first time for two weeks.

GEN. H. H. BINGHAM, of Philadelphia, is classed as one of the three best-dressed men in Congress. The other two are Representatives Gibson, of Maryland, and Stolrecker of New York.

A THIEF CAUGHT.—Chas. Gus, col'd. was arrested by Constable Thos. J. Parsons last week, and Justice W. E. Beck, of Worton gave him a hearing on the charge of stealing gloves from F. H. Harper in Still Pond. He was sentenced to the House of Correction for six months. This fellow is believed to have had a hand in the general thieving in that neighborhood.

MR. COLN F. STAM promises a rare musical treat to our people in the third visit of the Schubert quartette on the evening of Jan. 30. The program will be new, rich and perfectly sublime. The following reference to one of the lady singers is from the Pittsburg *Press*:

"The reception tendered to the beautiful soprano, Miss Inez Mecusker, was an ovation. She possesses a voice of rare sweetness and power, perfectly cultivated, together with a charm of manner and person, it was little wonder that she sang herself into the hearts of her audience."—*Pittsburg Press.*

SWEET VIOLETS and verbenas were in bloom here last Sunday in open gardens.

FARMERS' MEETING.

AT THE SUGGESTION of a number of farmers of Kent county, the undersigned, as vice-president of the State Farmers' Association, respectfully invite the farmers of the county to meet in CHESTERTOWN, at the Court House, on TUESDAY, Jan. 28, 1890, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of consultation and action upon subjects of vital interest to us all at this time. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.

WM. J. VANNORT.

Chestertown, Jan. 17, 1890.

MARRIED.

On Jan. 8, in the M. E. Church, Mullica Mill, N. J., by the Rev. J. R. Mason, EDWARD A. COREY, of Banesville, Maryland, to MARY EMMA REECE, of Mullica Mill, N. J.

On Jan. 12, 1890, at the Crumpton M. E. Parsonage, by Rev. J. B. Merritt, ERWIN H. SCHWATKA and Miss ANNIE M. ERSKINE, both of this county.

In Chestertown, January 15, 1890, by Rev. W. R. Graham, FERMAN LAYMAN and Miss LAURA B. McWHORTER, both of Chestertown.

At the parsonage, on Tuesday, Jan. 14, by Rev. W. R. Graham, CHARLES H. WHITNEY and Mrs. ANNA CROUCH, both of Chestertown.

DIED.

In Chestertown, Jan. 16, 1890, after a long illness of consumption, Mrs. LAURA C. RASIN, wife of C. C. B. Rasin, and daughter of James Kelley, aged 41 years, 3 mths and 2 days. The husband and two children, and a large circle of relatives and friends are left to mourn, while the departed one has entered upon the peace and joys of the eternal rest.

[Funeral services will be held at the residence of her husband on Cross street, this Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Chester Cemetery.]

At "Deep Landing," near Rock Hall, on the evening of Jan. 10, 1890, CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON, aged about 79 years. His remains were taken to Centreville on the Steamer Gratitude on Saturday and interred on Sunday.

In Baltimore, Jan. 11, 1890, WILLIAM HYNSON, aged 30 years.

CHRIST CHURCH.—GENERAL LOVE-FEAST, to which all Christians are invited, will be held to-morrow (Sunday) morning at 9 o'clock. Preaching at 10½ A. M., and 7½ P. M. The public generally invited. W. R. GRAHAM, Pastor.

WANTED.—A reliable man to take a milk route in connection with the Miller Safe Company, of Baltimore, and left Chestertown on Monday to assume his new duties. j4-3t.* Address O. Z., Chestertown.

MONEY TO LOAN.

$11,000 in one or two Mortgages. Also, $3,000, $1,000 and $1,300 on mortgage at 6 per cent. HOPE H. BARROLL, j11-3t. ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Chestertown, Md.

AN EARNEST REQUEST.

ALL PERSONS indebted to me will please settle by February 1st, 1890, *especially those owing us for Seeds and Advancements.* Under the pressure of sacrifices and others failing, I have carried you too long. It has become detrimental to myself. You know not what I have suffered and gone through to accomodate you. Settle at once with me, I never sued anyone in my life. I never want to. j11-3t. JOS. W. THOMPSON.

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W. P. DOLBY,
Commission Merchant & Produce Dealer,
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LIVE STOCK OF ALL KINDS.
Strict attention will be given to all consignments or communications. Parties having sheep or lambs will do well to address us when they are ready for shipment. Mr. Stephens is my authorized agent to buy stock and produce for me. He will be through Kent in a few weeks, to look after the lamb and sheep trade for which the highest cash will be paid. j18-3m. W. P. DOLBY.

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Strict attention will be given to all consignments or communications. Check and account statement immediately on sales if desired. Berries and Peaches a specialty in their season.
Consignments solicited. Attention given to all orders. P. E. CREW.

FOR RENT for the year 1890:
The VOSHELL HOUSE STABLES. These are the most convenient stables in town. Also, for sale, FOUR HORSES and MARES. d29-tf. WM. D. BURCHINAL.

FOR SALE:
We offer for a Georgia Nurseryman a CHOICE LOT OF KEIFER PEAR TREES. Having sold 400 barrels of Keifer Pears for the same party we recommend the fruit as finer than any grown in New York or Maryland. Prices very low for cash or time. D. R. STEWART & CO., j11-3t. 118 E. Pratt street., Balto., Md.

DWELLING FOR RENT.
A comfortable FRAME DWELLING, on High street in Chestertown, formerly occupied by Jos. H. Chapman, for the present year. Apply to THOS. G. WROTH, j11-3t. Agent for Mrs. S. H. Crane.

FOR RENT for 1890:
The very desirable two-story DWELLING HOUSE, garden, Carriage House, and Stable, on Queen street, Chestertown, formerly the Benjamin property. It has all been put in first-class repair, well located and may be rented cheap. The dwelling and stable separately if desired. j4-tf. WM. M. SLAY, Att'y.

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. Hordley. It will be rented for 1890, and is for sale on liberal terms. Apply to d28-tf. MARION DEK. SMITH, Att'y for Chester Loan Association.

FOR SALE:
A CHOICE LOT of PURE BRED PLYMOUTH ROCK COCKERELS, Price $1 each. j4-tf. ALDAY CLEMENTS, Crumpton, Md.

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, or to JULIA A. HOSSINGER, a17-tf. Lynch's.

GRAND CONCERT!
Stam's Hall, Thursday Evening, Jan. 30,
—by the celebrated—
SCHUBERT QUARTETTE
OF CHICAGO.
MR. S. T. BATTLE.....First Tenor.
MR. J. R. TYLEY.....Baritone.
MR. H. F. STONE.....Tenor.
MR. G. H. IOTT.....Bass.
MISS INEZ MECUSKER.....Soprano.
MISS GEORGIELLA LAY.....Piano Soloist.
The above is the celebrated quartette which has given so much pleasure to our people on several occasions. Seats now on sale and should be secured at once. COLIN F. STAM.
Jan. 11, 1889—tc.

TAX NOTICE.
All tax-payers of the FOURTH DISTRICT are notified that the taxes for 1889 are now over due and for 1888 are long in arrears. Settlements must be prompt. I will be at the Court House EVERY TUESDAY, and at home on SATURDAY. d7-tf. H. M. STUART, Coll.

Public Sale!
THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming, will sell at Public Sale, at the residence of J. B. Cochran, at Wilson's Point, between Sassafras and Galena, Kent county, Maryland
On THURSDAY, 23d of January, 1890,
AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M., THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO WIT:
9 HORSES and COLTS
No. 1—LIZZIE, Bay mare, 7 years old, a good saddle mare and No. 1 driver.
No. 2—ELLA, sorrel mare, 5 years old, a good driver and works anywhere.
No. 3—GIPSY, gray mare, 10 years old in spring, a good brood mare and will work anywhere.
No. 4—POLLY, 11 years old, bay mare, a good brood mare and will work anywhere.
No. 5—HARRY, sorrel horse, 11 years old, will work anywhere.
Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9—Colts coming 2 year old. Pedigrees given on day of sale. These colts are all fine animals, well-bred stock, and are worthy the attention of anyone wishing fine colts.
11 HEAD OF CATTLE,
and one THOROUGHBRED DURHAM BULL. All the cattle are good dairy cows.
50 Head of Hogs and Pigs
Thoroughbred Chester County.
FARMING IMPLEMENTS:
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