Kent News.

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KENT OYSTERMEN PROTEST!

Big Meeting at Rock Hall

Enthusiastic Reception of H. W. Vickers, and Wm. Henry Legg, who make Eloquent Speeches.

Nearly all the oystermen in Kent county assembled at Rock Hall Thursday night to take some action against the sale or lease of the oyster beds of Chesapeake Bay and Chester river. The large number present clearly indicated the interest felt on this subject.

The meeting was first addressed by Harrison W. Vickers, Esq., who said: "I wish to preface any remarks I may make by the statement that I have not come here to talk politics; it is not my mission, although it is hard to keep back the politics in me. I have come here as your friend to offer my services in fight against the capitalists who are striking at your best interests. My mind is made up on the general question of selling, leasing or giving away of the beds, but the manner and mode of replenishing the oyster beds I leave to you who have a practical understanding of it, because you are engaged in the business. I am opposed to the sale, lease or giving away of our beds. I look upon the scheme proposed by city gentlemen as a steal and a robbery. Looking at it from a legal aspect it appears very clearly that it cannot succeed. I have looked carefully at the law on this question. Under our constitution the beds *cannot* be sold, and any legislature that dares to pass a law for their sale enacts a law that is unconstitutional. It is the common right of fishery—an inalienable right. You can't take away the common right of fishery. It is as free as navigation. If the beds are sold I expect to see the case go before the Court of Appeals and the sale set aside. If I were counsel in the case I should approach the court with pleasure and confidence in the knowledge that it was unconstitutional.

But *suppose* it is legal. A man has a right to burn his house down, to take money from his pocket and throw it away. So with the State government. It is constituted for the good of all. We look up to it for our protection in seeking a livelihood. If the State was to legislate against so large an interest as yours you would look upon the government not as a blessing, but as a curse. When these city and Western Shore people say you don't pay anything for the privilege they lie. Do you know how much you pay? I have found out, and, as figures won't lie, I will give you the figures in the case. There were 769 licenses taken out in this county, for which you paid $3,500 to the clerk of the circuit court, and this goes into the school fund. There are 2,500 mouths to feed by you. There are 300 houses and lots purchased by the sweat of brows. Besides paying this, you pay more. The value of your real estate I place at $150,000, and this is very low. If I had the money I should like to buy it for that You have 500 canoes and bateaux, valued at $25,000, which are engaged in this industry, while the tongs and other property will easily amount to $10,000. You bring into the county $150,000 per year, which is distributed throughout the county among the merchants, mechanics and other people, and you are taxed like everyone else on real estate and personal property to the amount of $2,000. Besides this tax you pay a license, all amounting to $5,500. Yet the people in Baltimore say you don't pay anything for the privilege!

A speaker at the meeting in Baltimore said he had discovered by the aid of a microscope that an oyster had whiskers, and immediately those present said he ought to have 10,000 acres for discovering so important a fact. Why, I remember well of an old Kent oysterman who showed me the oyster's mouth, ribs, stomach, how to tell sex, etc., with the naked eye. He is not given an acre, but the man with a microscope gets 10,000 acres for discovering a mustache on the oyster! These men say that the beds of the bay and river should fall to them, while the oystermen can have the barren bottoms. As bad as the American making the Indian the proposition to divide a buzzard and a turkey. The white man says I will give you the buzzard and I will take the turkey, or I will take the turkey and give you the buzzard. "That seems pretty fair," said the Indian, "but somehow the buzzard falls to my lot every time!" And so with the men in Baltimore—they take the oyster beds and give you the barren bottoms. This scheme to sell or lease the oyster beds is the biggest that was ever concocted in any State. There is but one way to defeat it. You must stick together. In union and in combination there is strength. Lay aside prejudice and look to your own interests. If the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries are sold we are going to have our beds oystered by steam, men-of-war armed with foreigners to protect the beds. One-half of these beds will be owned by Northern capitalists, who would employ cheap Italian labor. You couldn't sail on our waters in safety, for you would be suspected and either shot or taken prisoner by the foreign navy that would be on guard.

Lay aside your prejudices and come together for common interests. You will suffer severely if you don't. If these beds are sold or leased your occupation will be gone and the pretty homes that I see all around me will be as huts, and the road now traveled so much will be clothed in grass. You will all go down together. As a friend who feels the deepest interest in this cause I speak to you and urge upon you to get together; if you don't you are doomed. I don't care who hears me say it, I am opposed to this nefarious scheme to take from us one of our greatest industries and will speak against it in Baltimore and elsewhere. It is against law and justice. Again expressing my heartfelt sympathy with you I will give way to some others who are here to address you."

Mr. Vickers' speech was heartily and enthusiastically received and held the closest attention of his big audience.

It now began to grow rather damp for outdoor speaking and the crowd adjourned to Downey's Hall, when the meeting was formally organized. Mr. Joseph R. Ryan, who is taking such an active interest in this movement, called the meeting to order and after a few appropriate remarks asked for nominations. Mr. Wm. B. Judefind was made temporary chairman, Mr. John Dickinson secretary and Mr. Jos. R. Ryan treasurer. The meeting was then called upon to choose delegates to a State Oyster Convention, which is to meet in Baltimore Thursday, April 30th, and the following were chosen: Messrs. Joseph Kendall, W. H. Coleman, H. W. Vickers, J. W. Boyer, Jr., Capt. James B. Willson, D. W. Crosby, Gustavus Startt.

Speech of Colonel Legg.

Col. Wm. Henry Legg, of Queen Anne's was next introduced to the meeting. The colonel said he was suffering very much from hoarseness but am here in the cause of our protection. "I strain my voice and lungs in your service and spend many a sleepless night worrying over the subject. The question before us is the most momentous and important to the tidewater counties that has ever confronted us for a settlement. We must meet the advocate of the sale and leasing of our beds with a solid front and with a determined opposition and we will then drive them back to cover with shame and confusion in November. If we beat them this time, it will settle it for all time. Marshall your forces as one man in opposition to Cowan, Hodson and all who side with them. I don't believe they have the law on their side, and if we can send men to the legislature who have proper ability we will accomplish much. Some men you know go for the money there is in it, like Cowan and Hodson. They get paid for advocating the sale or [illegible] of the grounds and men from other [illegible]ties come here and say they ought to be [illegible]old. You have in Old Kent talent and ability to meet the men of the opposition and they are the men should be sent to the legislature. Send men there who you know to be your friends, men who are your friends *to-day* and not next week. He who hesitates or falters in this fight is not your friend and I wouldn't trust everyone who merely says he is. You must make no mistake in candidates. Choose the man who can clothe most good, men you can rely on. You can't stop to dally with it. We don't want a man who favors leasing the barren bottoms, for if they get their nose in the whole thing will be lost. I heard Cowan talk last week, and Prof. Brooks, who was my colleague on the oyster commission, and a fine gentleman he is. But he doesn't know as much about this question as you. He is a worm, a theorist. He says one oyster produces 1,000,000 spats! Cowan says lease, then sell with *improvements* thereon. At the rate of improvement that Prof. Brooks calculates the State would be bankrupt before it got half of the improvements. Bad as the Queen Anne's dog law. Every old sheep that died the county had to pay $10 because the *dogs* killed it. They get paid for their talk, I don't, nor do I want any office. I want to see you protected. The Lord will help you because the right is on your side. These men say the oysters are all gone. No more than five years ago. We stopped the dredgers from stealing and they of course say there is no oysters. Tom Howard, Jackson or somebody have rammed the dredgers so hard that they say the oysters on the bars are all gone.

Make the penalty heavier; stop fine of $50 and confiscate the boat.

Return the young growth to the beds.

Shorten the time, if necessary, and in three years you will have more than you ever had. What they need is PROTECTION and TIME.

Be careful who you vote for. Don't get weak men, but strong, valiant and honest men. Put men in the legislature who cannot be bribed by a portion of the oyster grounds or a good sum of money. If this sale is effected, you, who today are living in peace and plenty will be reduced to poverty and slavery, your land will depreciate in value and the pretty village will be but a handful. I can see the owner of these beds coming in the village. See his lordly swing, eyes popped and gay apparel, while you are trying to keep the wolf away from the door. See him strutting! I tell you this moneyed aristocracy is worse than slave aristocracy. 'What do you want a day to tong oysters?' he asks you men. 'Well, sir,' you say, 'there was a time when we got from $6 to $8, but I think I ought to have at least $2 per day.' You must think I am a d—f—!' says the lord, 'I can get all the Bohemians, Italians and Poles I want for seventy-five cents per day!' And you can't imagine the great evils that will follow the sale or lease of our oyster beds.

Wake up, get together!

EDESVILLE NEWS.

Shoulder Bone Dislocated—Sale of a Fine Residence and Lot—Farewell Sermon, etc.

A few days since Mr. John M. Kendall met with quite a painful accident, and but for an unusual aptness for presence of mind might have been more serious. He was engaged at work on the top of the storeroom on his premises, and having descended to the ground for material was about to return and when reaching the scaffold, he lost his balance, but reaching out his left hand, saved himself a fall to the ground, but dislocated his shoulder joint. Assistance came and he thus succeeded in reaching the ground, his arm extended above his head, and producing terribly excruciating pain. Dr. Willson was immediately sent for, but when he arrived Mr. K.'s sufferings had driven him to such fits of desperation that after several efforts succeeded in replacing the arm in proper position. The accident has caused considerable pain and soreness, but the patient is out and doing well.

Mr. C. A. Leary has sold his property adjoining the store and premises of Mr. W. S. Maslin. Mr. Bullock, of Baltimore, is the purchaser. This is a very handsome residence, and its location is eligible to all conveniences. The property was occupied as tenants by Mr. L. C. Francis and Mrs. Sadtler, and with whom arrangements were made to vacate the same, and they now occupy the Ascher house in our village.

Mr. Wm. H. Greenwood, of the firm of Burgess & Greenwood, has bought a lot of land lying between said S. Burgess and S. S. Bennett, it being part of the lot of the latter, and the shoe shop was removed therefrom Saturday afternoon last.

Rev. Mr. Benson preached his farewell sermon last Sunday morning. His text on the occasion was 2 John, 2nd chapter, 2nd verse, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper." His effort was characteristic of the gentleman, as it was able and learned throughout. After service, his exhortation to christian unity and love was especially touching and reminded of christian duties. The church at Seaford, Del., may receive him as a high-minded and christian gentleman. His successor, Rev. Jesse Shreeve, is not expected by next Sunday, and Dr. Bates will fill the pulpit as an able substitute.

Wheat fields are beginning to show beautiful green coverings, as a consequence of good cultivation and fertilizing, together with numerous April showers, and the warm glowing sunshine.

The blooming peach tree seems to fill every one with a halo of delight. Their loveliness appears more lovely because the prospect thus far is bright for a full crop. You city folks don't half know how to appreciate the bouyant breezes and these sweet scented blossoms as their fragrance so perfectly permeates the air about us.

If our farmers could grow a crop of corn in the next two weeks, and realize the prevailing prices, what burdens would be lifted from many a shoulder! But as such is impracticable as well as unnatural they must plod it along the whole season, and then, I fear as usual receive therefor what those gentlemen who sit about the board (of prices) see proper to say how much they will give. There is a defect, and the remedy should be sought, hastily sought. The planting of the crop will begin in a few days. OBSERVER.

The Last but Not Least.

Arbor Day at our public school taught by Miss Hettie Hadaway was very appropriately observed, and although perhaps last to report, we are not least, in everything that was entertaining and enjoyable. The school room was prettily trimmed and evergreen and holly were so arranged as to form the words "Arbor Day," and "welcome." The carefully arranged program consisted of recitations, dialogues, quotations, select readings and singing. Recitations, "Stranger on the Sill," Miss Mary Jewell; "Just like a Girl," Miss Jenny Rodney; "Life's Roses," Miss Hallie Lambert were excellently rendered. Not being able to give all the names of the scholars, I will just say they all performed their parts admirably. It would be hard to decide which was best as all did so well. But we must not forget to mention a recitation, "Lilie Baby," by Master Arthur Wheatley, (a little man of six years) which was very greatly enjoyed by the audience. The exercises were interspersed with singing by the school. Owing to indisposition of the teacher, occasioned by an attack of la grippe, we missed a treat in the form of an essay on "The Origin of Arbor Day." Mr. Chas. Wheatley very kindly assisted in the exercises and also addressed the school in a very complimentary manner. Several trees were planted. Cake, lemonade, ice cream, custard and bananas, were served abundantly to the school and quite a large number of friends for which we tender our sincere thanks to the ladies of the neighborhood who had the entire charge of the "picnic" department, which was heartily enjoyed by all. We not only congratulate our teacher on the success of the day, but on the success of the school, which we find in a very prosperous condition and we think Miss Hettie deserves great credit for her determined efforts in this direction. SCHOOL VISITOR.

Arbor Day was observed at school No. 1, district No. 4, although on account of sickness few pupils were present, and took part in the tree planting. Three trees were planted on the school green and names were given them, Alfred Tennyson, Eben F. Perkins and Lizzie F. Fowler. In the school room a short program, suitable to the day, was rendered: A responsive exercise by teacher and school; "Tree Planting." song by school; "Planting the Trees," recitations, W. Woodmender, W. H. Toulson, Edward Woodmender; "Building the Birch Canoe," Bella Groves, Sallie Groves, Belle Overend, Missouri Craner, Sophie Hickey, Walter Toulson: quotations on the culture of trees were given by the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades; selections from Tennyson were read by the school. EIZZIL.

ROCK HALL NEWS.

A Curiosity—At Their Old Tricks—The Fishing Season Opens, etc.

Fine weather having set in everybody except loafers and croakers are too busy to pay attention to matters outside of their legitimate work in hand. But we find a few of the chronic croakers endeavoring to create dissatisfaction with the oystermen's movement. Some of the oystermen themselves are trying to make it appear that there is no remedy for them against the efforts to lease the oyster beds except through the Democratic party or the Republican party, as the case may be. Pity the party that is pestered with such narrow-minded beings. A few farmers, it is claimed, are trying to sow discord among the honest tillers of the soil by making it appear that the oystermen are a non-tax-paying people; that the oyster bars ought to be sold or leased so that farmers should not bear all the expense of educating the children of the oystermen. Farmers in the oystering community bear testimony to the fact that they find a ready sale for their commodities among the oystermen and always get the cash, too; and we know that those farmers do not entertain such foolish ideas regarding the payment of taxes by the oystermen. To give your readers throughout the county some idea of what the oystermen are doing, so far as taxes and license are concerned, let us show the following: There is in what is termed Rock Hall 200 oystermen, who pay $900 for licenses to catch oysters in the waters of Kent county. These same men pay for State and county taxes about $400. (This estimate for taxes only includes 80 of the 200 oystermen, whom we know to be taxpayers.) Of course the majority of the remaining 120 pay taxes, but we are not prepared to say what amount. Neither does the above estimate include foreign white or negro oystermen. The number of oystermen in Piney Neck is no doubt equal to Rock Hall and pay as much taxes, making at least $2,600 paid by oystermen of the lower part of the fifth election district alone. So you see this is a good showing for men who were not born with silver spoons in their heads and who are not the descendants of rich ancestors; men who have accumulated what they have by honest, hard labor; in short, for men who are in nowise responsible for the small amount of taxes they pay. This is a showing that cannot be sneered at except by those who are too narrow-minded to give the matter proper thought. The sooner we realize the importance of working out the oyster problem without the interference of politics, the better it will be for all concerned.

Friend N. being so much absorbed in thoughts about the serious duties pertaining to the deputy sheriff's office, which he is, from reports, expecting to fill after January next, left his home some days since to plow a lot of land a distance of about 1½ miles. When arriving there it was found that he had left his plow gears at home! Imagine his consternation and disappointment.

Mr. A. Alexander, the popular merchant of Alexville, has quite a curiosity, it being a calf with no skin on its hips and legs, the surface seeming a mass of raw flesh.

The jaunty little steamer Gratitude, having resumed her daily trips here, has caused a lively boom in trade all along the line.

The fishermen are meeting with greater success in the catch of shad and herring than they have for a number of years past, and are realizing good prices.

The oyster business is about closed. The market is dull and the oystermen do not feel disposed to sell at the low prices, preferring to let them lay over for next season.

Some of the men are at their old tricks. After coming in from oystering about the middle of the day they hie themselves away to the coal shed on the shore or seek the long marsh grass to take a nap of sleep, whether from fear that madam will find them work in the wood pile and garden or take care of the little ones while she goes shopping and elsewhere, we know not.

Mrs. T. J. Satterfield, of Riverside, after carefully nursing her husband back to health again, departed on Wednesday last for Richmond, Va., to spend a short period of rest and pleasure with friends and relations.

Arbor day exercises were held by public school No. 8, Miss Hettie Hadaway, teacher, on Wednesday of last week. An attractive programme was given, consisting of vocal music and recitations by the pupils. Quite a number of trees and shrubbery were planted during the exercises. Many of the friends and patrons of the school were present, as well as friends from other districts by invitation. After the literary exercises and planting were over, the entire assembly were escorted into the schoolroom, where refreshments were served, consisting in part of ice-cream, cake, frozen custard, lemonade and bananas, of which all heartily partook. The whole entertainment was a most enjoyable affair. Miss Hadaway and her pupils deserve great credit for the success of the day's exercises.

The Missionary Society elected the following officers last Sunday: President, Robert Roe; secretary, Miss Elma Williams; treasurer, Virgil M. Kendall. The collections have been so far good, and if nothing serious occurs to prevent, Rock Hall will do her share for the mission world.

The trustees of the church have insured the church for three years in the Agricultural Insurance Company, of Watertown, N. Y., represented by L. B. Russell, of Chestertown. The Agricultural holds its record as one of the best companies in the country.

Kennedyville Locals.

Our farmers are happy over the bright prospects for good crops of fruit and grain and fair prices. Let us hope the "hard times" are soon to cease in Kent county.

A fistic encounter, *a la* Sullivan, took place between our popular young merchant, E. E. Hudson, and a tobacco drummer named Smith. Result—a drummer with a painted cheek and a merchant with an eye of emerald hue. It appears the drummer had la grippe this winter, which has very seriously "gripped" his head and temper.

Rev. Quincy L. Morrow and wife were tendered a reception on Saturday evening. A large number of the members and friends of the church were present, despite the inclement weather. An enjoynble evening was spent and a goodly supply for the inner man left in the parsonage larder.

Rev. C. R. Blades preached an able and eloquent sermon to a large congregation in the M. P. Church Sunday morning.

Miss Ada Hudson, of Fairlee, is visiting relatives in Kennedyville.

Mr. Samuel Nickerson, residing near Morgan's Creek, is dangerously ill. He is one of the oldest members of the Kennedyville M. P. Church. His friends are anxious for his speedy recovery. SCRIBUS.

A Leading Authority

On Men's Fashions states that quiet styles and mild patterns will prevail this summer. OEHM'S ACME HALL, truthfully the Largest Clothing, Furnishing and Hat House in Baltimore City, calls your attention to their enormous output of Fine BEST MADE articles of Spring Dress for male mankind of all ages and sizes, from 2½ years up. As usual, the proverbial Low "Acme Hall" Prices prevail, and the cost of your trip to the city can be made by purchasing from this house.

A PLEASANT PARTY.—"Dobbs" write us as follows: Mr. Frank Stevens entertained a few of his friends at his handsome residence known as Ingleside on Friday evening. Dancing was the feature of the evening. The guests began to arrive at about 8 o'clock and very fine music was rendered by Messrs. Jas. P. Wickes, and N. S. Bogle on violin; W. Larrimore and J. Ruth on Autoharp, assisted later in the evening by Prof. Eugene Wilson who we presume, missed his strong lieutenants. At about 8 o'clock they were invited to the parlor, where dancing was kept up until 12 o'clock. Then they were invited to the dining room where refreshments were tastefully arranged by skilfull hands. Dancing was kept up until 3 A. M., when all bid the host adieu and hoped to be invited to spend such a pleasant evening in the near future. Among those present we noticed: Misses Alice Wilson, Minnie Wickes, Annie Sappington, Sadie, Minnie, and Nellie Pearce, Lizzie Bryan, Mamie and Vertie Pearce, May Wilkins, Florence and Lottie Watkins, Mrs. R. Bogle, Capt. Johnny Crouch, Messrs. Willie Watkins, John and Wm. Goodman, Harry Bogle, James Pearce, Spencer Wickes, Robt. Bogle, Wm. Crouch, Harry Riley, Robert Wickes, Harry Watkins, Wm. and Richard Wilson.

GALENA LOCALS.

On Friday evening, 10th instant, the following Sunday-school officers were elected for the M. E. Sunday-school: Superintendent, R. H. Hicks; assistant, W. A. Hyland; librarian, J. P. P. Ireland; assistant, Thos. Long. The appointment of Sunday-school teachers was postponed until the next meeting.

Mr. Herman Ireland is quite sick at the home of Dr. Kelley. He has been sick since Monday morning last, but is on the mend. It is thought he has the prevailing disease, la grippe.

Sassafras and Galena creameries paid $1.30 per hundred pound for milk for the last month. The quantity of milk our creamery is receiving is increasing every week now.

Presiding Elder A. Smith preached an able sermon in the church at this place on Sunday evening last from Amos 3: 3. The house was filled to its utmost capacity and all seemed pleased at the discourse. On Monday morning quarterly conference was held in the church. At the close of the conference there was a surprise in store for the presiding elder. A reception and dinner was given. Some time before a committee of three ladies was appointed—Mrs. Gooding, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Lewis C. Hayes—to have the general management of the reception, and they made a grand success of the affair, all being under the very efficient management of the ladies of the church in general, ably assisted by the pastor, Mr. Nelson, and his wife. At about fifteen minutes past twelve o'clock, when the presiding elder entered the chapel he was utterly surprised at seeing the long table fairly groaning under its load of edibles, tempting to the apetite and pleasant to the eye, for there was an abundance of all the good things the season affords. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers and potted plants. After the company was introduced to the presiding elder Mr. Nelson led in singing the long meter doxology, after which Mr. Smith delivered a very interesting address on the presiding eldership. He said it was as much of a surprise to him as to many others that he was named as presiding elder for this district. He was sorry to leave the good people of Middletown, but if this reception was an index to what he might expect in his travels through his district surely his lot must have fallen in pleasant places. This was the first time in the history of the church here that there was a reception and dinner given to a presiding elder, especially of a public nature. When the table was cleared short and appropriate addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Smith, Rev. E. H. Nelson, T. A. Meredith and W. A. Hyland. Taken all together, those present seemed to enjoy themselves very much. Those who partook of the bounteous hospitality of the ladies of the church numbered about sixty, and are as follows:

Rev. A. Smith, P. E., Rev. E. H. Nelson and wife, T. A. Meredith and daughter, Wm. A. Hyland and wife, S. T. Caldwell and wife, C. E. Lane and wife, W. T. Hicks and wife, J. C. Briscoe and sons, Wm. A. Wilson and wife, Dr. E. A. Scott and wife, Wm. Rodgers, Samuel Todd and wife, Wm. A. Whitaker, R. H. Hicks, Henry Parr, Miss Mollie Wilson, Miss Boyd, Miss Lena Ireland, Mrs. Mattie Peacock, Mrs. Hannah Gooding, Mrs. Hayes and adughter, Mrs. M. Ruth, Miss L. K. Scott, Miss Clifton, of Felton, Del., Mrs. Scott, Misses Minnie and Kate Scott, Miss E. Stradley, Miss P. Nelson, Miss Olie Price, Miss Mollie Stephens, Wm. H. Kelley and wife, of Locust Grove; Charles Hill and wife and Mrs. Geo. Beasten, of Locust Grove; Miss Walters and sister, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Robinson.

This surprise reception and dinner to Presiding Elder Smith will long be remembered by those who were there, and no better way could be devised to introduce the presiding elder to the people whom he is expected to serve for the next six years, as it makes the reverend gentleman feel that he is a welcome visitor.

Gardening now seems to have taken the first place in the minds of our town folks.

THE Board of Trade will meet next Monday night. Let every one attend.

50,000 BUYERS

supplied their wants during the past year in our Great Store. The vast host of patrons is all evidence of our ability to please your views at the prices you wish to pay but we can just as easily clothe 100,000 members of male mankind as half that number, and shall leave no stone unturned to retain our old friends and constantly add new ones; when you buy from us you need have no concern about quality or prices, both are always right—our guarantee and well earned reputation for reliability assure that.

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RATIFICATION NOTICE.

John D. Urie, assignee,
versus
Lewis S. Hepbron and wife,

In the Circuit Court for Kent Co., in Equity.

ORDERED, this 3d day of April, 1891, that the sale of the Real Estate made and reported by JOHN D. URIE, trustee under the power in a mortgage from Lewis S. Hepbron and wife to Emily M. Decorse, dated August 22, 1884, and recorded in Liber S. B., No. 5, Folio 689, a Land Record Book for Kent county, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 5th day of June, next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 5th day of May next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,275.

SAMUEL BECK, CLERK.
True copy, Test—
SAMUEL BECK, CLERK.
April 4, 1891—4t.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Reopening of the M. E. Church, Chestertown—Other Newsy Items.

Sunday was a memorable day in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Chestertown, R. Irving Watkins, pastor. The reopening of the church was the occasion for the elaborate preparation. The improvements have been heretofore mentioned in the NEWS. Rev. Thos. E. Terry, of Dover, delivered in fine style a grand sermon in the morning, choosing the words, "Open the Window Eastward," for a text. The M. P. Church closed in the morning for the occasion and its members were present and enjoyed the sermon. The house was crowded, many not being able to find seats and were compelled to stand. The special music was rendered by a double quartette, Miss Anna G. Lambert, Mrs. Hiram Brown, Messrs. C. M. Lucas, J. W. Bordley, of Chestertown, and Misses Anna Cole and Rosa Busey, Messrs. J. Robinson C. Jones, of Baltimore. The organ was played by Miss Belle Cole, of Baltimore, and the rich tones of the organ were fully brought out by the accomplished young musician. At night the crowd was but little less than in the morning. Rev. Mr. Terry occupied the pulpit and delivered an able sermon, choosing for his text, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious stone, a sure foundation." The trimming of the church with lilies and blooming flowers was on as elaborate a scale as ever before and the arrangement certainly was very effectively done.

Monday night Miss Cole gave an organ recital and brought out the various melodies of the organ. Miss Rosa Busey rendered several vocal selections in a very creditable manner. She has a sweet, bird-like voice and greatly pleased her audience. Miss Cole's progam included the following classical selections:

Fugue on First Phrase of Chorale—"We All Believe in One True God"—Bach; (a) Pastorale, (b) Offertorie, Aloys Klein; Prayer and Cradle Song, Guilmant; "Weeping Forever," Handel; Gavotte from "Mignon," Thomas; Andante in D—Op 74, Silas; "Jerusalem the Golden," with variations, W. L. Spark; Allegro Moderato, Henry Smart; (a) "Supplication," Tosti—(b) "An Old Garden," Hope Temple; Ave Maria, Arcadelt-Lizst; St. Cecilia Offertoire, No. 2, Ed. Batiste.

Rev. Albert Ware of St. Clement's, Massey's, Kent county, has been visiting friends of his former Parish, Wye, during this week.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Adams preached at the Protestant Episcopal Church, Chestertown, Wednesday night to a good congregation. A class of six ladies received the right of confirmation.

Rev. K. Stephens, president of the Epworth League of the Easton District, will deliver a lecture on the "Aim of the League in the M. E. Church, Chestertown, next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Rev. W. R. Graham preached his farewell sermon to a large audience Sunday night. The solo "Calvary" by Miss Julia Thompson and "Mighty Jehovah" by choir with solo by Mr. W. W. Chapman were a special feature and were excellently rendered. Dr. H. L. Dodd had charge of the music.

Rev. R. Semple Rowe, well and favorably known in Kent, concluded a pastorate of nine years at Washington st. M. P. Church last Sabbath. He has done a great work there.

Rev. E. H. Hagen, of Stapleton, N. Y., has been on a visit to his father-in-law, Mr. J. W. Copper, near Lynch's, this week.

Rev. E. C. Macnichol, one of the popular ministers of the Wilmington M. E. Conference, says "we received a genuine Maryland reception, kind and generous at Sudlersville."

The following officers were elected at the meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association last Tuesday evening for the ensuing six months: President, M. Wilbur Thomas; vice-president, William Burke; recording sec'y, Geo. B. Twilley; corres. sec'y, William Elliott; treasurer, Wm. B. Coleman.

Rev. Joseph H. Geoghegan who served the people of Fairlee so faithfully writes us from near Cordova, as follows: I am very much pleased with my new field of ministerial labor. I made my first round on the circuit on last Sabbath, and received the word of welcome from all Christian hearts. The new field is a desirable territory for any young man to work in. The country is healthy—the land high and rich and the people everywhere kind, hospitable, and open-hearted to acquaintances and strangers alike. Talbot reminds me very much of Kent in many respects. But, Mr. Editor, though I am separated from my many good friends and acquaintances in Kent yet my regard and interest in them are so kind that I wish to hear of them and from them through your most excellent paper. Therefore send me your paper immedately."

The new pastor of the M. E. Church at Georgetown, the Rev. J. D. Rigg, has made a very favorable impression upon his congregation. He was secretary of the conference and is now so busily engaged in preparing the minutes that he will be unable to remove there permanently for some time.—*Morning News.*

DIED.

In Philadelphia, on March 30, 1891, of lung trouble, DR. EDWARD GAILLARD. He was born in Florence in 1833. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

In Rock Hall, Monday morning, March 30, 1891, ELLANORA B. STEVENS, daughter of James F. and Cassie J. Stevens, aged 17 months and 19 days.

Go to thy rest, fair child,
Go to thy dreamless bed,
Gentle, and meek and mild,
With blessings on thy head;
One beautiful lily in thy hand,
Flowers on thy pillow laid,
Haste from this blighting land
Where flowers so quickly fade.
This lovely bud, so young, so fair,
Called hence by earthly doom,
Just came to show how sweet a flower
In paradise would bloom.
Ere sin could harm or sorrow fade,
Death came with friendly care,
The opening bud to heaven conveyed
And bade it blossom there. MOTHER.

A bud the gardener gave us,
A pure and lovely child;
He gave it to our keeping,
To cheerish undefiled,
But just as it was opening
To the glory of the day,
Down came the Heavenly gardener
And took our bud away.
Another little lamb has gone
To dwell with Him who gave;
Another little darling babe
Is sheltered in the grave.
God needed one more angel child
Amidst His shining band,
And so he bent with loving smile
And clasped our darling's hand. FATHER.

Weep not, fond parents, weep,
Arise and breast the storm,
'Tis her, the loved one sleeps,
She will wake on the new born morn.—E.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

MARY M. STAM,
late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 14th day of October, 1891, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber. Given under my hand this 7th day of April 1891.

COLIN F. STAM,
Administrator.
April 11, 1891—4t.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'

Annual Notice.

THE County Commissioners of Kent county will meet at their office in Chestertown,

ON TUESDAY, the 3d of March, 1891,

AT 10½ o'clock A. M.,

and will continue to meet at the same place and hour EVERY TUESDAY until the 5th day of May next, for the purpose of noting transfers and correcting assessments. All persons who have sold or transferred any assessable property since their last sitting for said purpose, are particularly requested to attend at an early day to have their assessments corrected and adjusted.

After TUESDAY, 5th of May, next,

no alterations or corrections in the assessments will be made for the present year.

☞All persons having ACCOUNTS against the county are requested to present the same on or before TUESDAY, 2d 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,
ROBERT C. MORGAN,
GEO. W. RODENHISER,
JOHN A. GROVES,
JOHN DICKINSON,
COMMISSIONERS.
Attest—T. WATERS RUSSELL, Clerk.
Feb. 28, 1891.

FLOUR by the barrel or sack. WESTCOTT & DODD.

KILLED IN HER BED!

A Lady Murdered by Burglars in Cecil County Maryland.

The Husband Fatally Shot—A Horrible Crime by Robbers in a Country House in the Night—Escape of the Assassins.

On last Monday morning a horrible murder was committed about 1 o'clock at the pretty home of J. Granville Richards, at Porter's Bridge, in Cecil county. The circumstances of the terrible affair, as learned are substantially as follows:

At 1 o'clock Monday morning Mrs. Richards was awakened from a sound sleep by a noise in the direction of the bureau in her bed room. She listened and heard enough to satisfy her that something was wrong, and then peering into the darkness she saw the faint outlines of two men. She screamed, awakening her husband, who was lying beside her. As soon as she did this one of the ruffians approached her bedside, and placing a revolver close to her head, fired. The ball entered the brain close behind the left ear.

The husband by this time had raised himself to a sitting position in his bed and he at once became the target of the other burglar, the ball from his revolver taking effect in Mr. Richard's left groin, coming out in the lower part of the back, just below the kidneys. Mr. Richards snatched a revolver from under his pillow and fired two or three shots, all of which missed their mark, but he says he could have shot one of the men dead but for the fear that the other figure might be that of his eldest son and this kept him from firing in that direction.

Meanwhile the wife lay in an unconscious and dying condition on the bed, her life-blood pouring from the large gaping wound, but she lingered on until about six o'clock next morning, when she died.

A HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE.

Mr. Richards, though shot in a critical manner, and fast weakening from the loss of blood leaped from his bed, and rushed upon his wife's murderers.

At the top of the stairway leading into his room he had a hand-to-hand battle with the ruffians, during which one of them sent another pistol ball into his abdomen. The shock threw him down a flight of stairs, and at a point about two-thirds of the way down he was fallen upon by the murderers and badly beaten with an iron bar. Here his arm and wrist were broken and he was cut about the neck and face.

The other inmates of the house were his four children, all boys, the oldest being about 17 and the youngest 7 years old. They did not hear the noise attending the murderous attack on their parents, as they slept in a remote portion of the large building. A servant girl sleeping in a room in the back portion of the house was not aroused until the murderers were about leaving the premises, when considerable noise was made by them in their hurry to get away.

They gained an entrance to the house by breaking through a window leading from a rear porch.

SEARCHED EVERY ROOM.

Before Mrs. Richards was awakened by the robbers they had entered all the rooms except one occupied by Mrs. Randolph Langdon, of Oxford, who was visiting there. They took two pocketbooks out of Mr. Richards' clothes, which were lying near the bed. They also took his gold watch, a valuable engrayed one, and a silver one belonging to one of the sons. This was dropped on the stairs in their haste to get away. The two older sons, Harry and Will, secured their shot-guns and started out after the robbers, but failing to find them, proceeded to alarm the neighbors. Drs. Crothers and Turner, of Colora and Rising Sun, were summoned at 4 o'clock. They gave the wounded man and woman their best attention, but Mrs. Richards was beyond medical aid. Of Mr. Richards' recovery there is but little hope. Mr. Randolph Langdon, of Oxford, Pa., a brother of Mrs. Richards, who was visiting at his mothers' residence near by, hurried to the place and took charge of affairs, his wife being already there, as stated above. Telegrams describing the murderers as far as possible were sent out and citizens started on the trail of the men. They tracked them across the fields, but finally lost the trail. The men separated and ran in different directions soon after leaving the house, one going north and the other south.

A theory held by some is that Mr. Richards was followed to his home from Baltimore on Saturday evening by the two robbers, who supposed that he carried with him a large sum of money, and that they remained in the neighborhood until Sunday night, when they made the attack.

Mr. J. Granville Richards is about 38 years of age and his wife was about one year his junior. He holds a position as examiner in the Baltimore Custom House, and it has been his custom to only be at his home on Saturday and Sunday nights.

About five years ago he was a member of the Maryland Legislature. He came home on Saturday evening last, as he was in the habit of doing, and the fact of the murderers making their visit on Sunday night, le