Kent News.

CHESTERTOWN - MAY 31, 1890

YESTERDAY—Decoration Day—was a legal holiday, made so by the last Legislature. These legal holidays, we think, are becoming most too numerous.

CAPT. R. L. PHYTHIAN has been appointed superintendent of the United States Naval Academy, taking charge June 30, and the present superintendent, Capt. Sampson, has been ordered to the cruiser San Francisco.

THE board of public works met at Annapolis on Thursday and appointed captains for a number of the oyster police boats, but postponed the election of a commander. A captain for the Helen Baughman was not appointed.

THE great equestrian statue of Gen. Robt. E. Lee was unveiled at Richmond on Thursday. There was an immense outpouring of the people and eight thousand ex-Confederate veterans were in the line of procession. It is estimated that one hundred thousand visitors were in the city.

THE President and party left Washington in a special train Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock, for Cleveland, to take part in the Garfield Monument Celebration on Decoration Day. He was accompanied by Vice-President Morton, Secretaries Blaine, Windom and Rusk, and Attorney General Miller.

THE Fifth Maryland Regiment—five hundred all told—left Baltimore Tuesday night for Richmond to participate in the unveiling of the Lee statue which took place on Thursday. The companies numbered from 35 to 60 men each. The regiment reached Richmond at six o'clock Wednesday morning.

THE CITY OF ROME WON THE OCEAN RACE. The ocean race between the steamships City of Rome, Aurania and the Alaska ended Sunday with the victory for the first named. The time of the City of Rome to Fire Island was 7 days 5 hours and 4 minutes; Urania, 7 days 6 hours and 26 minutes; Alaska, 7 days 8 hours and 40 minutes.

THE police force of Baltimore had its annual parade on Tuesday and made a fine showing. The city officials reviewed the parade from the main portico of the City Hall. Among the spectators at this point was Major Wm. G. Moore, superintendent of police of Washington, who also expressed himself as much pleased with the appearance of the men and their marching.

HEAVY FAILURE IN CECIL COUNTY.—The Waring Brothers' Company, manufacturers of fertilizers and farming implements, incorporated in April last, with a capital stock of $150,000, with principal office at Colora, Cecil county, and principal manufactory in Baltimore, has made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. The liabilities are said to be $200,000; assets nominal.

THE TARIFF BILL IN THE SENATE.—It is said to be the intention of the Republican members of the Senate finance committee not to attempt the patching up of the House tariff bill, which seems to be an object of general disgust among the party leaders, notwithstanding its speedy passage by the House. To endeavor to amend it would be simply to disfigure it beyond recognition, and, accordingly, the present purpose is said to be to report a substitute embodying more conservative views, and, it is to be hoped, exhibiting some regard for the interest of the vast body of consumers. In view of the closeness of the vote in the House over the tin-plate increase, there is reason to hope that this iniquitous attempt to "squeeze" a vast industry for the benefit of a few speculators who propose to engage in the manufacture of tin-plate may ultimately be defeated. It is evident the McKinley bill has a hard time before it in the Senate, and the country may yet be spared the infliction of an increase in the taxation under which it has been groaning for years, and which is grinding the whole agricultural community into the dust. The work of sifting the bill has already been begun in the Senate. In that body on Monday, Mr. Plumb, one of the republican Senators from Kansas, offered a resolution, which was adopted, requiring the finance committee to report a statement showing the increase proposed in the various items in the House bill and the reasons for any increases recommended by the committee. Senator Davis has presented an amendment to the bill removing the duty on binding twine which he says "is considered by the farmers of the Northwest as oppessive, exacting and extortionate."

A New Play by a Home Author.

Mr. L. R. Shewell, the well known author and actor, of this county, has written for Annie Ward Tiffany a new play called "The Step-daughter," which was produced for the first time at Lawrance, Mass., last week and is said to be immensely popular. After the third act there was a call for the author, and Mr. Shewell responded in a neat speech. He said:

Ladies and gentlemen:—I thank you sincerely for the compliment you have paid me in summoning me before you this evening, and hope that you will find no reason to reverse the verdict of approval you appear to have passed upon the play thus far. It may not be out of place to mention some of the causes which led me to write this play, and with your kind permission I will endeavor briefly to do so. Seven years ago I wrote "Shadows of a Great City" in which the character of "Biddy Ronan" first appeared, a character which Annie Ward Tiffany has introduced to thousands in this country and Canada. Last December she visited me at my farm in Maryland and told me that as "Shadows" was to be withdrawn after this season she would like me to give her a new "Biddy Ronan" under entirely different surroundings and yet retaining the characteristics that had made her so popular. I consented to make the attempt and the result you have before you tonight. Biddy Ronan is no myth. The woman herself once lived as we do, and in her devotion and love is but a type of the noble hearted and affectionate woman of her race. She was a nurse in my father's house for over twenty years. I loved her as a child. I revere her memory as man. When I wrote "Shadows" Biddy and all her traits came strongly before me; in my mental vision I saw her distinctly at each moment; but when the character I had conceived was portrayed by Annie Ward Tiffany, my dear old nurse stood before me again in flesh and blood, and I congratulated myself and the public that Miss Tiffany can recall to our minds and hearts through the interpretation of her own sympathic and affectionate nature the best traits of the loving, devoted Irish women, who have won so much honor and esteem in countless households in our land, and to whose fidelity and devotion so many men and women of our day are indebted for the care that watched over their childhood, and never shrank from sacrifice of self in loving loyalty to their charges. Again thanking you for your kindness, I will trespass no longer on your time, leaving you to witness the further trials of poor Biddy in her devotion to the child she loves.

THERE were 477 car loads of strawberries shipped over the Delaware railroad last week.

PROF. NEWELL REMOVED.

The members of the State Board of Education held their annual meeting at the Normal School in Baltimore on Wednesday and elected Mr. E. B. Prettyman, of Montgomery county, to succeed Prof. M. A. Newell as principal of the school. The friends of Prof. Newell made a strong effort to have him retained, but the vote on the last ballot was unanimous for Mr. Prettyman. The position pays $2,500 per annum, and the principal has a comfortable home in the institution, with free rent and fuel.

Mr. E. B. Prettymen is well known in the State and is a man of ability and pleasing manners. He is the son of a Methodist minister and a native of Delaware. He was graduated from Dickinson College in 1848 with ex-Postmaster-General Creswell. Mr. Prettyman taught school at West River, Anne Arundel county, for two years after graduating, and then studied law in the office of Judge Richard J. Bowie, in Rockville, Md., for eighteen months. In 1882 he was elected principal of Brookeville Academy, in Montgomery county, which position he held until 1863, when the war caused the abandonment of the institution. The same year Mr. Prettyman was elected by the democratic party clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery county, to which office he was re-elected three times in succession, remaining clerk until 1885, when he declined to be a candidate for renomination. In 1886 he was chief clerk of the House of Delegates, and in April of the same year was appointed deputy naval officer by I. Freeman Rasin. Mr. Prettyman is a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and has been a lay delegate in the last sessions of the General Conference. He was also a member of the centennial conference of all the Methodist churches, which met in Baltimore in 1884. The board made no changes in the other members of the faculty.

The "Original Package" Law.

Senator Wilson, of Iowa, Tuesday reported from the judiciary committee a substitute for his bill to intercept the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the original package case.

As the author of the bill, Senator Wilson has adopted Senator Faulkner's theory and plan. Instead of conferring direct power from the National Government upon the States to regulate commerce the substitute provides that immediately upon the delivery of the original package of liquor to its destination and into the hands of the owner or consignee its privileges as an article of commerce shall cease and it shall then become a part of the common property of the State.

Then as soon as the original package shall have passed into the hands of the owner or consignee the laws of the State in which it is delivered become operative and State and local jurisdiction assert themselves. In this shape the bill will probably pass, as Senators of both parties agree that some prompt legislation is necessary to meet the Supreme Court decision; that under its operation "original package" establishments would be set up in every State and thus overthrow the license systems of the States respectively.

AN IMPORTANT ORDER.—The superintendent of the census has issued the following important order: "To Supervisors of Census: You will please instruct enumerators in cases where persons refuse to answer the questions on the population schedule relating to physical and mental disabilities (22 and 23) or to the questions relating to farms, homes, and mortgages (26 to 30, inclusive), to enter in the proper column the words, 'Refused to answer.' No further steps will be necessary on the part of supervisor or enumerator, and all legal proceedings will be instituted by the Washington office through the Department of Justice." That will be the last of it, however.

The following very important notice has been sent out by Examiner Eben F. Perkins, by order of the School board, to each public school teacher in Kent county: "In a very short time the enrollment of the population will commence by the United States authorities. By a failure to get a complete enrollment, as we believe, of the children of the county, Kent county lost by the apportionment under the census of 1880 an annual sum of $2,000 to white schools and $800 to colored schools. A special effort should be made to have every child in this county, white and colored, enrolled this time."

[And he might have added, had it been appropriate, that from a failure to enumerate all the inhabitants the county has since that time lost it an additional member of the House of Delegates and all the party conventions an additional representative.—EDS.]

RAVAGES OF THE ARMY WORM.—The farmers of Somerset county, Md., are very much alarmed about their corn and wheat crops, on account of a pest in the shape of the army worm. This is an insect about an inch long, very black, and very much like an ordinary corn worm in shape and build, except that it is larger. These worms come in swarms or droves, and stay in one place about nine or ten days. They eat the blades and heads of the wheat clean from the stalk, and in many cases eat the stalk off even with the ground. Several very large fields of wheat have already been entirely ruined, and as fast as they finish one, they move on to another field. In crossing from one field to another they have, in some cases, had to cross county roads, which would be entirely black with them for several hundred yards. When they strike a field of corn, they never leave it until they have eaten every stalk of corn off even with the ground. To prevent their getting into fields of corn and wheat, a great many farmers dig small ditches around their fields, and bevel the side next to the field at an angle of about forty-five degrees, so they cannot crawl up it.

Harvest Dates.

Mr. J. G. Davis writes to the Easton *Ledger* that on his farm, "The Wheatlands" of Talbot county, harvest has commenced in the years named on the dates given. As Kent is much like Talbot in climate and soil, it will pretty closely indicate our harvests for the same years:

1868	June 29	1879	June 17
1869	" 28	1880	" 7
1870	" 22	1881	" 21
1871	" 12	1882	" 23
1872	" 20	1883	" 21
1873	" 14	1884	" 17
1874	" 23	1885	" 26
1875	" 23	1886	" 21
1876	" 10	1887	" 20
1877	" 19	1888	" 21
1878	" 24	1889	" 20

The present year harvest will commence in Kent about the 16th of June.

REPRESENTATIVE FLOWER, of New York, has introduced in the House a joint resolution on the subject of the completion of the Grant monument in New York. He asks for an appropriation of $250,000, to be paid when there is satisfactory evidence that there shall have been contributed to and in the hands of the treasurer of the association not less than $200,000 toward the erection of the monument.

Mr. Griffith's Misunderstanding.

Our reporter, elsewhere, gives a synopsis of the proceedings of the temperance ratification meeting in Stam's Hall last Tuesday. In this report we find some remarkable utterances from Mr. Robert S. Griffith, of Sassafras. To say that we are surprised at his temper toward us but poorly expresses our thought. We had not the slightest idea that we had ever tried to "poke fun" at any temperance organization in Kent or elsewhere, and Mr. Griffith cannot point out the first instance in which it has been done in the editorial columns of the NEWS. The particular meeting he refers to, and which he says was one occasion for our "poking fun" at him, was held on the 11th of February; Rev. R. W. Todd president and Mr. J. S. Harris was secretary. The NEWS gave nearly a column to the proceedings of that meeting, and our reporter stated that it was largely attended and was enthusiastic. He also said that Mr. Griffith made a speech, in the course of which he said he was "red hot." These statements we have never before heard questioned and were certainly true. The report was full and just to the organization, and its correctness we are sure was endorsed by every individual present—even Mr. Griffith himself.

We now propose to give our *entire* editorial reference to that meeting, so that the reader may draw his own conclusions as to the measure of our offence against Mr. Griffith. Here it is:

The prohibitionists were out in force last Tuesday. The meeting in Chestertown was largely attended, and some of the anti-high license men were, to use the phrase of a prominent Sassafras gentleman, red hot! The proceedings will be found in another column.

If anyone can see cause for offence in this reference we regret it. Where the *lie* comes in is the greater mystery. We shall not reply to Mr. Griffith in the same ugly spirit and language he saw proper to adopt, but content ourselves with the above statement and do him the justice to say that we believe his uncharitableness is largely due to misjudgment. He has been "reading between the lines" what never was there, nor ever intended to be there; he has been gathering up the shafts of an imaginary foe and pricking his own flesh, until maddened with the pain he lets fly from a full quiver—though it pierces the bosom of a friend.

The disposition of some persons to criticise the course of the NEWS in the campaign arises from a misconception of its province and duty. It would seem that a moment's thought would lead any fair and intelligent mind to see the impropriety of our paper taking any other course in the campaign than precisely what it did. It was neither for nor against license. Therefore it did not rejoice over the victory or express sorrow at the defeat. Any other procedure would have been improper, to say the least of it. The editors individually exercised their rights at the ballot-box and are ready to give an account "to any one that asketh."

SUMMER RESORTS.—Bay Ridge is a noted resort and so is Saratoga, but the beautiful beaches of Kent county, washed by the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries, cannot be beaten. The first in notoriety comes Tolchester; then there is Betterton, the home of the finny tribe, and Rock Hall, with its many cottages, each of which gives to the pleasure seeker all the advantages of the most noted resort. "Worton Manor Beach," owned by Mr. John Gale, is now laying its claims to the visitors' attention and is being fitted up in the most modern style. It is situated at the mouth of Worton creek on the Chesapeake bay, has a beautiful grove and offers to Sunday schools and picnic parties a most excellent place to spend the day. The fishing grounds are said to be fine and boats and bath houses are at the visitors' command. The new steamer Tochwogh stops at this place daily and is expected to make daily excursions there this summer. His beautiful residence is being improved and will be turned into a boarding house. There is no place like Kent!

TARIFF REFORM.—The Jefferson Tariff Reform Club met on Saturday last, when the committee on permanent organization named as permanent officers: James A. Pearce, president; Hope H. Barroll vice-president; Lewin W. Wickes, secretary. The following gentlemen were appointed an executive committee for the transaction of the business of the club, etc: James A. Pearce, Hope H. Barroll, Sam'l Vannort, J. T. Dixon, J. M. J. Byrom, W. T. Maslin and Lewin W. Wickes. At a subsequent meeting on Tuesday the executive committee adopted by-laws for the government of the club and selected Wm. B. Usilton Geo. S. Biddle, Victor Hendrickson Walter T. Morris and J. T. DeCorse a committee on membership. It is proposed to have a public meeting, with distinguished speakers from abroad, so soon as arrangements can be perfected.

YACHTING PARTY.—The yacht "Hesperus" belonging to Capt. Cecil Adkinson, of Philadelphia, was anchored off Chestertown Monday. He has been cruising about the waters of Chester and Corsica rivers for a week in his sloop yacht and stopping at Centreville took aboard a merry party of pleasure seekers. They were Misses Mamie Tilghman, Nellie Feddeman, Belle Aldridge, who has been visiting in Centreville, and Ada Roberts, Messrs. Peregrine Tilghman, Summerfield Tilghman, Frank and Thomas Keating, Joh and Kennard Brown and Earle Feddeman. The company enjoyed a hearty dinner in our town, a game of tennis and a social dance in Stam's Hall, returning home about four o'clock, wishing they could stay here all the time.

DR. A. B. GLASCOCK, of Tilghman's Island, has recently purchased the Thomas Cryer property, on that island, and now is having it put in comblete order, and will have when completed the handsomest house on the island, as the place is very nearly surrounded by water and has many natural beauties. We congratulate the Doctor and wife (who, by the way, was one of the most beautiful and lovely girls of Kent, Miss Nannie Rouse), and wish them great success.

A NOBLE CHARITY.—The Dorcas Society of Immanuel P. E. Church, of this town, has done good work during the year in relieving the necessitous people of the community. The report made last Sunday shows that for work done from May 29, 1889, to May 1, 1890, $143.01 were expended for distributions to the poor in fuel and provisions, leaving a balance of $32.01 in the hands of the treasurer.

FARMERS AND THE CENSUS.—The census enumerators will commence work next Monday and on our first page will be found the questions to be asked of farmers. If farmers will prepare themselves in advance with the proper answers to these queries they will greatly facilitate the work of the enumerators. Do not wait until you are *called upon* by the enumerator, but get ready for him at once.

Obituary.—Mr. Nathaniel Voshell, one of the oldest and best known citizens of the lower section of this county, died at his residence near St. Paul's Church on Sunday morning of neuralgia of the heart. He would have been eighty years of age on the first day of June (tomorrow.) Mr. Voshell was tax-collector of the fifth district for 1885-6 and discharged his duties in a very efficient manner. He was a good citizen and kind neighbor, and possessed the confidence and esteem of all his acquaintances. A wife and two children—son and daughter—survive him, Mrs. Robert H. Wright, of Chestertown, being the surviving daughter. The funeral, which was very numerously attended, took place at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Sutton, of St. Paul's officiating, with the following gentlemen as pall-bearers: John Brice, Jno. C. Voshell, William Ford, J. W. Chapman, V. Hendrickson, J. M. J. Byron. Interment at St. Paul's.

Mr. James M. Vandyke died of paralysis at his residence in Crumpton about eight o'clock on Wednesday evening, in his 57th year. Mr. Vandyke was in Chestertown on Thursday of last week apparently in his usual, though feeble, health, and was stricken with paralysis on Friday night. He retained consciousness until Sunday afternoon, after which time he lingered in a comatose condition until death ensued. He had been a great sufferer from rheumatism for several years.

Mr. Vandyke was born near Odessa, Delaware, and came to this county about 30 years ago and lived on the Canby farm near Betterton until 1886, when he removed to Urieville and opened a store. On the first of January, 1868, he came to Chestertown and commenced storekeeping in the Burchinal building on Cross street. Failing health induced him to retire from merchandising, and some seven or eight years ago he removed to his farm in Queen Anne's, near Crumpton, where he resided until about three years since, when he rented his farm and removed to Crumpton, where he resided until his death. The deceased had been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years and was also an old member of Amicable Lodge of Odd-Fellows of this town. Mr. Vandyke leaves a widow and six children, three sons and three daughters—Alonzo M., Eva (wife of Mr. Chas. E. Roland, of the NEWS office), William H. (of the steamer Corsica), Walter (tenant of his father's farm), Ida P. and Cora. The funeral took place at one o'clock yesterday, the Rev. J. B. Merritt, of Crumpton, officiating, with the following gentlemen as pall-bearers: John P. Hartley, C. H. Jefferson, F. H. Dill, Chas. Smith, Isaac Snitcher. and Samuel Chairs. The Lodge met the funeral procession at Chester bridge and escorted the remains to Chester Cemetery, where, after the usual service by the officiating minister, they were interred in accordance with the ritual of the order.

A Narrow Escape.

The sloop "John A. Carroll" belonging to Mr. Joseph Downey, of our town, left this port Tuesday morning for Baltimore, commanded by Capt. John Willis, of this town, and a colored man named White from Rock Hall. She had a very light wind all day and anchored near Rock Hall at night. Wednesday morning with a stiff breeze from the northwest she started across the bay. About 10 o'clock, when about two miles from the city, off Lazaretto light house, a whirlwind caught the vessel and before the captain could say Jack Robinson she was over. Capt. Willis was seen at his home yesterday morning and states that he grabbed hold of the rail, but lost his hold and was thrown into the water; he then secured a hold on the boom but it soon went under and finally after losing hold of several places, he was fortunate enough to get hold of a plank and there he stayed until rescued. The colored man was caught under the mainsail but made his exit therefrom in a little while as he was a good swimmer, and soon secured a hold on the vessel which he held fast until assistance came. The boat as soon as she turned came to a stand still, the mast having become stuck in the mud, the water at this place being about eighteen feet. A white man fishing out on the flats saw the boat capsize and immediately started for them and took them ashore in his little row boat. Capt. Willis states that he has been sailing for twenty-five years and never before has he seen a wind like the one that struck his veesel. The water for a space of twenty-five yards was made to roll in billows and in a minute was as calm as ever. Capt. Willis, it is remarkable to say, cannot swim a stroke, and from this fact his escape is the more miraculous. He is a careful and experienced captain and to no fault of his was this accident due. She was righted yesterday.

THE IMPROVEMENTS AT TOLCHESTER—*Opening of the Season.*—The steamer Emma Giles brought a company of Baltimore newspaper men and others to Tolchester Beach on Wednesday afternoon. The party was taken in tow by Captain Eliason, who showed them about the grounds, beginning with the new toboggan slide, which has been erected after the pattern of those at Atlantic city. It is near the race track, and will, no doubt, be the drawing card at the resort this year. It is 1,800 feet long, and has three turns. The highest point is Pike's Peak, fifty feet from the ground, where the coach receives its start, and rushes around the winding slides at about forty miles an hour. It is said to have cost the company between $7,000 and $8,000. It is provided with sand brakes, and is said to be the most complete in the country. All in the party were given several rides on the slide. From the slide Captain Eliason ushered his guests to the new carousal, recently put on the grounds at a large expense. It is run by steam and supplied with a large steam organ equal to any in the East. The beach is in splendid condition, and everything looks bright for a very successful season. On the boat the party were given an appetizing dinner. There were a few speeches, and all commended Captain Eliason and the remainder of the company for their hospitality. The season will open June 1, on and after which date the splendid excursion steamer Louise will make two daily round trips.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION.—The Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Easton will m eet in Christ Church, Easton, on Wednesday of next week, June 4th. The Diocese includes the entire Easton Shore of Maryland. The Convention consists of clergymen and laymen, the Bishop of the Diocese presiding. Mr. Wm. S. Walker is the lay delegate from Chester parish.

THE Rock Hall baseball nine was defeated last Saturday by the Edesville club. It is due the Rock Hall nine to say that their opponents were picked from Edesville, Lankford, Fairlee and elsewhere. Edesville, you beat a good nine on Saturday and one that vanquished the crack nine of Queen Anne's last year.

Personal Mention.

Charles T. Westcott, Esq., is in Rutland, Vt., this week looking after the marble quarries there in which he is interested.

Hope H. Barroll, Esq., is on a business trip to Frederick county this week.

Messrs. Wm. M. Slay and Wm. B. Usilton were among the visitors from Maryland to Richmond, Va., this week to attend the unveiling of the Lee statue.

M. Bates Stephens, Esq., school examiner of Caroline county, spent Sunday in Chestertown. It is said that Bates has an attraction in our town. It is not surprising for we have lots of pretty girls. What's the matter with the Denton girls?

Rev. W. B. Judefind, who recently returned from Westminster Theological Seminary, is spending his vacation as assistant of Rev. S. C. Ohrem at Delta, Pa.

Mr. Spry Addinson, of Crumpton, but more recently a clerk of Mr. J. H. Simpers, of Chestertown, has secured a position in a retail boot and shoe house in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Harry Hurtt, son of Mr. Henry Hurtt, of the Voshell House, took charge of the telegraph office at Smyrna last Thursday. Harry is a good operator and no doubt will fill the bill.

General United States Appraiser Philip W. Downes has been removed from office by President Harrison and he will resume the practice of law at Denton.

The young men of St. Peter's Church, Salisbury, gave Rev. Wm. Munford a purse to defray his expenses to Richmond to the unveiling of the Lee statue. The reverend gentleman was in the Confederate service and expected to meet many comrades at arms at the unveiling ceremonies.

Mr. B. Howard Johnson, of the Denton *Journal*, spent Sunday in Chestertown the guest of Mr. B. F. Fleming.

Mr. Thos. Lusby, of Still Pond, who is taking a course in homeopathy at the Chicago medical school, is home on his vacation.

Mr. Wm. F. Russell is home from the law school for the summer vacation.

Mr. John F. Howard, one of our town commissioners, has been quite sick for the past two weeks, but at this writing is able to be out and is improving.

Mrs. Dr. J. T. Twilley, who has been ill for several weeks, was reported no better yesterday.

Mr. Creighton Wallis, who has been absent from our town about two years, is spending a month with his mother on Mill street. Creighton is now foreman in a printing office in Florida.

Mrs. Robert Price, of Centreville, who has been visiting at Mr. Wm. J. McFeely's in Chestertown, returned home yesterday morning.

FIRE.—The two and a-half story frame dwelling house on Kent street, occupied by Mr. Hill, an employe of Chapman & Lambert, took fire about half-past nine yesterday morning. When the fire was first discovered smoke was seen issuing from the roof of the kitchen, and the alarm was given. The Catholic bell was the first to strike, and then Aldridge's and the town clock. In a little while the street was crowded with anxious and willing workers. All danger was past when two streams of water were thrown upon the building from the hose in the hands of experienced firemen. The flames did not issue from any place but the kitchen, which is considerably damaged. The loss will be about $150; insured in the Kent Mutual for $375. The building belongs to Mrs. Sarah A. Fiddis, and adjoins the residence of Mr. Bruce McIntyre, who moved some of his furniture. It burned very slowly, and had there been a fire company here the damage would not have been $25.

THE NEW BANK.—The directors of the new bank had another meeting on Monday and completed its list of officers by the election of Mr. Wm. F. Wroth, of Still Pond, teller. Mr. Wroth is a very affable gentleman; understands book-keeping, and will no doubt make an efficient officer. The directors expect to open for business by the middle of next week. It is said that some of the stock has already been sold at an advance. The safe was placed in position yesterday.

FESTIVALS.—The ladies of St. James M. P. Church held a festival and supper in the hall at Worton Station, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. This people placed before the public a sumptuous and bountiful meal, and well prepared by the best of cooks. Everything was plentiful, indeed; when the last one had finished on Thursday evening a whole pig, salads, poultry, etc., was in the pantry. Over one hundred and fifty took supper and about $100 was realized. The festival at Betterton was well attended and the receipts gratifying.

ALL RIGHT FOR ICE.—Ice in warm weather has become almost a necessity and we are glad to state that the price this year with no ice on rivers will not be as much as last year when we had a crop, small though it was. Part of the machinery for the ice plant of R. G. & W. T. Nicholson has arrived and until the manufacture of the frosted article is perfected parties can obtain ice at the factory for ¾ of a cent per pound. A wagon will be run in a few weeks.

FARM SOLD.—The farm recently occupied by Mr. Hance, adjoining the farms of H. W. Vickers and Wilbur Eliason, Esqs., has been sold at private sale to Mr. B. F. Fleming for $1,500, who resold it to Mr. Thos. Mann at a private figure. This farm was purchased by Mr. Hance from Mr. Samuel W. Rawleigh and brought $3,500, but a part of it has been sold off since Mr. Hance's purchase. Mr. Mann will reside there.

THE LARGEST YET.—Mrs. S. W. Rollison, of this town, sent to the NEWS office this week a box of the largest strawberries yet brought to this market raised in her garden. They were of the Sharpless variety and of fine flavor. We were shown the patch the whole of which is full of berries the size sent us.

NEW HOUSE.—Mr. Adam Diehl is having constructed on his Plum Point farm now tenanted by Mr. Ed. Corey a comfortable residence. The building that had heretofore stood there was burned a few months ago. Mr. Wm. Malin, of Chestertown, is contractor and is assisted by Mr. S. W. Rawleigh.

LOSS OF A VALUABLE COW.—A valuable Alderney cow belonging to Mr. George C. Adkinson died Monday night, supposed from milk fever. He had refused an offer of one hundred and thirty dollars for her, and had several times been offered one hundred dollars cash. This cow last year gave birth to four calves.

DECORATION DAY.—Yesterday was appropriately observed in Chestertown by Sumner Post, G. A. R., and the colored people generally. The graves of all dead soldiers, black and white, Union and Confederate, were decorated with flowers and the bands made plenty of music.

THANKS.—We are indebted to Capt. Russell, of the Tolchester stage line, for early Baltimore papers.

CHRIST M. P. CHURCH.—Preaching by the pastor. Subject—10½ A. M.: "Strangers and Sojourners as Were Our Fathers." 8 P. M.: "The Winnowing Force of the Age."

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Services appropriate to the day. (Soldier's Memorial) service will be held in the evening. The subject of REV. DR. WILLEY'S sermon will be "Foot-Prints of God on the World's Great Battlefields."

MISPLACED.—On Saturday night, May 24, a BUNDLE of DRY GOODS was by mistake put in a carriage near Lofland's Butcher Shop in Chestertown. The owner is a poor man and unable to bear the loss, and the person who has said bundle in possession, will please leave it at the KENT NEWS office. m31-2t.

STRAWBERRY and Ice-Cream Festival.

The ladies of MORGAN'S CREEK ZION M. E. CHURCH, will hold a STRAWBERRY and ICE-CREAM FESTIVAL, FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, June 13 and 14, on the school-house green, opposite the church. Proceeds to finish building the church. m31-3t.*

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!

The Ladies of WESLEY CHAPEL M. P. CHURCH will give a FESTIVAL on the Church Green, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th of June. Supper will begin at 6 P. M. The ladies invite their friends, far and near, to be present, and promise their best endeavors for their pleasure. Supper tickets, adults 40 cts., children 25c. 1t.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The Ladies of the M. E. Church will hold a STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL in the Town Hall at Still Pond, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS, June 4 and 5. The public cordially invited.

SUPPER and FESTIVAL.

A SUPPER and FESTIVAL under the auspices of the Church Aid of Bond M. E. Church will be given at the Church on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, June 4 and 5. Supper tickets 50c. Children under 12 years 25c. m17-3t.*

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The Ladies of SALEM M. E. CHURCH will hold a STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, June 6 and 7, on the Church Green. The public is respectfully invited. m24-2t. COMMITTEE.

RAINBOW TEA!

The "Ladies Aid Society" of Shrewsbury Parish will hold a "RAINBOW TEA" and STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL on the lawn at Shrewsbury Rectory, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY AFTERNOONS and EVENINGS, June 5 and 6, beginning at 3 o'clock. Supper and delicacies of the season will be served. m24-3t.

"THE KING'S DAUGHTERS"
—OF I. U.—
Will hold a FESTIVAL and ENTERTAINMENT at FAIRLEE HALL on TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 8 P. M. Admission 10c. If rainy next evening. 2t.

CAUTION.—I hereby forewarn any one from crediting my cousin, W. B. HARBOURD, on my account, as I will not be responsible for any bills he may contract. ANNIE M. STARTT.
Worton Station, May 30, 1890—3t.

FOR SALE:

VALUABLE BUSINESS INTERESTS, and handsome and productive city property, in exchange for well situated farms. Address with full particulars of property. F. H. BOGGS, m31-3t. 22 E. Lexington street, Baltimore.

A NEW DEERING REAPER

In perfect order (used only two days) for sale, can be seen on Market Square in Chestertown. m31-tf. WM. M. SLAY, ATT'Y.

DR. TEACKLE,
STATE VACCINE AGENT,
702 Park Avenue., Balto., Md.,
Physicians, State, Reformatory and Charitable Institutions furnished free. m31-3t.

WANTED:

AN ESTIMATE TO REPAIR the SLOOP YACHT, now at Tolchester Beach; or will sell or trade her for a Canoe.
Address W. B. LORD,
m24-3t.* 303 W. Balto. st., Balto., Md.

MAHOGANY SIDEBOARDS,
HALL CLOCKS, SECRETARIES,
TABLES, FEATHER BEDS, AND IRONS
AND ALL KINDS OF MAHOGONY FURNITURE
Wanted. Address G. T.,
m24-3t. NEWS OFFICE.

MONEY TO LOAN.

$1,000, $2,000, $3,000 and $5,000,
on Real Estate. MARION DEK. SMITH,
m10 tf. ATTORNEY.

FINAL TAX NOTICE.

PERSONS still indebted to me for TAXES for 1889 are hereby notified that the tax year will be out on the First day of July, 1890, and those who cannot pay on or before that date would do well to confer with me, as necessity will compel me after that date to collect according to law.
Very respectfully,
WM. H. COLEMAN,
m31-3t. Collector 5th Election District.

FOR RENT
for the balance of the present year:
The HOUSE on Queen street, adjoining the residence of William Henry Lambert, Esq., and with STABLE and CARRIAGE-HOUSE, attached.
Apply to WICKES & BROTHER,
Chestertown, May 22d, 1890—3t.

FOR RENT:
STORE-ROOM and DWELLING,
on High street; three good bed-rooms, dining-room and kitchen, 4-foot alley, deep yard, good stand for Nice Grocery and Provision Store. Possession given at once. Apply to J. B. SAPPINGTON,
m24tf. Chestertown, Maryland.

FOR SALE:
A HOUSE AND LOT,
at Lynch's Station, now occupied by Mr. E. Plumer. The house has seven rooms and a cellar, and the Lot contains a quarter of an acre of land.
Apply to M. KENNARD,
m17-1t.* Lynch's, Md.

FOR SALE:
A HOUSE and LOT of LAND
in the village of Edesville. Improvements nearly new. Also, a HORSE and DAYTON and THREE COWS. Terms easy. MARION DEK. SMITH.

AT PUBLIC SALE.

A SECOND HAND DROP-FOOT CARRIAGE, but little used, and set of GOOD HARNESS, will be sold in front of the Market House in Chestertown, Maryland, on
Saturday Afternoon, June 14, 1890,
AT THREE O'CLOCK.
A Credit of Six Months.
WILLIAM T. MILLER,
JEREMIAH MILLER.
m31-3t. Administrators of John A. Miller.

At Private Sale!

A PRODUCTIVE AND WELL LOCATED FARM of 104 ACRES. Also, a MILL and MILL-SEAT, one of the best stands in the county.

The above properties adjoin and are located near St. Paul's Church, Kent county.
TERMS EASY.
m10tf. MARION DEK. SMITH, TRUSTEE.

Champion Machine Repairs!

AS we are Sole Agents for this territory this season for the REPAIRS of the CHAMPION BINDERS and MOWERS, we would suggest to owners of these machines to have them overlooked and give us their orders for all necessary repairs so as to have them in good condition for the coming harvest. All repairs positively cash.
SMITH & CLEMENTS,
May 24, 1890—3t.* Chestertown.

To The Farmers.

We are now prepared to take orders for
BINDER TWINE
QUALITY and PRICES GUARANTEED. Please let us have your orders as early as possible.
Very respectfully,
J. K. ALDRIDGE & Co.
May 17-tf

SPECIAL NOTICE
HEIRS WANTED!

"NOTICE is hereby given to the legal heirs, assigns, devisees, and representatives of all OFFICERS and SOLDIERS who served in the MARYLAND LINE during the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, that unless their claims to Military Lots lying "Westward of Fort Cumberland" are legally established on or before the First Day of April, (1891) eighteen hundred and ninety-one, in such manner as to secure the payment of State and County taxes thereon, all their rights shall be forfeited to the State, and all such Lots as have not been patented or claimed by legal heirs, shall be advertised and sold to the highest bidder for cash, and the net proceeds paid into the State Treasury," as required by Chapter 513, Act 1890.
HIRAM P. TASKER, AGENT,
m10-10t. Annapolis, Maryland.

Have you seen PHILIPPOTEAUX'S Wonderful
CYCLORAMA
BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG?
If not, don't fail to see it when you visit Baltimore. It's worth a trip of 100 miles to see *Pickett's Great Charge of 17,000 men.*
If you do not see it you will always regret it.
Corner Mt. Royal and Maryland Avenues, Near Union Depot. Open day and evening.

MATTING at Lowest Prices,
J. H. SIMPERS,

NEW LOT of OUTING CLOTH, Dress Ginghams and Challie's, just received
m31. JI J. H. SIMPERS'.

CHILDREN'S, LADIES' AND GENTS' GAUZE SHIRTS. Choice Country Hams.
may31. WESTCOTT & DODD.

DR. W. E. BARNARD,
DENTIST,
(UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.)
STILL POND, MD.
Maple Ave., at G. B. Kruzen's old stand.

Having procured all the latest conveniences for my office I am prepared to give my patients all the comfort possible during the operations. A call solicited Hours 9 A. M. to 4 P. M. may31.

PUBLIC SALE OF A
Valuable Town Dwelling!

BY VIRTUE of the power contained in the mortgage from Thomas Lusby to the undersigned, dated September 20th, 1889, and duly recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, in Liber S. B., No. 12, Folio 50, &c., the undersigned will offer at Public Sale, at the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland,
On SATURDAY, June 21st, 1890,
AT 10½ O'CLOCK A. M.,
the mortgaged premises commonly known as the
Rasin Dwelling House
PROPERTY,
located on the northwest corner of Cross street and Maple avenue in Chestertown aforesaid, fronting on said Cross street a distance of one hundred and five feet, and having an even depth of seventy-two feet.
The IMPROVEMENTS consist of a
New and Comfortable
DWELLING
and the usual Out-Buildings, all in good order.

TERMS OF SALE:—$1,250 cash on the day of sale or in sixty days thereafter, at the option of the mortgagee, the residue in six months from the day of sale, with interest on deferred payments from day of sale, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the mortgagee. Possession given January 1st, 1891.
JOHN D. URIE, MORTGAGEE.
JOHN H. GREENWOOD, AUC'R. m31-4s.

The above sale is made with my consent and approval and I wish the property to bring its full value. THOMAS LUSBY.

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