Kent News.

SATURDAY.....March 8, 1890.

NOTES FROM ROCK HALL.

The Y. Sociable, after a temporary shut down, has again reorganized, electing the following officers for the current term: Pres., Milton L. Maslin; vice-pres., Joseph Saylor; recording sec'y., Samuel C. Porter; cor. sec'y., Miss Tillie Ayres; treas., Miss Grace Satterfield. The reorganization took place at Mrs. Nathan R. Satterfield's last Friday evening, with very pleasant and successful termination, and they have a very bright outlook for their future progress.

The Rock Hall Sunday-school on Sunday morning last elected officers for the ensuing year with the following result: Wm. N. Ayres, who so efficiently filled the position the present year, was re-elected supt. C. D. Kelley, asst. supt. Miss Mary McKivett was re-elected sec'y for the third term. J. W. Boyer was also re-elected treasurer. The school, as has been in the past, is now in a flurishing condition.

The ladies held a festival on Saturday night last in friend Downey's Hall, and notwithstanding the fact that the night was very unpropitious, a snow storm prevailing, quite a large number of the community were out. The net proceeds was $48.05, which amount was donated to the pastor, Rev. N. McQuay, thus making his pastoral income for the year about $50.00 more than the salary agreed upon by the board of stewards. We doubt whether there is another pastor in the Eastern district who will go from his old charge to a new one with as many good wishes in the hearts of the people as Mr. Mc, and he deserves them all. And those zealous ladies deserve great commendation for their labor of love and devotion. Surely they are a Spartan band.

We notice our old friend, Mr. B., of Green Lane, is very enthusiastic in canvassing for a public road through said lane to the water. Success to him. While we have always opposed the opening of so many roads thereby increasing taxation, yet a public road through Green Lane as well as the lane below, is an absolute necessity.

There is considerable discussion just now about the captaincy of the police schooner Helen Baughman. For the life of us we cannot see why the oystermen do not agree upon a compromise man. (Say Mr. Wm. P. Durding, who is in the field for the honor.) As Capt. Horney who the majority want cannot get there for the reason that he is a Queen Anne's gentleman, and Kent cannot afford to ignore its own, and as Capt. Willson in all probibility *will* get there, notwithstanding the fact that very many it seems do not want him. As for ourself we have no choice between the two gentlemen, other than the fact we are for Kent county first, last and all the time. R.

College Notes.

The following marks speak well for the preparatory department for past month: C. C. Brown, 99.4; W. C. Copper, 98.25; Norman Perkins, 98.23; Joseph Kendall, 97.8; D. B. Ford, 97.8; Harry Hurtt, 97.6; Carl Westcott, 97.2; John T. Morris, 97.1; Arthur M. Merritt, 96.5; Harry W. Catlin, 96.2; Charles Turner, 96.1; W. E. Hill, 95.8; W. W. Woodall, 95.4; R. J. Nicholson, 95.1; G. R. S. Downey, 94.5; Robert Emory, 94.4; R. R. Hill, 94.4; James N. Boston, 93.88; Paul Graham, 93.5; Harry G. Simpers, 93.2; Wm. Bell, 92.2; Walter Crowding, 92; H. W. Carville, 91.3; L. M. Barnard, 91; Spencer Hurtt, 91; Wm. Ford, 90.9; Elmer Jarman, 90.6; Thos. W. Perkins, 85.6; J. E. Stewart, 83.5; Frank Stayton, 82.3; Wm. Carsner, 81.2; Daniel Crew, 80.5.

The reception given to the senior class by Doctor and Mrs. Reid was an enjoyable affair in every respect. All contributed to make it thoroughly pleasant, socially. The literary contributions were made by Miss Hope Wickes, Dr. Reid, Mr. C. C. Hopper and Prof. Clarke. Mrs. Reed led the musical part, in which all joined. The company left carrying with them delightful impressions of the host and hostess.

Misses Edith Hines, Florence Burgess, and Mary Hurtt have been visiting Miss Mary Thomas during the week past.

The morning chapel exercises are now varied by recitations delivered by students of the college department.

Mrs. Prof. Micou made a flying visit to Baltimore this week.

The Shakespeare club meets this evening at the residence of Miss Hope Wickes and will attempt the play of Macbeth.

An interesting program has been arranged for the Sunday afternoon meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Music and recitations will be the order of the day, and Mr. C. S. York will deliver an address.

The Courts.

County Commissioners met Tuesday, Mar. 4. Full board present. Messrs. Shalleross and Morgan made a written report on the Whittington and Hurlock road recommending that no more work be done on said road at present. Messrs. Shallcross and Rodenhiser, committee, made a written report on widening the road at Lynch's, recommending said work provided the land damages and widening the road is not expensive. Millie Hance's recommendation for a pension was considered, and pension of ten dollars allowed and required to be provided for by levy in 1890. Letter of A. L. Corey, relating to part of Fairlee road, was referred to Mr. Dickinson of 5th dist.

Orphans' Court, Tuesday, Mar. 4.—Present, Judges Walker, Fisher and Moffett. The last will and testament of J. Wesley Jarman was filed for probate. Willard Melvin, adm'r of Ann Rebecca Wickes, filed a list of debts due his decedent. Cornelius J. Scott, guardian to Mary E. Scotten, passed his final guardian account and filed a release from his ward. Cornelius J. Scott, adm'r of Margaretta Simkins, filed release from Wm. J. Simpkins, M. Ella Jester and Clara V. Kennedy.

Church Dedication. — The Methodist Episcopal Church at Queenstown, which has recently been rebuilt, was re-dedicated to the worship of God, with appropriate ceremonies last Sunday. Notwithstanding the bad roads and disagreeable weather a large concourse of people was present. The church has been entirely rebuilt at a cost of over three thousand dollars and is now one of the handsomest houses of worship in the county. At the services on Sunday six hundred dollars was added to the fund already subscribed towards paying off the indebtedness. Rev. Dr. Upham, of Drew Theological Seminary, preached in the morning at 10.30, Rev. R. W. Todd, of Chestertown, in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, and Rev. Dr. Upham in the evening at 7.30 o'clock. All the services were well attended and the able sermons delivered were listened to with great interest.

During the present week former pastors of the charge conducted services each evening. Rev. C. A. Hill preached Monday evening, Rev. I. G. Fosnocht Tuesday evening, Rev. Isaac Jewell Wednesday evening, Rev. E. H. Miller Thursday evening and Rev. T. E. Bell Friday evening.— *Observer.*

THE COSDEN MURDERS.

A Kent County Tragedy of Forty Years Ago.

A correspondent of the News, writing from Sassafras, gives some reminiscences of the Cosden murder tragedy, the like of which has had no parallel in this State before or since, and as it occurred in our own county its every incident must prove of special interest to all our citizens:

An old citizen of the village of Galena, who has been away for twenty years, paid us a visit a few days ago, and we were very much interested in hearing him talk of old times, among which was the Cosden murders. He said he was on the spot fifteen minutes after the murderers had fled, and said it was the most fearful sight he had ever witnessed. The murderers were Taylor, Murphy, Shelton and Shaw. Taylor understood that Mr. Cosden had received a large sum of money that day and went around and got the others consent to go, rob the man, murder the family and burn the house. They all met just about one hundred yards from the farm in an old mill, at that time known as Swantown Mill. They proceeded from the mill thro' a thicket about three hundred yards from the house and crossed a field. Up to the dwelling they all assembled together in the front yard about nine o'clock in the night, looked through the window and saw Mr. Cosden sitting in the dining room; aim was taken and the gun discharged, the load taking effect in Mr. Cosden's breast and head. They rushed forward, broke open the door and began to do their awful work. They shot Mrs. Cosden as she ran out the door and followed her outside and killed her; they then met Mrs. Cosden's sister in the entry, shot and stabbed her to death, then went up stairs and broke open the door where Mr. Cosden's niece was sick in bed; told her if she did not tell where the money was they would kill her; she told them all the money she had was in the trunk and for God's sake to spare her life; they opened the trunk and found twenty-five cents; then went to her bed and one of them put his arm around her as if he was going to hug her, he then drove a dirk knife into her heart and twisted it around, nearly cutting the heart out; set fire to her bed and started down stairs when Taylor cried out, "Boys they are after us, let us fly," took to their heels and ran for the woods. The noise they heard was a squad of horsemen from Galena armed with pistols and guns. The little colored boy who got away gave the alarm. When the horsemen dismounted and went to the door, hearing groans, they entered, and Mr. Cosden could speak and told them, "Friends, come in, I am the only one living of my whole family, and I will soon be gone too." It was a heart-rending sight, the old man was in great agony, and told them he had received several hundred dollars that morning, but owed a debt and paid it away that afternoon. The only money they got was the twenty-five cents they found in the sick lady's room. It was considered the boldest murder ever committed on the Eastern Shore. The house stands two and a-half miles from Galena and is known by travelers, far and near; they say, "There is the Cosden murder farm." A great many are timid about passing it at night, as it is said there are things seen down at the old mill, where the plot was made. It is a murder long to be remembered.

Everything in the neighborhood looks well; wheat is growing finely, our little village is lively and the old pass-word with the farmers is "no money, hard times." Roches.

OYSTERMEN AROUSED.

A Successful Church Festival—A Vigorous Protest Against Leasing Oyster Grounds.

We have been having a lively time here of late. The ladies of the M. E. Church had a festival on Saturday and cleared over $50. We have also had the Julian Comedy Co. here. They have had entertainments in the Pythian Hall for five nights and had full houses each night.

Now, Messrs. Editors, there is something very serious I wish to speak of. I see in the papers that there is a company formed and asking for a charter and a grant of the oyster beds along the shores of Kent Island from Love point to Bloody point. Now if this grant is made it means ruin to our oystermen. It is only an entering wedge for the monopolist to get charge of the oyster beds, and if they succeed in this, we will see our oystermen working on the beds by the day, being on the same footing as the coal miners, getting from the bosses just enough to keep soul and body together. This is a serious question and our oystermen should look it square in the face and commence the fight at once by calling a public meeting and passing resolutions to be sent to our Senator and Delegates at Annapolis so they will know the feeling of the people here. It will not do to wait in this matter, for if this company succeeds there will be hundreds like it by the next time the Legislature meets, and they will be backed by money and combined strength. And especially should we be earnest when we think of the power wielded by monopolies in the legislative halls. Messrs. Editors, I hope you will lend your aid, as I know you always do to the right, and assist us in fighting off this great evil. Rambler.

Representative Gibson, in answer to a petition numerously signed by the citizens of Kent and Cecil counties, Maryland, and the western boundary of New Castle county, Delaware, has introduced a bill making an appropriation of $50,000 for improving and cleaning out the channel of Sassafras River, beginning at or near Wilson's Point and extending to Ginn's Landing, a distance of about two-and-a-quarter miles.

Marriage Licenses.—The following licenses were issued by the circuit Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county during the month of February:

WHITE COUPLES.

James T. Gears and Sophia L. Hurd.
Wm. E. Parsons and Alice May Crew.
Chas. H. Davis and Avarilla Greenwood.
Wm. H. Allen and Elizabeth Garrett.
David Rambo and Rosa A. Kelley.

COLORED.

Benjamin Bailey and Charlotte Gould.
Matthew Williams and Mary L. Sudler.

Ex-Gov. James E. English, of Connecticut, died at his residence in New Haven last Sunday, aged 78 years. Gov. English had an enviable national reputation in political and financial circles. In 1860 he was elected to Congress and re-elected in 1862. He declined a third nomination. In 1867 he was elected Governor over Hon. Joseph R. Hawley, and was then the only democratic Governor in the United States. He was re-elected Governor in 1868 and in 1871 was elected for the third time. In 1878 he was appointed by Governor Ingersoll to fill the vacancy in the United States Senate caused by the death of O. S. Ferry. Mr. English leaves a fortune estimated at between $2,000,000 and $3,000,000.

Shot and Killed.—A fatal shooting affair took place at Port Deposit on Sunday afternoon. Thomas Warrick, while intoxicated, entered the residence of Franklin Craig. The latter ordered Warrick to leave the house, but he refused to do so. A quarrel ensued, when Warrick drew a knife but before he could use it Craig seized a gun and emptied its contents into Warrick's stomach, inflicting a fatal wound. Craig surrendered himself and is now lodged in Elkton jail.

If promises to be some time before the railroads get hold of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. The bondholders of 1844 in an amended bill before the Washington courts deny the validity of the bonds of 1878 and ask for the appointment of receivers in their interest.

STILL POND LOCALS.

Editors Kent News:—Of course the all-absorbing question is "are peaches hurt by the cold snap?" Some think they are, while others think they are not. The open buds undoubtedly are killed, but fortunately not a great many were open. Personally, I still believe we are going to have a crop of peaches.

Still Pond extends an invitation to every one to come to the missionary aniversary Sunday night, March 9th. Don't forget to bring along the "Almighty Dollar," and be prepared to shell out liberally. Rev. J. D. Rigg can be relied on to present an interesting program, as he is an adept in such matters.

Loton Rasin, who, for some time, has been employed in Philadelphia, has returned home. He says the close confinement of a store does not agree with him, and that he was sick fully half the time he was away. He has about decided to follow in his father's footsteps and adopt farming as his vocation.

Our hotel is vacant and not much chance of being occupied this year. If some enterprising genius would come along and turn it into a first-class canning house or creamery, it might be made to pay.

Still Pond, March 6. Progress.

Kennedyville Items.

On Monday evening, March 3d, about ten couple surprised Miss Bertha Redmile, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Redmile. Miss Bertha was in the sitting room putting on her shoes when the surprisers rapped, and was so completely taken by surprise that she started to flee, but soon returned and gave all a pleasant welcome. She threw open the doors of the spacious parlor and all had a good time. After playing and singing to our hearts' content, we were invited out to refreshments, where nothing was left undone for our enjoyment. Miss Bertha as a hostess cannot be excelled and if Mr. and Mrs. Redmile are not very careful some one will be trying to persuade her from her pleasant home.

Notwithstanding the mildness of the winter, old March, true to the proverb, came in roaring like a lion. We are inclined to think that the prophecy of the first two weeks in March being the worst weather that we will have is coming true. Since Wednesday noon it has been storming. The farmer is so much interested in the present storm that nearly every one we meet asks the question are the peaches hurt? We don't know, but hope for the best. The crop is sadly needed and we hope it will not fail us.

The Presbyterian Mite Society met at Mr. Redmile's Wednesday evening, but owing to the inclemency of the weather but very few members were present, so that no business was transacted. The time was pleasantly occupied however with profitable amusements. D.

A Surprise.—A number of the friends of Rev. G. J. Smith, pastor of the M. P. Church of Crumpton, met at the parsonage on the evening of Feb. 28. After an evening of pleasant entertainment, consisting of instrumental and vocal music and several addresses, the kind friends departed for their homes leaving evidences of a substantial character, consisting of an abundance of the necessaries of life for which the pastor truly appreciates and extends his thanks. May we reach these oasis often while traveling through this desert of life. Pastor.

OYSTERMEN EXCITED.

They Oppose the Experimental Oyster Planting Company's Bill.

An indignation meeting was held in Baltimore last Monday night, composed of oystermen, commission men, boat owners and captains, to protest against leasing, granting or selling any portion of the oyster beds of the Chesapeake bay to any individual, corporation or syndicate. The protest was aimed at the bill now before the Legislature to incorporate the "Experimental Oyster Planting Company," composed of G. N. Numsem, A. K. Shriver, William Fait, George W. Moore and John G. Kraft, all Baltimore oyster packers. They propose to go into the business of planting and propagating oysters on a capital stock of $200,000, with the privilege of raising the same to a million dollars. They ask for a grant of the whole of the west side of Kent Island upon which to establish experiment stations to cultivate oysters at their own expense, and they propose to pay one cent a bushel for all oysters shipped from the tract granted them.

Mr. T. F. Taylor, president of the Can and Oyster Exchange, presided at the meeting.

Captain William H. Thompson made the first speech, in which he said: "The title of our protest is right against wrong. They say that this scheme which they propose is the only way to recuperate the beds. Well, admit it is; it will also be doing what it can to make tramps of the hard-working oystermen by destroying their means of livelihood. I ask you to enlist against this scheme, and no matter how little your influence may be oppose it with all your might. Go in for the people and let the corporations take care of themselves. These men who ask this privilege have more audacity than any set of men on earth. No others ever thought of daring to ask to take up natural oyster beds of any State."

Col. Wm. H. Legg, of Queen Anne's county, said: "In this work I and my people are with you. I know the purpose of the scheme. It is ostensibly for bedding and planting, but that's not what it's for. It is purely and simply for taking up what's there now. There are 45,000 acres already stocked with oysters that they expect to get. That land is not run down or depleted. There are fine oysters there, and they are yours, ours, and as such we must keep them. There are as many oysters in our beds as there ever were. There is no danger of the oysters leaving us or being destroyed. They have been worked hard, but with a little time to recover old Maryland would have such oysters as she never has had, and such as no other State in the Union has. If our Legislature was weak enough and wicked enough to pass such a law you could write the epitaph of every man who voted for it—'Politically dead beyond resurrection.' The public sentiment and indignation would be so great that they would be ashamed to show their faces."

Mr. Thomas C. Weeks said: "The proposed bill is in violation of not only the common law of England and the United States, but a direct violating of the fundamental law of the State of Maryland. This thing that they propose to do can't be done."

Several other speeches were made, and at the close of the meeting a resolution instructing the city delegation at Annapolis to oppose the measure was adopted.

[We trust that not only the city delegation but the delegates from the counties will oppose this unjust measure. If what Col. Legg says is true—and he was born and has lived on Kent Island nearly all his life and is perfectly familiar with the facts—it would rob the tongers of thousands of acres of their most valuable natural beds. This the Legislature cannot afford to do.—Eds.]

Will Not Oppose Redistricting.—Congressman McKinley, the leader of the House, according to the Pittsburg *Dispatch*, will not favor the passage of a law by Congress to prevent redistricting in Ohio or elsewhere. He knows how it is himself, having profited by the arrangement that gives the republicans an excessive number of members from Ohio. Having an element of fairness in him, he is willing like a man to suffer what he has inflicted.

A Pleasant Gathering. — The Union League, of Union M. E. Church, met on Monday evening at Mr. J. O. Roeder's near Hanesville, with many present. The exercises were opened with singing and prayer by Mr. Frank Crew, vice-president, in the absence of Rev. H. C. Turner. Roll called and minutes of last meeting read and approved. The program for the evening consisted of reading by Miss Emma Davis, recitation by Miss Hellen Link, and a dialogue by Misses Link, Davis and Jewell, Wm. Morris and Frank S. Plummer, and solos by Misses Sallie Plummer and Etta Edwards. Refreshments were served in abundance and the guests repaired to their homes at 11.30. The next meeting will be held at Mr. Wm. W. Parks' on the 17th inst. Visitor.

FARMERS' LEAGUE MEETING.

The Farmers' League of Kent county met pursuant to adjournment, at the court house on Tuesday last, with President W. J. Vannort in the chair and Comegys Brown secretary. Roll-call and reading of the minutes of the previous meeting disposed of, the League at once proceeded to the business of the day, the first of which was the report of a committee, which stated that the commissioners had granted the request that the League be allowed to use the court-room as a permanent place of meeting.

Mr. Justis strongly advocated the passage of a dog law, and contended that it was a shame that our county, which is peculiarly adapted to the raising of sheep, should be deprived of that industry by a lot of worthless dogs.

Mr. C. C. Wood said his experience was similar, and that he had been forced to abandon the raising of sheep, which was far more profitable than anything else the farmer could raise, by the depredations of worthless dogs.

The dog law of Cecil county was read and discussed, and Mr. Justis suggested that that law be adopted in Kent with such modifications as might be desirable. A motion to the effect that the Legislature be requested to make the said dog law of Cecil county operative in Kent, was made by J. W. Corey, Esq. Mr. Justis moved that a committee of three be at once appointed to investigate the Cecil law and make such changes as might be deemed proper. The committee appointed was composed of L. C. Justis, J. W. Corey and I. R. Leaverton.

The committee of three appointed to investigate the Cecil county dog law reported the following changes:

Section 324.—Wherever the words Cecil occurs strike out and insert Kent.

Sec. 325.—Strike out the words county treasurer and insert tax-collector.

Sec. 326.—Strike out the words he is and insert they are.

Secs. 328, 329, 330, 331.—Strike out the word treasurer wherever it occurs and insert tax-collector.

Sec. 331.—Strike out the word September and insert June, and insert after such supplies if it exceeds the sum of $500 dollars.

Sec. 332.—Cut out the word impracticable and insert impossible.

This law is found on page 881 of Poe's Code Public General Laws.

Report adopted.

Mr. Byron said that under a law paying for the sheep killed, many sheep would be paid for that were never killed by dogs. The money from the dog-tax should go to the school fund or some other source, otherwise it will be a failure.

Mr. Ford Caulk thought there should be some discrimination. Valuable dogs should not be classed and slaughtered like the worthless curs.

Mr. J. P. Hendrickson said that his experience was similar to Mr. Byron's. Dogs should be taxed, but the money should go to the school fund.

Mr. Hurtt said: "Talk about going to the school fund when your school supervisor gets $1800 and your teachers $400 for sitting back in the shade, while the farmer is at work in the sun, and doesn't always get $100. Cut down the pay of our commissioners," etc. [Mr. Hurtt is a little off in his figures. The "school supervisor" gets a salary of $1200.—Eds.]

Some suggestions were referred to the committee appointed to investigate and suggest reforms.

Mr. James Brice said that while we were curtailing expenses to meet our reduced condition, he thought that our court expenses were very large, and should be attended to. He saw no reason why our court should be called so late in the morning and closed so early in the afternoon. Our court it is true do the best they can, but we have too many jurymen. What is the use of a petit jury being empanneled the first day; still all the jurymen are here at an inconvenience to themselves and a heavy expense to the county. The court can very easily draw the foreman of the jury without all this expense. The court expenses should be cut down.

Mr. Hurtt said that Mr. Brice had struck the key-note. Let us give these jurymen $2.00 per day instead of $2.50. Said Mr. Hurtt: "Our court expenses for last year were $12,500, and every dollar saved in the court is money in the poor man's pocket, and I say let us commence at the court. There is no use of the farmer cutting expenses at home and losing it all at Chestertown and Annapolis. It is too bad that Chestertown should have $360 per mile to prepare her streets for colored boys to play marbles and base-ball on while the farmers' sons are working early and late. I ask you, is it right? I am one of the men to say that the bridge at Chestertown should be a free bridge."

Mr. Harris, of the committee appointed to investigate Kent county expenses, made a report, suggesting the following - reductions:

1st. For board of prisoners in jail.
2d. For carrying prisoners to the House of Correction.
3d. For rent of room in which to hold elections.
4th. For examining roads and bridges.
5th. For the collection of taxes.
6th. For the public printing.

Afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock, when the report of the committee was taken up, read and acted upon by sections and adopted as a whole.

It was moved that the committee be continued, and numerous other reductions will at the next meeting be suggested, as the committee stated that a general reduction would be instituted along the entire line of public expenses.

The following new members were enrolled: J. B. Hossinger, Geo. W. Smith, Isaac Matthews and J. W. Loud.

The meeting adjourned to meet on Tuesday next, March 11.

A Doctor's Large Receipts.—It is rumored that Dr. Knorr, of Germany, the discoverer of antipyrine, the great grip remedy has made considerably over a million of dollars by the winter's epidemic. The medicine sells at $1.40 an ounce, and Dr. Knorr gets a royalty of about 60 cents on every ounce sold. The demand everywhere was something tremendous. Five dollars per ounce was frequently paid for the drug and it was often unattainable at any price during the height of the visitation.

A Michigan mathematician calculates that 17,500,000 people in the United States have had the grippe, and a prominent New York physician expresses the opinion that it has caused as many deaths as an ordinary visitation of the cholera.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. Taylor has introduced a bill to license hotels in Kent county to sell liquor.

The legal trust bill was laid on the table in the House, by ayes 46, nays 26.

House bills have passed refunding a sum of money to G. W. Jacoby, and to permit the catching of fish in Sassafras river and tributaries with pound nets.

The Senate has confirmed the civil list for Kent county as sent in by the Governor.

LEASING OYSTER GROUNDS.

A bill is before the committee on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries to lease to a syndicate of Baltimore Oyster packers a large part of the bay shore west of Kent Island for "experimental Oyster planting grounds." The grounds proposed to be leased are said to contain many fine natural beds of the bivalve, and already a large indignation meeting has been held in Baltimore, an account of which is given in another column, to protest against the passage of the measure.

HIGH LICENSE.

The city Senators have reported a high liquor license bill for Baltimore city. It fixes the license fees at six hundred dollars and three hundred dollars. It is said that amendments to reduce these figures will be proposed. The provisions of this bill are based upon the recommendation of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and of the committee of one hundred. Mr. Poe says this city bill will be earnestly and vigorously pressed. He hopes that it will accomplish the double purpose of giving the city a large revenue, while materially diminishing the number of saloons with many of their attendant evils. The city is to get three-fourths of the revenue.

THE NEW ASSESSMENT BILL.

This bill was reported by the Senate finance committee on Tuesday. It adopts in the main for the counties the bill recommended by State Tax Commissioner Woolford. The provisions of the code as to what property is to be taxed and exempted are reproduced, with some few changes. The exemption of newspaper and gas company plant is to be repealed. The present law exempting mortgages is not altered. Open accounts and bills receivable of merchants who are assessed and taxed upon a fair average annual of their stock in trade are exempt. This last is an important modification of the present law. No change is proposed in the present law relating to ground rents. The plant of manufacturing establishments is to be exempted for a period of five years from the time of the beginning of operations. This is in the nature of a bounty for a limited period for new enterprises.

For the counties two assessors at large for each county and one for each election district are to be appointed by the Governor. The two at large are to go from district to district and assess in concert with the local assessors for the particular district, who is only to act when the two assessors come into his district. Their compensation is to be $3.50 per day. They are to begin their work May 1 next and complete it by September 1. A board of control and review is established, as under the act of 1876, who are to begin their work in September and complete it in December unless the Governor, for good cause, shall enlarge the time.

Some objection is made to the length of time allowed the board of control and review, and no doubt amendments will be offered reducing this considerably. The object is to make the new assessment as inexpensive in the counties as possible.

STATE BOARD AND BRIDGE ENGINEER.

Mr. Poe has introduced in the Senate a bill for the appointment of a State road and bridge engineer at a salary of $3,000. It will be his duty to visit annually all the counties of the State and inspect the roads and bridges thereof, and advise and confer with the county commissioners of each county respecting the same. He shall have a general advisory supervision of the public ways, roads and bridges of the counties of the State; shall compile satistics of the same and make such investigations relating thereto as he may deem expedient.

REDUCTION IN PRISONERS' BOARD.

A petition has been presented in the House by Representative Vannort from Judge Joseph A. Wickes and 65 other citizens asking for a reduction in the board of prisoners in the Kent county jail, to take effect at the expiration of the term of the present sheriff. Mr. Vannort has introduced a bill to that effect.

RAILROAD CONSOLIDATION.

Senator Getty, chairman of the committee on corporations, has introduced a bill to extend the time for the consolidation of the Kent county railroad with the Smyrna and Delaware Bay railroad. [The Chesapeake bay extension from Chestertown is what is known as the Kent county railroad.]

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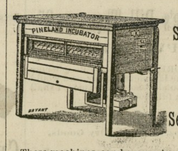

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HORSE - SHOEING

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SAMUEL HICKS, near the Court House,

Gives his Exclusive Attention to HORSE-SHOEING!

I have learned the business thoroughly and have given it my study, and had much experience in the work of Horse-Shoeing. For this reason I think I am better prepared to do Horse-Shoeing than shops which do all kinds of Blacksmithing.

☞My system of Shoeing prevents CUTTING and FORGING and preserves the horses' feet.

My best recommendation is the universal satisfaction of my customers, and I have no hesitation in referring to any for whom I have done work.

My prices I guarantee to be as low as the lowest.

Horsemen! Come and see me, and I will save you trouble and expense.

SAM. HICKS, H-o-r-s-e-S-h-o-e-r,
d15. Court Street, Chestertown.

New-York Life Insurance Co.

346 & 348 Broadway, New York.

SUMMARY OF FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

JANUARY 1, 1890.

WILLIAM H. BEERS, - - President.
HENRY TUCK, Vice-President — RUFUS W. WEEKS, Actuary.
ARCH. H. WELCH, 2d Vice-President. — THEODORE M. BANTA, Cashier.
A. HUNTINGTON, M. D., Medical Director.

REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Premiums	$24,585,921.10
Interest, Rents, etc	4,577,345.14
Total Income	**$29,163,266.24**

DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT.

Death claims and Endowments	$6,252 095.50
Dividends, Annuities and Purchased Insurance	5,869,026.16
Total to Policy-holders	**$12,121,121.66**
New Policies Issued	39,499
New Insurance Written	$151,119,088.00

CONDITION JANUARY 1, 1890.

Assets	**$105,053,600.96**
*Divisible Surplus, Company's New Standard	7,517,823.28
†Tontine " "	7,705,053.11
Surplus by State Standard, (4 per cent.)	$15,600,000.00
Policies in Force	150,381
Insurance in Force	$495,601,970.00

PROGRESS IN 1889.

Increase in Interest	$303,653.06
Increase in Benefits to Policy-holders	1,148,051.61
Increase in Surplus for Dividends	1,716,849.01
Increase in Premiums	3,458,330.35
Increase in Total Income	3,761,983.41
Increase in Assets	11,573,414.41
Increase in Insurance Written	26,099,357.00
Increase in Insurance in Force	75,715,465.00

*Exclusive of the amount specially reserved as a contingent liability to Tontine Dividend Fund.
†Over and above a 4 per cent. reserve on existing policies of that class.

The guaranteed 4 per cent. interest 15 and 20-Year Investment Bonds of the New York LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY have proved a most popular competitor of GROUND RENTS and MORTGAGES. IT WILL PAY YOU TO INVESTIGATE THEM.

Do you want low cost Insurance with maximum security? The New York Life's Non-Forfeiting Free Tontine Policies are unexcelled in Liberality, Protection and Convertibility. DO NOT INSURE ELSEWHERE UNTIL YOU EXAMINE THEM.

ONE MILLION AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS DEATH CLAIMS paid at Baltimore Agency, without a single contested policy, the past eight years. Policy No. 104,895, $5,000, 15-Year Endowment, 15-Year Tontine, on C. DODD McFARLAND, BALTIMORE, SETTLED MARCH 10TH, 1889, shows 5.73-100 interest on the investment with fifteen years insurance for NOTHING.

J. G. PANGBORN, Gen'l Agent, Firemen's Building, Baltimore
W. H. H. YOUNG, Asst. Supt. of Agencies, 8 South St., Baltimore
S. D. HOWLAND.....Special Agent, No. 8 South St., Baltimore

J. E. JACOBS, General Manager, Southeastern Department, Maryland, Virginia, W. Virginia and District of Columbia.
No. 8 South Street. Baltimore. Md.

W. H. GIBSON, - Centreville, Maryland,
General Agent Eastern Shore, Maryland.
W. H. McFEELY, Local Agent, Chestertown, Md.

Closing Out Sale

—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,

☞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.

GEO. W. HARPER,
Corner Store, Still Pond.

NEW! NEW!

Winter!--Winter Goods!

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!
MISSES' SHOES, CHILDREN'S SHOES!
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.

JOHN H. SIMPERS,
Jan. 11, 1890. AT THE OLD STAND.

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.

We're Offering Bargains!

Bargains in Dress Stuffs!
Bargains in Dress Trimmings!
—Bargains in Notions!—
Bargains in Shoes and Slippers!
Bargains in Carpets, Mattings, &c.

TO the Buying Public and Customers generally Some Special Bargains. Bang up Bargains. Genuine and Exclusive Bargains.

The first to tell you about is a choice and select lot of DRESS STUFFS in Worsteds, Plaids and Mixtures (to arrive). This make, Line and Class are exclusive, that is on this market. WE CONTROL THEM. They are ours to sell! Ours to guarantee! Ours to commend to every parent as a Worsted Dress Stuff that can be washed without fading, *and as such we guarantee them!*

An another bargain we want every house-keeper to note is a BLEACHED GERMAN LINEN TABLE DAMASK, in widths 56 and 60 inches at 55 and 65 cents per yard.

Another, a LOT of HAMBURG EDGING at only 6 cents per yard.

Another bargain is a LADY'S BLACK HOSE, at 25 cents per pair, absolutely fast.

Then there is another bargain in which we give almost $2 for $1. Five dozen KID GLOVES, assorted sized and colors, that were $1 25 per pair, now going for only 69 cents. *Perfect too!*

Now we are going to sell off some of our bargains

In BOOTS, SHOES, SLIPPERS, &c.

The old time way of putting up Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes don't suit now—individual cartoons are used—so to close out unboxed goods we'er going to make a price on them. Embraced in this class of goods is a lot of Mundell's Solar Tipped Shoes, 8 to 10½, at 92½ cents per pair CASH.

Respectfully,
Jan. 18, 1890. **R. F. PARKS.**

—COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'—

Annual Notice

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Kent County will meet at their office in Chestertown,

On TUESDAY, 4th day of March, 1890,

at 10½ o'clock A. M., and will continue to meet at the same place and hour

EVERY TUESDAY

Until the SIXTH day of MAY, next,

for the purpose of noting transfers and correcting assessments.

All persons who have sold or transferred any assessible property since their last sitting for said purpose, are particularly requested to attend at an early day to have their assessment corrected and adjusted.

After TUESDAY, 6th of May, next,

no ALTERATIONS or CORRECTIONS in the assessments will be made for the present year

The Trustees of the Poor for Kent County

will be appointed on the Second Monday—14th day—of April, next.

COLLECTORS

of STATE and COUNTY TAXES for EACH ELECTION DISTRICT and a

KEEPER of the STANDARDS

—OF—

Weights and Measures

will be appointed on

TUESDAY, the 15th of April, next.

☞All persons having ACCOUNTS against the county are requested to present the same on or before

TUESDAY, the 3d day of June, next,

otherwise they may be excluded from the levy this year. All accounts properly chargeable to the county are required to be made out in a clear manner and itemized and rendered under oath.

All applications for pensions must be made in writing, stating the condition and circumstances of the applicant, and vouched for by three or more freeholders having a knowledge of the facts therein set forth.

N. B.—All persons neglecting to have their assessments corrected are hereby notified that no allowance for taxes paid in error in consequence of such neglect will be made.

T. J. SHALLCROSS, Pres't,
R. C. MORGAN,
GEO. W. RODENHISER,
JOHN A. GROVES,
JOHN DICKINSON,
Commissioners.

Attest:—T. W. RUSSELL, Clerk. fc22.

Presents! Presents!

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