Kent News.

SATURDAY.....JAN. 18, 1890

The Labor Question in Kent.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—There is to-day no question of more vital importance to the farmers of Kent county than that of labor, and the price they shall pay for it in 1890. On the part of the farmer, there is no pretense of organization on this subject; they are either afraid of their employees or themselves, I don't know which, and will, without decided steps are taken, go on paying, or promising to pay the same wages out of 30-cent corn and 60-cent wheat as they did when corn was 60 cents and wheat $1.50; thus every bushel of grain they raise will be produced at a loss. Everything the farm laborer buys is cheaper than it used to be, and there is no reason why he should not share, in a measure, the burdens that are laid so heavily on his employer; more especially is this the case in a county like Kent, where the laboring class consists, in a great measure, of colored people, who by their votes every election more firmly rivet the chains that bind the farmer to his task-masters—the monopolists of this country. It is not now a question of what the employer may *desire* to pay, but what *can* he pay. The high price of day labor is often started by farmers who use day hands only once or twice during the year, and care but little what they pay so they get their work done. Very often the owner of tenant houses are to blame, in many instances these houses are rented at outrageously high prices, and their occupants are paid correspondingly high wages in order to enable them to pay their indebtedness; thus the price of day labor is raised to a point beyond the means of the average farmer to pay so that he can make anything out of it.

I do not wish by this article to advise any movement on the part of the farmer that will be *prejudicial* to the *real interest* of workingmen, but simply to call a halt before it is too late. For if there is not *something done*, and *done at once*, Kent county farmers will not be able to pay their labor even decent wages in another year, much less such wages as they have been paying in the past.

That it is almost impossible to get farmers to take interest enough in their own business to unite together for their own good, is, I know, an accepted fact, but through the West and South they are uniting, and to some purpose too.

I do not advise or suggest any plan further than that a meeting of the farmers be called at Chestertown, where this important subject can be discussed in all its bearings. At such a meeting doubtless some plan could be devised by which the employer and employee could be gotten to agree upon a satisfactory schedule of wages for the ensuing year.

Such a meeting could very properly be called by Col. Wm. J. Vannort, vice-president of the Farmers' Association of Maryland for Kent county.

LEWIS C. JUSTIS, JR.

The Courts.

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, Jan. 14.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. The last will and testament of Christopher Wilkinson was filed for probate. The last will and testament of Dennis McCauley was filed for probate. Mrs. Margaret G. Janvier ane Rev. W. L. S. Murry, executors, passed their first administration account. Cornelius J. Scott, administrator of Margaretta Simkins, passed his first and final distribution account.

County Commissioners, Jan. 14, 1890.—Full board present. Examined accounts for 1883 and 1884 of Geo. W. Jacoby, collector for said years.

An order was passed directing the clerk to notify all collectors having levies for jail bonds and interest, and Maryland Hospital and Mt. Hope Retreat in their hands that said levies are required at once, and payment must be made at an early day.

Order passed upon petition of the patrons of Beck's Landing in 5th district to allow Capt. John Vickers to put a granary on said landing at his own cost, provided, that the rights and conveniences of the public are not interfered with.

James U. Coleman's recommendation for pension of $25 was allowed.

B. F. Henley's constable bond approved.

A THRILLING ADVENTURE.

A Flatboat and Its Passengers Saved from Destruction.

A party of twelve or fifteen persons had a thrilling experience on the Susquehanna river at Middletown Pa., on Wednesday afternoon. A ferry boat plies the river from Middletown to the opposite side of the river. Besides the people there was a horse and carriage on board the boat. Owing to the low water the regular ferryboat cannot run and an ordinary flat has been in use.

A strong wind was blowing, and the ferrymen started up the east side of the river for some distance and then started for the other side. The boat had scarcely been poled out into the stream when the waves caught the flat and tossed it about like a frail craft in midocean. It seemed as though the flat would be swamped, but it veered around, and going broadside down the stream the waves dashed over it. The Conewago Falls were only a mile away and to be carried over them meant death to all.

The craft was now at the mercy of the waves, and death was more and more apparent, as pole after pole was snapped off while the men were endeavoring to guide their boat. Hundreds of people lined the shores, awed by the awful danger of those on board the flat as it was being carried onward to the death-engulfing falls. Encouraging words were shouted by many, while others offered suggestions. The ferrymen worked with superhuman strength, but their efforts were powerless against the wind as it dashed the waves upon the craft.

In a moment of deepest suspense there was a change. The falls were only a short distance away, and as the water rushed upon the rocks it seems to sound the death-knell to those on board. There was only a piece of pole left, and with a mighty effort the craft was pushed toward the shore. The horse during all this time was like an untamed beast. His loud snorts and fearful plunges added to the consternation of the passengers. A few on board prayed for a safe landing. The wind ceased in its wildest fury for a moment, and in that time the craft was made to shoot for the shore. Twenty feet away the horse, which had been taken from the shafts of the vehicle and stripped of its harness, became unmanageable. With a wild snort and a mighty plunge he was free and cleared the water between the boat and the land, and, climbing up the bank, was soon out of sight.

A rope was thrown by persons on the shore to those in the flat, and the latter was pulled to land less than fifty feet from the first rock in the falls. All on board were wet to the skin, but they were thankful for their escape.

OYSTER LEGISLATION.

A Kent County Oysterman's Practical View of What is Needed.

MESSRS. EDITORS KENT NEWS:—In looking over your paper I saw a column headed "Oyster Legislation," and being an oysterman it interested me very much. It seems the first move the packers and vessel owners of Baltimore city make is to shorten the oyster season. Now to shorten our tonging season means to starve and ruin us, for when the oyster season is over we are left with nothing to do. The second move is to shorten our lines They say we have oysters where the water is so deep that we cannot reach them with our tongs. Now Messrs. Editors without these deep water oyster we would have nothing with which to restock our shoaler bars, for they are worked so close they couldn't restock themselves, therefore they must get their stock from elsewhere. Our friend, Dr. Taylor, has suggested a count law which may be very good if carried out, but what we need most is GOOD PROTECTION, and in a few years we will have more oysters. What we need to protect us is a good steamer with a good captain as commander and not shorter season to work. Now if the packer and vessel owner want shorter season let them shorten the dredging season and keep their vessels on their own ground; by so doing they will save our county a good bit of expense.

AN OYSTERMAN.

Quiet Nuptials.

MC WHORTER—LAYMAN.

A very quiet but beautiful wedding took place in this town on last Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Geo. B. McWhorter. The participants were Mr. FERMAN LAYMAN, an employe of the Balt. & Del. Bay R. R., and Miss LAURA B. MCWHORTER, the popular daughter of Mr. G. B. McWhorter. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. R. Graham. Promptly at the hour the happy couple, preceded by Mr. George McWhorter brother of the bride and Miss Mary Layman sister of the groom, came forward and were made man and wife. A pretty wedding march was rendered by Miss Belle Pippin. The parlor on this occasion was transformed into a scene of loveliness. The lace curtains were entwined with smilax, while baskets of flowers hung in the windows. A bank of blooming plants was reared at one end of the room, and amid these pretty surroundings the bride attired in a becoming electric blue silk faille dress looked doubly charming. After the ceremony a bountiful collation was served. The presents truly were numerous and their beauty was enhanced by their usefulness. The bride and groom left for Philadelphia on Thursday morning and are expected home to-day. They will reside in the Crane house near College avenue.

LOCAL FIGURES FROM THE COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

Hon. L. Victor Baughman's report of the State finances shows a sound and, healthy condition of our fiscal affairs, and besides matters of general State interest, contains local figures which we have culled out and give below for the information of the readers of the NEWS. The report is for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1889, to the Legislature. Accompaning the report are tables and statements giving in detail the sources of revenue and expenditures. Preceding these details is a summary in which Col. Baughman briefly outlines the financial condition of the State and refers to the tables and statements for detailed items. He says:

"The total revenue received into the treasury during the fiscal year was $2,967,343 71, and the balance in the treasury September 30, 1888, was $532,069 46, making the total amount in the treasury during the year $2,599,17. The amount of receipts in the treasury for 1889 exceeds that of the year 1888 by $57,283 47.

"The total disbursements during the year were $2,188,686 being greater than the disbursement of the previous year by $98,625 92. The balance in the treasury at the end of the year was $490,727 01.

"The estimates of receipts for the next fiscal year amount in the aggregate to $1,900,276 84, which if realized and added to the balance in the treasury during the current fiscal year to be $2,391,003 85. The estimated disbursements for the current fiscal year are $1,817,212 30.

"The receipts on account of the free school fund during the year were $69,988 58. This sum added to the balance standing to the credit of the fund 30th of September, 1888, $11,617 15, makes an aggregate to the credit of the fund during the fical year 1889 of $81,605 73. The disbursements from the fund during the same time were $71,405 88 leaving the balance to the credit of the fund 30th of September, 1889, of $10,199 85.

Among the local figures of interest are the following: The assessed value of property for State levy—

For 1887, in Kent county	$7,448,301 00
" 1889, " " "	7,698,225 00
Levy for 1889 @ 17½c. in $100	15,664 35
For 1887 in Queen Anne's	6,583,883 00
" 1889 " " "	7,253,125 00
Levy for 1889 @17½c. in $100	12,874 29

Receipts into the State treasury for the year ending Sept. 30, 1889, were as follows: From Dr. Samuel Beck, clerk, for marriage license, $21.85; traders' license, $2,347.45; hawker's and pedler's license, $308.75; exhibition license, $336.30; fines and forfeitures, $384.75; oyster fines, $95.00; tax on civil commissions, $1,90; total, $3,496.00.

T. Tomie Strong, register wills, tax on commissions to executors and administrators, $290.43.

H. M. Stuart, collector, 1888	$1,334 97
do do 1889	2,000 00
Interest	46
Stephen Lecates, collector, 1887	1,014 49
Interest	30 56
Eugene Gooding, collector, 1887	119 83
Interest	8 49
Eugene Gooding, collector, 1888	1,000 00
J. Frank Wheatley, " "	1,200 00
J. S. Gemmill, collector, 1885	840 20
Interest	19 74
W. H. Ford, collector, 1889	400 00

Chestertown National Bank, tax on incorporated institutions, '87-8, $244.73; '89, $113.06; interest, $11.82; Chestertown Water Company, $13.32; Chestertown Strawboard Company, $4.89.

The county paid on account of public school tax $4,930.78, and received from the State $12,192.75.

C. Estes, tax on protests. Kent, $163.80; W. L. Holton, tax on protests, Queen Anne's, $490.00; John Satterfield, tax on protests, Talbot, $73.00.

Taxes in hands of collectors to be accounted for:

W. H. Ford, first district	$2,723 00
Geo. A. Roeder, second district	3,135 29
James W. Ivens, third district	2,036 27
H. M. Stuart, fourth district	332 13
W. H. Coleman, fifth district	2,489 94

Considerable sums are due from various collectors from 1867 to 1888 inclusive. Also, from sheriffs—J. W. Parsons, 1885, $25.00.

Incorporated institutions—Chester River Bridge Co., $21.58; Chester River Bridge Co., $189.87; Centerville and Corsica Steamboat Co., $78.10; Strawboard Co., $45.75; Enterprise Transportation Co., $37.50; Kent Mutual Building Association, $342.61; Kent National Bank, $272.34; Millington Mutual Building Association, $63.36; Mutual Loan of Kent county, $64.29.

Fees, &c., total receipts of clerk of circuit court for Kent county, one year to Nov. 30, 1888, $3,972.12; expenses, $1,100.00; so much for salary, $2,872.12.

Wm. Dever, clerk Queen Anne's court one year to Nov. 30, 1889, $3,233.70; expenses, $1,500.00; salary, $1,738.70.

Register of Wills Queen Anne's one year to Sept., 18, 1889, total receipts $1,489.90.

Under the head of State capital and credit are found the following figures: Stock in Kent county railroad, $101,530.00; stock in Queen Anne's railroad, $110,450.00.

In the disbursements for 1889 the sum of $56.75 is charged to Washington College, Millington and Shrewsbury academies.

EDESVILLE ITEMS.

Miss Katie Loraine, of Chesapeake City, is visiting Miss Ida Wood.

The new teacher, Miss Miller, who is assisting Miss Shaw, is comfortably at work in the Piney Neck School.

Master Walter Rees is well advanced with his plowing for corn; he is the only one we have heard of in our immediate community thus far.

Farmers hereabouts shake their heads when the peach prospect is mentioned.

The "Young People's Sociable" at their last meeting determined to give an entertainment in the near future the proceeds of which are to be used for church interests.

As a result of the extra services at Wesley Chapel, several persons have been added to the membership. The pastor, Rev. B. F. Benson, is an untiring worker and his efforts seem yet to have an incalculable effect.

Miss Helen Burgess is enclosing her yard and lot with a handsome and substantial fence. Having already erected a summer kitchen, carriage house and stable to the premises, she is now prepared to enjoy life hugely.

Mr. W. S. Maslin, who has had the grip and slight attack of pneumonia, is but little improved at this writing. Will. has many friends who anxiously inquire for him every day and who long to see him about the store as usual.

By request of the family of the late Christopher Wilkinson, Mr. James E. Blackiston, undertaker, accompanied the remains by steamer Gratitude last Saturday afternoon to Centreville, where they were received by friends and interred the next day in the Centreville cemetery.

Wheat is looking fine. That on the Ship Yard and Everett farms lying directly opposite along the public road seems to vie with each other, and the appearance is actually wholesome.

OBSERVER.

PERISHING OF COLD.

Men, Horses, Cattle and Game Freezing in Wyoming.

In this latitude people have been wondering at the summer like weather. Last Sunday the sun's rays were too warm for comfort in Ch stertown. For a contrast read this:

Twelve to eighteen inches of snow have fallen in the western end of Wyoming Territory. The snow has crusted, the water frozen, and cattle, sheep and horses are perishing all over the ranges. An owner yesterday received word from his ranch in that section that scarcely an animal that could not be fed would survive. Horses have worn their hoofs to the quick trying to beat through the crusted snow. Cattle and sheep are helpless; game has been driven from the mountains, and antelope have been killed within the city limits of Evanston, while the stock has drifted to the railway. Saturday and Sunday were intensely cold and two men were frozen to death.

A genuine blizzard, the first of the season, raged over the Northwest the whole of Sunday and part of yesterday, knocking out telegraph wires, delaying all trains and retarding the operations of loggers in the pineries. Dispatches from the principal points in the Dakotas, Montana and as far West as Spokane Falls, Washington, are to the effect that on the average the snow fell about ten inches on the level and drifted badly owing to the strong winds, approaching a hurricane, which prevailed.

A blizzard is raging at Beardsley, Minn., the drifts being piled 20 feet high. A piercing north wind accompanied the storm. Trains and wagon traffic is at a standstill.

The first great storm of the season has struck Grand Rapids, extending all over the upper Mississippi region. At New Salem the very air was darkened by falling snow, and pedestrians could not see their hands before them.

At Wabasha thirteen inches of snow has fallen. The highways are seriously blockaded and trains are behind time. From Neche, N. D., comes an account of a veritable blizzard, which raged for 37 hours, rendering all travel impossible through the heavy drifts.

At the village of Machburg, Illinois, Sunday night, the cyclone overturned dwelling-houses, barns and outbuildings, and wrought great damage. The family of Philip Nicholson were seated around the fire when the storm came up. The house was completely destroyed, and Mrs. Nicholson instantly killed, and the daughter, Miss Anna, seriously injured. Aaron McWilliams and family of seven were all caught under the house, and two children sustained serious injuries. The Methodist Episcopal church and parsonage were destroyed. Quails and other fowls were found dead stripped of their feathers, and many large trees uprooted lying along the path of the storm, which was about fifty rods wide.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

Both houses of the Legislature met on Tuesday morning. Among the important matters was the introduction of a resolution for the extension of the term of Chief Judge Frederick Stone, of the Southern Maryland circuit, resolutions relating to the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, and bills relating to the registration of voters and kindred matters.

At noon the ballot was taken in each house for a United States Senator. The Hon. Ephraim K. Wilson, Democrat, received in the Senate 16 votes to 6 votes for Mr. Thomas S. Hodson, Republican, and the House voted 50 for Mr. Wilson and 28 for Mr. Hodson.

Mr. Poe has laid out a mass of work for the election committee. He introduced several bills relating to registrations and elections.

The reports of the State health board and on State education have been made to the Legislature. Dr. Chancellor's report claims that of the 15,000 deaths occurring in this State every year, fully 5,000 are from diseases that could be prevented by the enactment and enforcement of proper laws. Hog pens in towns are the fruitful cause of disease.

Strong Democratic opposition to extending Judge Stone's term beyond the age limit has been developed.

Southern Marylanders have held a conference at Annapolis to consider various matters in which they are interested.

Senator Gorman says he has heard the directors of the B. & O. Railroad intend to join in the application for a receiver of the C. & O. canal.

A. R. AND P. E. TORRY, of Charleston, S. C., have just unearthed, about two miles away from Plattsmouth, a copper pot containing $7,000 worth of gold dust which had been hidden since 1860, when it was buried by their uncle.

THE present Legislature is among the most intelligent bodies that has ever assembled in Annapolis. The necessity was laid upon both parties to send good men and they have done so.—*Annapolis Repub.*

HE who wisely uses his wealth need not leave it for his tombstone.

A BIG FIRE IN BALTIMORE!

The Light Plainly Seen in Chestertown—Thrilling Scenes and Wonderful Escape.

Grain elevator No. 3, situated at Lower Canton, and managed by the Baltimore Elevator Company, was totally destroyed by fire last Monday night, with 500,000 bushels of wheat and corn and four empty Pennsylvania Railroad cars. The British steamer Sacrobosco, of North Shields, England, which was along side the pier, caught fire and also became a total loss. The loss will reach nearly seven hundred thousand dollars. Independent of the losses, the fire is a great drawback at present to the grain trade of Baltimore, which just now is beginning three months of active work to supply fully one hundred steamers chartered for grain.

A THRILLING SCENE.

While the towboats were saving the North Erin and Khio and others were playing streams of water upon the elevator a scene of death and destruction was being enacted upon the British steamship Sacrobosco, Captain Gibb, lying on the east side of the elevator. She was the only vessel at the elevator, having gone alongside at 1 P. M. to load 100,000 bushels of grain for Queenstown for orders. She had arrived in ballast in the morning from New York, consigned to C. Furness. When the alarm was given the crew rushed on deck and leaped upon the pier. Three of them, who were cut off from escape from the shore end, sprang to the front of the elevator at the end of the pier, where they got into a boat and saved themselves. Chief Engineer Kerns, who is said to have been quite deaf, a fireman named White, and another man whose name is unknown, were either roasted to death in the steamer, which was totally burned up, or were drowned in their efforts to escape. The Sacrobosco caught fire as the flames were driven against her by the prevailing wind. Deserted by her crew the steamship remained stationary until the intense heat melted her thick wire hawsers, and then she drifted away. She brought up on the bottom in shallow water nearly opposite Point Breeze.

CLINGING FOR LIFE.

The life of one man, a gray-haired Barbadoes darkey named Thomas Knight, was saved by clinging to the sides of the burning Sacrobosco for nearly three hours. He had joined the vessel in New York as cook. Knight says he was forced to go over the starboard bow of the steamer by the flames. There he hung on to the anchor chains for about three hours, crying for help. It was not until after the Sacrobosco's lines had melted and she had floated off from the pier that Knight was rescured from his perilous position by a small boat.

The losses are estimated as follows: Building $200,000, grain 300,000, steamship $175,000. The insurance on the building was $175,000. The grain also was partially insured.

THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

The only cause assigned for the fire was that sparks came from one of the steamships at the iron ore pier. The two nearest the elevator were working their donkey engines. The wind was blowing directly over them toward the elevator, and it is natural to suppose the fire originated as stated.

TWO ROASTED BODIES FOUND.

The blackened and disfigured bodies of the two missing men of the burned steamship Sacrobosco—John White, the fireman, and Chris Jensen—were found in the coal bunkers of the vessel at 4 P. M. on the day after the fire. The crews of the tugs Chicago and Canton, after playing on the fire, boarded the wreck and made a search.

Removing some of the wreck in the bunkers, the fireman's body was discovered and further search revealed the body of Jensen. Both bodies were in a horrible state.

A WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

Chief Engineer Kerns, who was thought to have perished, turned up all right when his friends had given up hope. He walked into the Furness line office Tuesday morning, and when asked who he was informed the shipping men that he was chief engineer of the Sacrabosca and had come to report. He was congratulated on all hands, and then spun out his yarn. He was below when the fire started and was rather tardy about getting on deck. When he did gain the deck he found himself hemmed in on all hands by fire and no way to escape. He ran from one place to another and finally sought refuge in the shaft tunnel. He drew himself in in a half suffocated condition and fell into unconsciousness a moment later. He awoke shortly after daylight, and after realizing what had happened crept out, and as can be imagined was greatly surprised at the transformation that had taken place during the night. The first tug which came near he signaled and was taken off and went directly to the office. He was burned somewhat but not badly injured. He accounts for his remarkable escape by the fact that fresh air passed through the tunnel in spite of the smoke. The shaft tunnel, into which the engineer climbed, is an arch built over the propellor's shaft. It is of wood, with fire wadding on the outside, which is covered with sheet iron. There was nothing of a very inflammable nature in this locality, as everything is built of iron, and the ventilating funnel aft runs right down to the tunnel to supply fresh air below. Nevertheless, the engineer's escape was wonderful. The shaft tunnel is built large enough to allow a man to enter and oil the machinery in there.

THE FIRE SEEN IN CHESTERTOWN.

The fire was distinctly seen at Rock Hall, Chestertown and many other places in Kent. The light was so distinct here that a message was telephoned to Fairlee—six miles distant—to know if that village was being consumed. The reply came back that the fire was evidently over the bay; at Rock Hall and Tolchester it was located at Steelton. We watched it from this point for nearly an hour, and, after the receipt of the Fairlee message, were convinced that some part of the monumental city was suffering from the fiery fiend.

The Local Market.

The local corn buyers in Chestertown yesterday were making purchases at following prices:

Yellow corn, No. 1	35c.	bushel.
" " Steamer	31c.	"
" " No. 3	25c.	"
" " on the cob	30@32c.	"
White corn, No. 1	35c.	"
" " Steamer	31c.	"
" " No. 3	27c.	"

No corn is offered dry enough to grade as No. 1.

For country produce the stores here were dealing yesterday as follows for

Dressed turkey hens	16c.	per lb.
" " gobblers	12½c.	"
" " ducks and chickens	10@12c.	"
" " geese	10c.	"
Country sausage	10c.	"
Country butter	20c.	"
Eggs	12c.	a doz.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—The Baltimore papers of yesterday quote as follows:

WHEAT—Longberry, good to prime, 70@81.
CORN—white and yellow, 40@41.
OATS—28⅞@29.

MRS. JULIA R. CRAWFORD,

Permanent and Transient Boarding,

511 South Sharp Street,

Three doors below Barre Street, Balto., Md.

DRAFT OF A NEW BALLOT LAW.

What It Is.

The legislative committee of the Baltimore Business Men's Association have adopted and presented to the Legislature a new election law containing the essential features of the Australian system.

The law provides that hereafter the ballots shall be prepared at the public expense and by public officers, and, with a single exception to be hereafter stated, no other ballots shall be used.

Nominations can be made by parties or by citizens. Any party which casts at least 3 per cent. of the vote cast at the last preceding general election can nominate through convention or primary. When a convention or primary has been held, the officers of it will make a certificate of the nomination, sign and acknowledge it. Such certificates for State officers will be delivered to the Secretary of State; for officers to be voted for in the city of Baltimore or the counties, to the clerk of the Superior Court, and the clerks of the circuit courts of the counties.

Nominations may be made for State officers by papers signed by not less then 500 voters, for officers to be voted for by all voters in Baltimore city signed by not less than three hundred voters, and for other officers signed by not less than two hundred voters. They are to be filed as the convention and primary certificates, are not to be acknowledged, but are to be accompanied by an affidavit that the signers are registered voters.

The ballots are to be prepared by the commissioners of election and the county commissioners, respectively, and will contain all names properly presented in certificate and nomination papers from conventions, primares and individuals as stated, and none other. Proper provision is made for the transmission of the necessary information from the secretary of State and clerks to the officers who are to prepare the ballots. When nominations are made by a party all such nominations will be placed one under the other in a column. A party emblem, consisting of some small simple object, can be selected by the party convention and will then be printed on the ballot at the head of the party candidates.

As the party name may be claimed improperly, it is provided that if such double claim be made, the officers preparing the ballot shall place the name "independent" in connection with the persons improperly claiming it.

The voting will take place in a room to which will be admitted only the election officers, the police officers, sheriffs or other officers, to preserve order, and a small number of voters at a time.

The voting space in the room will be railed off; the voter will present himself at a gate in it, where he will meet two ballot officers, one a member of each of the chief parties. The ballot officers will take the voter's name, call it out, and the judges will ascertain whether it is on the registry, the original book or books of which, and not poll-books, will be in their hand. If the name is found a ballot will be given the voter and he will enter. The ballot is folded in a particular manner, and will have on the back of it a printed fac-smile of the signature of the chairman of the board which prepared it. At the moment of giving it to the voter one of the ballot clerks will place his initials also on the back. The voter will go to a desk or compartment and then privately mark his ballot. He may place X opposite each name he wishes to vote for, and his vote will be counted only for those names; or he may place his X opposite the name or emblem of a party, and then the vote will be counted for all the candidates of that party. Thus the most ignorant voter can need no assistance unless he wishes to vote a split ticket.

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. When he has marked his ballot he must fold it with the fac-simile signature and initials outwards, so that the judges can see them. He then offers his vote, and the same proceedings are had with the same right of challenge now in use. When the vote has been cast the voter must withdraw entirely from the room.

The nomination papers are required to be filed a short time before the election, so as to give time to prepare the ballots.

If by death or otherwise an office becomes vacant immediately before an election, and after the preparation of the official ballots, other tickets for that office can be printed and voted.

Specimen ballots, being copies on a larger scale, will be furnished and posted before the election. Such specimens and also cards of instruction to voters as to the mode of voting will also be posted about the polling places. Careful arrangements are made for the furnishing and distribution of these specimens and cards, as well as the ballots.

No voter can remain more than five minutes at the desk or compartment. If he spoils a ballot, others, not exceeding three will be furnished to him.

No official ballot can be taken from the poll-room. Every ballot clerk is sworn never directly or indirectly to reveal any information he may obtain as to how a voter has marked his ballot by his assitance or otherwise.

Penalties are provided for breaches of the commands of the law.

TAKE NOTICE

Tax-Payers of the Fifth District!

THE TAXES ARE NOW DUE; the tax-book for the Fifth District is in my hands and I am ready to receive the amounts due for 1889. All who have taxes to pay will find it very much to their interest to pay promptly. The law is so strict that I am not allowed to indulge even though I were so inclined. For the accommodation of tax-payers I will be in Chestertown on the first Tuesday in each month; at Fairlee on the first Monday in each month; at Rock Hall every Saturday afternoon, and at home at other times.

WM. H. COLEMAN.

Aug. 17, 1889—tf.

To the Ladies, Only!

LOOK, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET THE BEST

Sewing Machine Made

FOR THE LEAST MONEY!

THE NEW

HIGH-ARM

WHEELER & WILSON, No. 9.

The only machine made in the world that makes a Lock-Stitch without the use of a shuttle. I have sold 94 this year, all of which give perfect satisfaction. I have them in Walnut, Oak and Cherry Woodwork, CHEAP FOR THE CASH, and will give FIFTEEN MONTHS on the Installment Plan to pay for one. Old machines taken in trade.

Orders by mail receive prompt attention. Thanking the public for past favors I solicit a share in the future. Give me a call. Address

CHAS. J. REICHE,

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Greatest Reduction

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Ever Known in Chestertown.

Look Sharp at the Following Prices, First, Overcoats:

A Good, Serviceable Overcoat for Boys for only $1.00. A perfect fitting ALL WOOL OVERCOAT for Men, all sizes, for only $5.00. This Overcoat is guaranteed to be all pure wool and sold for $8.00. An English Kersey Overcoat, satin-lined, for men, that sold for $14.00, now only $7.99, far below the cost of manufacture. A heavy, blue Chinchilla Overcoats, worth $12.00, now only $7.50. Storm Overcoats as low as $5.00 The warm winter is the cause of this heavy reduction.

Heavy winter all wool Kersey Suits for $4.50; think of it! 200 ALL WOOL Men's Suits in sack and cutaways for only $7.50, many of which cost much more to manufacture.

A Splendid Assortment of Children's Suits and Overcoats, from $1.00 up. You can select any of them for less than Wholesale prices. The extreme low prices we asked during December, brought to us the largest trade we have had for years, and now that the season is well over with, we intend to sell the remainder of our Winter Stock for far less than cost in order to close it completely out.

We Want your trade, and if low prices will bring it, we will get it. We will sell you fully 25 per cent. less for the same goods than can be found elsewhere. Come in and convince yourself whether you want to buy or not.

Respectfully, &c.,

T. S. BORDLEY,

Jan. 4, 1890. BORDLEY'S CORNER.

WE STRIVE TO PLEASE!

Bargains in Store Goods!

WHERE TO GET THEM

ALL IN WANT OF SEASONABLE GOODS ARE INVITED TO CALL AT

WROTH & ALDRIDGE'S

WHO HAVE A COMPLETE, WELL SELECTED AND BEAUTIFUL STOCK OF

Dress Goods, Cloths,
Ginghams, Prints, Cassimeres,
And all Kinds of Dry Goods.

—ALSO—

Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps,
Groceries, &c., &c.,

which stock will be kept complete.

FINE ASSORTMENT OF NECKWEAR!

SHOES A SPECIALTY.

Prices guaranteed Low!
Quality warranted as represented!
Best Prices for Trade

All cordially invited. Resp'y,

WROTH & ALDRIDGE.

Jan. 11, 1890.

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J. T. BLACKWAY.

THE OLD RELIABLE UP-TOWN STORE.

FIRST AND LAST CHANCE!

GROCERIES,

PROVISIONS, CANNED GOODS,

TOBACCO, CIGARS, CONFECTIONERY

all sold at bottom prices for cash.

All goods purchased of me if not as represented if parties will return them their money will be returned to them. Give me a call and I will show you that I will do as I say.

J. T. BLACKWAY,

N. E. Corner High st. and College avenue

Dec. 22. Chestertown.

New Store--Old Stand!

Mrs. D. GRUBER

HAS thoroughly renewed and refitted her business property up town and is now better able than ever heretofore to supply the public with

Fresh Bread, Buns, Cakes and Pies

and indeed everything in the Bakery Line. Long experience, the best material, and personal attention to the business enables her to give the very best goods for the least money.

CONFECTIONERY.—I have also added to my stock a line of confectionery, such as Fresh Candy, Nuts, &c., to which I invite attention. Give me a call.

MRS. D. GRUBER,

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Presents! Presents!

LARGE COLLECTION OF VERY DESIRABLE GOODS FOR PRESENTS, IN FINE

JEWELRY - WATCHES - DIAMONDS,

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LOWEST PRICES!

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NOTICE is hereby given to the tax-payers of the First District that the books for the present year are in my hands, the bills are made out, and the TAXES ARE NOW DUE. Prompt settlements will save interest, cost and much worry to all concerned.

For the conveniences of tax-payers I will be in Millington on Saturdays; Galena on Tuesdays, and Sassafras on Wednesdays.

WM. H. FORD,

Aug. 17, 1889—tf. COLLECTOR.

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OF

PERHAPS the LARGEST STOCK of

General Merchandise!

IN THE COUNTY,

BY

GEORGE W. HARPER,

STILL POND,

Beginning MONDAY, Dec. 9, 1889.

Notions,
Dry Goods,
Groceries,
Furniture,

CARPETS, OIL-CLOTHS

Mattings,
Hardware,
Tinware,
Clocks,

BOOTS & SHOES

In fact everything usually kept in a first-class store, including a good line of

--CHRISTMAS GOODS--

Suitable for young and old.

Intending to quit the Store Business I shall offer my Entire Stock at GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. Everything to be Closed Out at Once. This sale will prove of great interest to those who purchase for cash.

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FIRE, LIGHTNING AND LIFE!!

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INSURE YOUR BUILDINGS

Against Fire and Lightning. Fires occur at unexpected moments, and a few dollars expended in Insurance furnishes very substantial assistance in event of loss.

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Against Lightning and Fire. Payment for same is promptly made, if killed on premises or anywhere else.

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In the barn. The value of two bushels of wheat will protect $1,000 worth of grain for a month. Policies issued for from Two Weeks to Three Years at low rates.

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In the "New York Life," where you have the privilege of settling up your policy at the end of every five years, just as one's circumstances may demand

WM. H. McFEELY,

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Sugar, Coffee, Teas, Spices, Flour, Meal, Meat, Lard, Canned Goods, Tobacco, Cigars, Snuff, Pipes, &c., &c.

BOOTS AND SHOES!

of good quality and cheap.

Also a line of

DESIRABLE DRY GOODS

Country produce wanted.

It will pay you to give me a call before purchasing.

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THE PAINTER AND PAPER-HANGER,

Has just received his Spring Stock of

Wall Paper, Window Shades, and Picture Frame Materials.

GILT PAPER from 12½ cents up.

HORTSHORNE SPRING-ROLLER SHADE

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A GUARANTEED

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PICTURE FRAMES MADE TO ORDER.

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Guns. Rifles. Pistols,

Ammunition, Fishing Tackle

And a Full Line of Sporting Goods.

We have the most practical Gunsmiths in the city and guarantee alterations and repairs on Guns with promptness and dispatch. d14-y.

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J. H. SIMPERS

Opens the New Year with a FULL STOCK of

DRESS GOODS, CLOTHS,
CASSIMERES, KERSEYS,
Flannels, Cheviots, Tickings!

DRESS GINGHAMS, PRINTS,

WHITE AND COLORED BLANKETS,

all at Prices to suit the present "hard times."

UNDERWEAR of all Grades at Prices to Suit all. Hosiery, Gloves, Shawls, Corsets, Suspenders, Collars, Neckwear, Handkerchiefs and Notions in great variety, and cheap.

MEN'S and BOY'S WINTER BOOTS

MEN'S SHOES, LADIES' SHOES!
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RUBBER BOOTS and SHOES!

HATS and CAPS! CARPETS and OIL CLOTHS!

Full line of Groceries and Queensware. All at prices as low as can be sold by any reliable house. A call is respectfully invited.

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FIRE!—LIGHTNING!—TORNADO!
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Representing nearly $130,000,000!

Jan. 10—tf.

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Toilet Articles! Toilet Articles!

The VERY BEST, and EVERYTHING that is kept in a well furnished Drug Store.

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This is under my individual supervision.

Very respectfully,

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Where you can at all times find a seasonable line of

DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
GROCERIES, PROVISIONS,
Gentlemen, Ladies and Children's Shoes

CIGARS AND TOBACCO,

We keep the WM. LEA & SONS' FLOUR for sale by the barrel or sack, we think as cheap as you can get it from the city, and we think their flour has no superior. Come and see us and be convinced that our goods are good and cheap. Country produce wanted

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