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SATURDAY MORNING.....APRIL 25, 1891

Meeting of County Executive Committee.

THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet at the Court House in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, May 5, 1891, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of fixing upon a day for making nominations, and other necessary business.

WM. S. WALKER,
Chairman County Executive Committee.

THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is composed of the following gentlemen from the several districts:

First District—J. Fletcher Wilson, C. O. Cacy, Isaac Gibbs, Thos. E. Roe, Noble E. Pennington.

Second—Dennis J. Nowland, C. W. Spry, Wm. J. Hurlock, George O. Roeder, Wm. Fletcher Melvin.

Third—R. C. Smyth, W. R. Gale, W. W. Rasin, Geo. W. Rodenhizer, J. W. Ivens.

Fourth—Wm. S. Walker, H. H. Barroll, J. M. J. Byron, C. F. Stam, J. W. Loud.

Fifth—E. R. Strong, E. H. Strong, Geo. E. Leary, H. S. Francis, W. M. Miller.

MEETING OF KENT OYSTERMEN.

Permanent Organization–Resolutions Passed —Extra Delegations, etc.

In pursuance to call, the oystermen met on Wednesday night at Rock Hall and permanently organized, as follows: Chairman, Captain James B. Willson; secretary, J. R. Ryan; vice-chairman, Isaac Briden, treasurer, Wm. W. Coleman. The following named gentlemen were added to original list of delegates to represent the Kent county oystermen at the mass meeting to be held in Baltimore on the 30 inst. Wm. J. Vannort, Daniel Hadaway, R. L. Hynson, J. M. Downey, J. T. Stevens, W. P. Durding, W. T. Harrison, T. E. Sewell, T. R. Strong, T. A. Hudson, Geo. Vickers, T. J. Fletcher, J. B. Downey and B. H. Coburn.

The following was also passed as the sense of the meeting:

WHEREAS, By the lax execution of the oyster law in the past dredging was carried on principally in forbidden waters, and the supply of oysters carried to Baltimore, was in consequence very large, and

WHEREAS, By reason of the recent enforcement of the law against unlawful dredging the supply of oysters has not equaled the demand and certain parties have gotten up the hue and cry that the oyster beds and bars are exhausted and ought to be sold or leased by the State—

The oystermen of Kent county, in mass meeting assembled at Rock Hall, declare:

1st, That the oyster beds and bars of the Chesapeake bay and Chester river are not exhausted as alledged.

2nd. That the bars are depleted and run down and have become so by illegal dredging.

3rd. That the beds will soon replenish themselves if allowed proper rest and freedom from dredging and scraping.

4th. That the tonging interests of Kent county is one of the largest and most important industries in the county. Over seven hundred men are engaged in this industry, who own two hundred thousand dollars' worth of property, and pay five thousand dollars for school, State and county taxes, and who bring into the county not less than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars annually, as the result of their toil, which is distributed among the merchants, mechanics and farmers for necessaries and supplies.

Be it therefore Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the contemplated sale and giving away of the bottoms of the bay and rivers is revolutionary and contrary to the principles of common justice and violates the common rights of fishery which belongs to the people of the State in common and which would be destroyed when exclusive privileges are granted.

H. W. Vickers, of Chestertown and G. E. Leary, of Rock Hall addressed the meeting which was quite large. Another meeting will be held on Wednesday night next, to enroll on the roster of the association for active campaign work until the adjournment of the next General Assembly of Maryland, all who are willing to defend the rights and privileges of the oystering interests.

Close of the Oyster Season.

The oyster season closed Monday, but catchers of oysters are allowed until April 30 to dispose of what they have on hand. Notwithstanding the wailings of the packers and dredgers of Baltimore of the scarcity of oysters, Kent oystermen have no reason to complain. The number of licenses issued by the clerk of our circuit court was 729, and the number of bushels caught is thought to be equal, if not more, than last year's catch. The price has been nearly double, and $165,000 has been paid the oystermen of Kent county. Last year the average price paid was forty and fifty cents, while this year it has been seventy and eighty cents. Captain Horney, of the Helen Baughman, was in town this week and thinks that if the dredgers had been run off the bars years ago oysters would be as abundant as ever before. He also says, and so do many others with whom we have talked, that what the beds need is protection and the enforcement of the culling law. We are sure he will do his part in this connection if the oystermen will act with him.

The prospect for a good season next winter is very promising. Captain James B. Willson and R. G. Jones, both men of long experience in this matter, say the beds are covered with young oysters, much of which is due to the culling law. Captain Jones says the oyster does not grow in the summer, but soon as the winter comes, or when the spawning season is over, they grow very rapidly, and he gives practical reasons for his belief.

The capitalists of Maryland and other States are cognizant of the rich value of our beds without us informing them, and are endeavoring with all their strength to take them from us. They remind us of a hawk with wings beating the air and flying over his prey ready when the opportune moment arrives to pounce down upon it. By notice in another article it will be seen that our oystermen are awake to this subject. Concert of action by the oystermen in all the tidewater counties is what is needed. These rich beds must not be sold or given away. They belong to the *people;* therefore let the people continue to own them and not a few capitalists.

FRUIT EXCHANGE.—The Fruit and Produce Exchange held its annual meeting Friday at its office, on Henderson's wharf. The following officers and directors were elected: John W. Corey, of Kent county, president; Henry W. Murray, of Anne Arundel county; James S. Harris, of Kent county; Samuel T. Earle, of Queen Anne's county; Norris Barnard, of Kent county, John A. Groves, of Kent county; John W. Cruett, John Volz, Anton Rasmussen, Louis Kann and Alexander Dolfield.

President Corey stated that the peach crop in Kent was most encouraging, and, if the May frost is light, the indications are that the crop will be very large.

TONGERS ARRESTED.—Captain Horney, of the Helen Baughman, arrested Harry Webb and James Downey, of this county, on Friday last, for violating the oyster law in tonging in Queen Anne's waters with patent oyster tongs. Justice Goldsborough heard the case and discharged them because of insufficient proof.

THE 25th annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association will be held at Ocean City, Md., on the 7th, 8th and 9th of July.

ARGUMENT was begun in the Archer bond cases before the Court of Appeals on Wednesday. Mr. Gans holds that Archer was elected for a definite term, and the sureties are only liable for that definite term. Mr. Poe takes a different view.

GEORGE BRAM, held at Elkton on suspicion in connection with the Richards murder, will have a hearing today.

Peaches Safe—What Next?

The peach crop may now be considered as reasonably safe. The frost of Monday night did no material injury, and now that the trees are well leafed frosts will not readily reach the peach germs. And now that the crop is well assured another matter of vital importance confronts the grower. *What will he do with his crop?* It is all well enough to say there is sure to be a good market—the failure of the past years—the scarcity of canned goods—the increased population—the enlarged shipping facilities, &c., &c., — all give great promise. We can readily appreciate these things, but at the same time, it must not be forgotten that peach growing now has reached proportions in this country never before dreamed of; north and south, east and west, everywhere the orchards are planted and promising, and every section will be on the hunt for a market. The result will be that the most enterprising and intelligent efforts will secure the best results, and while some peach growing sections will realize good returns for their fruit others that have simply "trusted to luck" may find their crops an aggravation and a failure.

What is needed now among peach growers is an intelligent comprehension of the situation, and then *prompt action and preparation*, so that they will not be entirely at the mercy of speculators.

We suggest a meeting of peach growers at some early day, say the middle of May, in Chestertown, to discuss the matter. It could not possibly do harm and might result in untold advantage. There is certainly great danger in *indifference*, and more certainly the grower needs every dollar he can get out of the prospective crop.

The columns of the NEWS are open to suggestions from the growers themselves. Consider the matter at once—write to us—what shall be done?

The Farmers' Alliance in Kent could not entertain at this moment a matter of such importance as this. Most, if not all its members, are fruit growers, and every pocket is directly and materially affected along this line. Discuss this subject at an early day and act.

Local Politics.

In another column will be found the call of the chairman of the county executive committee for that body to meet on Tuesday, May 5, to consider the subject of time and plan for county nominations. There is a wonderful quietness in political circles considering the number of candidates to be voted for next fall. This is accounted for in the fact that the universal sentiment of the Democratic party is against personal contests and in favor of some plan by which the voice of the people can be heard in the interest of the *party* as well as of individual candidates, through the people's representatives. Any one has the right to be a candidate, of course; indeed it is very proper that persons should state their desires for official position, but it is the degrading and vicious system of personal politics that is objected to, in which men force themselves by intrigue, by the use of money and many other questionable practices upon the people. The party cannot stand any such improper methods—the day is passed, if it ever existed in Kent, when a few men could put their heads together and override the will of the people. It certainly cannot be done this year. The people must make the nominations. And it will be for the county executive committee when it meets to carefully consider the matter and decide how best the wish of the people may be made known.

We have heard numbers of names mentioned for the various offices, among them the following: For Clerk, Samuel Cacy, of the first district; W. T. Hepbron, second, and Dr. S. G. Fisher, fifth. For Register of Wills, R. C. Smyth, third district, and J. N. Dodd, J. T. Dixon and W. Melvin, of the fourth. For Sheriff, T. J. Parsons and E. J. Plummer, of the third; Cecil Morgan, fourth, and J. C. Wheatley, of the fifth. Mr. Harry S. Francis, of the fifth district, has also been strongly urged by numerous friends for sheriff, but fearing his candidacy might disturb the party harmony his sterling Democracy prompts him to decline the use of his name, and so publishes a card to this effect in another column. For Senator H. W. Vickers, Esq., seems to be the only one prominently in the public mind, and Wm. M. Slay, Esq., apparently has a clear field for State's Attorney. For the Legislature so many names have been mentioned—many of them no doubt without authority—that we refrain from giving any.

The Gorman Testimonial.

The subscription list for the Gorman testimonial has been withdrawn and, with the proceeds, nearly sixty dollars, sent to headquarters in Baltimore. Any number of names, or a large amount of money, could readily have been secured by taking the list around and making personal appeals, but this was not the object. It was simply desirable that opportunity should be given any in this county who desired to do so the opportunity to testify their appreciation of the eminent services rendered by Maryland's honored senior senator in the last congress in the defeat of the vicious force bill. A paper to this effect was left at Mr. C. F. Stam's drug store in Chestertown, and the following persons entered their names, each contributing a small amount:

Marion deK. Smith,	John Brice,
Samuel Beck,	R. G. Nicholson,
James A. Pearce,	W. S. Walker,
William B. Usilton,	Samuel Todd,
Harrison W. Vickers,	Henry Parr,
Hope H. Barroll,	James T. Brice,
Transcript,	James T. Crew,
W. Frank Hines,	Robert C. Young,
Richard D. Hynson,	W. F. Stavely,
H. M. Stuart,	W. M. Johnson,
John D. Urie,	Samuel Cacy,
Peter Brinsfield,	S. Vannort,
Allan A. Harris,	Colin F. Stam,
John Dickinson,	Willard Melvin,
Samuel Comegys,	Fred. G. Usilton.

A MURDERER'S ESCAPE.—A full account of murderer Blaney's escape from prison and his recapture will be found on our first page, also subjects for alliances to discuss. How to grow celery will be read on our fourth page no doubt with profit. A reply to Mr. Bowers' letter may also be found.

THE "Russian Tea" and supper, given by the ladies' aid society of Shrewsbury parish at Kennedyville last week, was a successful affair, $60 being realized.

OUR TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL is agitated over its working hours. The trustees, all the teachers and 110 of the 113 patrons have petitioned the county board to shorten the noon recess one-half hour so as to dismiss that much earlier in the afternoon. The board have not yet acted in the matter.

THE session of the A. M. E. Conference at Cambridge convened Wednesday.

A FATHER SHOOTS HIS SON!

Mr. Thomas Q. Primrose in a Passion Shoots His Son with a Gun—The Wound is Painful, but not Dangerous.

This community was disturbed somewhat Tuesday by the shooting of Mr. James Primrose, son of Mr. Thomas Q. Primrose, who lives in Queen Anne's about thirty yards from Chester river bridge. It was about noon when word was brought to town and Dr. J. A. Catlin summoned. He states that eighty-two No. 6 shot were taken from the young man's right leg from his hip to his ankle and that some of the shots were over an inch in the flesh. The leg was very much torn up by the shot and although the wound is very painful and serious the doctor doesn't think it will necessarily prove fatal. The doctor warned Mr. James Primrose to throw the gun away some time ago but his advice was not heeded. The young man, however, fearing lest his father might do some harm took the hammer off the gun and it was with a hammerless gun that James was shot; the cap being struck with a stone.

The circumstances of the shooting were learned to be as follows: "Polly" Bentley, a carter of Chestertown, states that he went to Mr. Primrose's farm for sand and after getting his load asked James whom he should pay and James said to him and at the same time his father approached and demanded the money. "Polly" says he didn't know who to give the money to, and while he was hesitating Mr. Primrose went to the house saying "he'd see who got it." Soon the old gentleman was seen coming with a gun and when within twenty yards of his son put the gun to his shoulder and firing the cap with a stone shot his son. The young man was carried into the home of Mr. James Coleman adjoining Mr. P.'s and there treated by Dr. Catlin.

Mr. James Primrose, after his wounds had been dressed by the doctor, stated that Bentley had been told by himself where to get the sand and his father objected saying he should not have any sand. James says he told his father that Bentley should have the sand and his father muttering something went to the house and procuring a gun approached him. He saw him take aim but was so dazed that he didn't know what to do. He does not desire his father to be arrested and says he will not appear against him.

Mr. Wm. Coleman and wife were standing in their door when the shooting took place. Mrs. C. called to James to run but he did not heed her and only crouched down to the ground.

Mr. Primrose is the owner of that beautiful tract of land on Chester river, part of which is known as Primrose's point. He has a wife in Wilmington, having been employed there for the past four years. Mr. Primrose, who is about 72, received a paralytic stroke about one year ago and has been considered non compos mentis ever since. Immediately after the shooting he went in his house and re-loaded his gun. He was seen late in the evening running towards the peach orchard but scantily dressed. He was in town Monday and tried to buy a pistol of Mr. Wm. C. A. Thompson, but Mr. T. did not think it wise to let him have it. He has been unable to articulate very clearly and has to write his desires, unless he wants to swear and then it seems as if the oaths flow freely. He asked that his wife be sent for immediately.

Mr. James Primrose, the wounded man, is about 21 years of age and is well-known in Chestertown. He is a stylish and fascinating young man, popular with the ladies and his quick recovery is hoped for. He has been living in Wilmington but came home to nurse his father. A lady visiting Chestertown has an interesting story to relate of her call at the residence of the young man. She says that having been caught out in a shower about a week ago a short distance from the bridge rapped at the door of the "white house." Some one came to the door with a sort of "Mother Hubbard" dress on, gathered around the neck and wrists. She was undecided as to whether it was a man or a woman, but after a while became convinced that it was a man. She told him why she stopped and expecting to find some ladies within, walked in to the fire. She found not a female about the house. The young man went about his work making bread and she learned that he attended to the house-keeping generally, his father being paralyzed. She says she was very favorably impressed with the young man and is loud in her praises of his general usefulness about a house. She states that although there was no carpet on the floor other things looked all right and very well when the fact was considered that a *man* was the keeper. His father is a very passionate man and it was only the day before that he struck his son with a stick for collecting money for sand.

Constable Armstrong, of Church Hill, held a magistrate's trial at the house Wednesday evening and held Mr. Primrose in $500 bail. The bail was not furnished and he was locked up in Centreville jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Mrs. Primrose arrived by train Wednesday and is at her son's side.

Mr. James Primrose was removed to his home Wednesday night and Dr. Catlin reports him doing very well.

A move is being inaugurated to summon a jury of inquest on Mr. Thomas Primrose and it is likely his case will be acted upon at once.

TREE PLANTING.—The town commissioners have had over one hundred trees planted from College avenue to the mill. Most of the trees are Norway Maples and it will not be many years before a beautiful and shady walk will be afforded our citizens. Three trees have been planted in front of Market square by Messrs. H. H. Barroll, Colin F. Stam and the NEWS and space is left for others to put their trees down. Do it immediately, as the time for tree planting will soon be gone. Those planted are Norway Maples. H. H. Barroll, Esq., has planted 200 trees along the river front on his farm near town.

DAMAGE SUIT.—Mr. Charles H. Taylor, a former well-known citizen of Chestertown, has brought suit in the Superior Court of Baltimore for damages against the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the extent of $3,000 for personal injuries. On the night of the 28th of February last the plaintiff, while walking up Pennsylvania ave., near Dolphin-st., caught his foot in a hole in the pavement, which the city had negligently allowed to remain out of repair, and broke his ankle bone and received other injuries.

BICYCLING.—The delightful weather has given our bicyclists a chance to do much riding. A club is expected to be formed soon. Among those who are adept in the art are Messrs. Colin F. Stam, C. S. Smith, Clinton Wroth, R. S. Thomas, Owen Smith, Carle Westcott, Harry G. Simpers, Harry Rickey, Jr., and some others who have no wheel. These machines cost from $80 to $135.

THE Republican Club Wednesday night elected Messrs. Wilbur Eliason, C. S. York, and Wm. J. Vannort as delegates to the convention of clubs which meets in Baltimore May 6. Messrs. J. W. Chapman, and Fred Welch were made alternates.

A Short Term.

One of the most gratifying events of the week to the general public is the short term of the April circuit court. The taxpayers especially rejoice at this, as it aids to lessen the public burden, and the whole community may be congratulated upon its indication of a good condition of the *morals'* of the county. A term of only *three days* is more than rare, it is wonderful for an April session, which is one of the two jury terms of the year in which all the criminal and most of the equity business is transacted. It is the shortest term in the history of the "oldest inhabitant." The longest term we have ever known was *twenty* days, but that was broken into several sessions. On several occasions in recent years the jury term has been known to continue thirteen days. The grand jury has before been able to conclude its labors in three days, but not often. Its duration has averaged from four to six days.

Operations Begun.

The Chestertown Strawboard mill, Mr. W. Matthews general manager, begun operations Wednesday noon and will continue to run day and night. Mr. W. H. Burke, of Anderson, Ill., is here and says the mill is turning out No. 1 paper, working in elegant condition and under the direction of a practical young gentleman. He is an employe of the American Strawboard Co., having been in the business over thirty years and says there is no reason why the mill should not continue to run permanently, that is, if the quality of paper has anything to do with it. There seems to be no trouble in securing straw although some of it is a little injured by the scab. The full force of employes are now at work, about fifty men in all being employed. A carload of mules is expected in a few days. The busy hum of machinery, the rumble of the wagons, the long rested whistle can now be heard, and the merchants can see the increase in their sales. May it continue to run and prove profitable!

Board of Trade Meeting.

The Board of Trade of Chestertown, although not yet incorporated, is going right along transacting business as the papers are expected to be signed every day and will no doubt be all fixed up before the next meeting. President Eliason was in the chair and Secretary Brown at his post. A letter was read from Mr. Dunn, of Baltimore, offering to furnish sixteen arch lights for $2000 and other companies desired to put in bids. They were all referred to the executive committee. The manufacturing committee made quite a lengthy report which was accepted with thanks. Letters were read from various manufacturing firms and communication has been opened with others. Among other things the committee passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a request be submitted by the Board of Trade of Chestertown, to the county commissioners of Kent county and the commissioners of Chestertown, for them to enact such resolutions and regulations, as will exempt manufacturing plant in Chestertown from county and municipal taxation for ten years, from the date of the opening of such factory.

Resolved, That a request be submitted by the Board of Trade of Chestertown, to the transportation companies touching at Chestertown, to establish schedules of cheap rates of freights to Chestertown, for raw material that may be consigned here for manufacturing purposes, and similarly low rates for the shipment of all articles manufactured in Chestertown and consigned elsewhere.

Resolved, That the committee on real estate be requested to secure a list of available sites for factories, together with an option price on each with terms, and that a list thereof be furnished this committee for use and reference.

Resolved, That we congratulate our fellow citizens of Kent county upon the grand success of the new system of the collection and disbursement of State and county taxes, 99¾ per cent. of the whole tax levied in 1890 having been collected between September 1, 1890 and April 1, 1891 during a period of great agricultural depression and financial stringency.

The board adjourned to meet next Monday, April 27, 1891.

Freaks of Lightning.

A heavy rain storm with sharp lightning and peals of thunder visited this county Saturday evening. The storm seems to have been most severe in the neighborhood of Kennedyville and Fairlee, the lower section of the county having escaped without serious damage.

Mr. Geo. W. Hatcherson lost two horses and another was injured. The lightning passed through a loft of hay, splintered a stall post and killed the horses standing opposite each other. One of the horses was about seven years old, while the other was "Charley Plummer" aged about 23. He was formerly owned by the late James H. Plummer and was a great pet of his. He was an excellent traveller, a gentle and good family horse. Both of the horses were insured. It has not been a great while ago since Mr. Hatcherson's house was damaged by the lightning and his dishes turned topsy turvy. There were about 15 horses in the stable and all were somewhat deafened, but have since recovered.

A tenant house on the farm of Robert Comly, near Locust Grove, was struck and the gable end damaged. It was occupied by a family of colored people name Johnson and of course they were very much frightened.

The stack-yard of the farm tenanted by Mr. John P. Vandyke, near Shrewsbury Church, was entirely destroyed. Two stacks were burning Sunday morning until noon, the straw being very wet.

At Sandy Bottom the colored people were very much excited. In one house a baby was killed, two darkeys stunned and a dog that was under the house was killed.

A report from Fairlee states that two men were walking along the road when the lightning killed a dog that was between them. They say it was too close for comfort.

In the telephone office at Kennedyville much confusion was created by the lightning. A ball of fire is said to have followed the wire into the office and exploded with a report like a gun, burning the ceiling. A number of loud reports occurred, frightning men and several horses hitched to a rack in the vicinity. Quite a number of telegraph and telephone poles were shattered. An old willow tree in the rear of the Chestertown public school was struck and somewhat shattered. Also a tree near Wm. Perkins' saloon

A house at Georgetown received a severe shaking from the bolt and some of the weather-boarding was knocked off.

A small house on "Tulip Forest," tenanted by Zeke Stewart was struck and Stewart and his wife were badly stunned, and the clock on the shelf was torn to pieces.

KICKED.—Mr. Walter Skirven got too near the heels of one of his horses Sunday and received a hard blow on his leg. He was unable to walk for a short time but by the use of a little liniment he is getting all right, and will no doubt not stand so close to the animal's heels next time.

READ carefully Thos. S. Bordley's Clothing Advertisement in this issue of the NEWS. He advertises the largest and most complete stock of clothing for the spring's trade he has had for 10 years, and has made a *Special Feature* of $10.00 suits for men.

INSTRUMENTS TUNED.—Mr. Joseph Haid is a reliable piano and organ tuner who has done much work in Chestertown. He will visit us at any time but suggests that it will be to the mutual advantage of himself and patrons for several to club together in ordering work.

Personal Mention.

James A. Pearce, Esq., has been confined to his bed all this weeek. He was better yesterday, but unable to be up.

Mr. A. J. Cahall, we are pleased to state is able to be up and about his room.

Mr. Wm. R. Gale who is in the Pullman car service, Baltimore, recently met with an accident by which his arm was dislocated.

Mrs. G. L. Chrisfield, of Locust Grove, has returned home from a two weeks' visit to relatives in Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Anna Lambert has been appointed organist at the M. E. Church, Chestertown, by the board of trustees. Miss Anna presided at the organ with satisfaction last Sunday.

Mrs. Wilbur Eliason, Mrs. Hiram Brown, and Miss Anna Brown have been enjoying a visit to Philadelphia this week.

Mr. J. B. Sappington expects to remove with his family to Baltimore next week.

Mr. John W. Bordley's family removed to Baltimore yesterday, where Mr. Bordley is engaged as salesman in the New York clothing house.

Rev. D. L. Greenfield occupied his pulpit in Christ Church Sunday and preached able sermons to large congregations both morning and night.

Mr. J. H. Duwees, who is studying medicine in Philadelphia, has been visiting his father Mr. D. U. Duwees, at Kennedyville. He was in town Tuesday and paid the NEWS a call.

Miss Nannie McKenney, of Centreville, is the guest of Miss Jacobs at Kennedyville.

Miss Annie Boyer and Miss Maggie McKnett, of Kent county, who have been visiting Mrs. W. T. Legg, of Kent Island returned home last Tuesday.

Mr. Chas. B. Warren, so well known throughout Kent, is now connected with J. E. Whittington & Co., commission firm of Baltimore.

Mrs. J. Welsh Crew is dangerously ill at her residence near Lankford.

Miss Emma Smith has been quite ill with the grip the past two weeks. She is better at this writing.

Harry, son of Mr. J. H. Simpers, entertained a number of his friends Thursday evening, it being his seventeenth birthday. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by each one present.

Mr. L. J. Smith, teacher of Kennedyville school, has about recovered from his attack of grip. His school had to be closed for over a week on account of his sickness.

Major B. B. Wroth says he has been crier of the circuit court for seventeen years and three days is the shortest term he has ever known. His predecessors in the crier's office as far as he can recollect were: S. S. Usilton, J. W. Philips, David Arthur and John Mansfield.

Miss Maggie V. Hersch, of Rock Hall, attended the third Anniversary of Sisterhood Branch, No 737, of the order of the Iron Hall which was held in Baltimore on the evening of the 21st inst., of which she is a member. An interesting program was rendered, after which refreshments were served.

The Rev. S. J. Baker, recently appointed to Crumpton Circuit Methodist Episcopal Church, Queen Anne's county, being unable to fill the place because of ill-health, the presiding elder has placed the charge in the hands of its late pastor, Rev. J. B. Merritt. This is in accord with the wish of the circuit as expressed at conference.

Capt. P. L. McConnor, of the Chester S. B. Co., so well and favorably known to our people, is lying dangerously ill at his home in Baltimore with typhoid malaria. He came over in command of the Emma Ford Saturday a week ago. In the afternoon shortly after arriving at Chestertown he was taken with a severe chill, a high fever succeeded so severe that it required the combined efforts of strong men to keep him in bed. On Monday following he returned by the boat to Baltimore. His condition was so critical that his brother, Wm. C. McConnor, was telegraphed for on Sunday, and went to Baltimore that evening by tug that happened in the river—*Advocate.*

We have since learned that the captain is very much better being able to sit up.

Mr. Wm. Turpin and John Brown, of Centreville, were in town last Wednesday on business.

Miss Willie Wickes, of Baltimore, spent last Sunday at the home of Captain R. S. Emory.

Mr. Benj. F. Beck, Jr., gave a very pleasant little dance at his residence near Lankford last Friday night to a few of his friends. Good music was furnished for the occasion and all enjoyed a very delightful evening.

Clinton Roberts, Esq., of the Centreville *Observer*, was in town on business Saturday.

Mr. Benj. Elliott, of Crisfield, is visiting his son in Chesfertown.

Rev. J. B. Merritt, of Crumpton, was in town Thursday.

The Big "11" Minstrels were agreeably entertained by Dr. S. G. Fisher after the performance at Rock Hall last Friday night.

Mrs. S. J. Wickes, we are sorry to learn, is lying very ill at her home near Rock Hall.

Teachers' Meeting.

The public school association met at the school-room in Chestertown yesterday morning, there being about fifty-three out of the fifty-nine teachers present. At the morning session the discussion of district libraries consumed some time and the question "Are our annual examinations, as heretefore conducted, conducive to the greatest good?" was thoroughly debated. The opinion of the majority seemed to be in the affirmative. Prof. C. W. Proctor, of Washington College, delivered a very instructive address on "Science in the Public School." The essay was read by Miss A. Cephelia Hackett. Mr. T. H. Topping acted as secretary.

OFFICERS ELECTED.—The St. James Sunday school was reorganized last Sunday morning and the following officers elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Superintendent—Wash. G. Skirven.
Assistant—Thomas J. Willis.
Female assistant—Mrs. Dell Hurlock.
Librarian—Romie Skirven.
Treasurer—John Gale.
Secretary—Wm. Willis.
Organist—Miss Hallie Usilton.
Assistant—Miss Alice Tredway.

TOWN ELECTION.—On Monday next the annual election for one commissioner of Chestertown will take place. The term of Mr. John F. Howard expires, and as he positively declines a re-election it will be necessary to select a new man. Messrs. C. T. Westcott and James A. Shaw are the hold-over members. The town interests were never in better hands than with this board and it is to be hoped that the right man will be selected to succeed Mr. Howard. Who is he?

CONTRACT AWARDED.—Mr. R. K. Pippin, of Chestertown, has been awarded the contract for building the patent roller process flouring mill near this town. He commenced tearing down the old grist mill Tuesday and expects to comlpete the mill by June 20th. A full description of the mill has heretofore been given in the NEWS, the whole cost of which will be about $5,000.

WM. PARR has removed his harness store in Still Pond to room under the town hall.

REV. ALVIN C. WILLEY will preach at Salem M. E. Church tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 10½, and at Union at 3 P. M. 1t.

PREACHING in the Worton Presbyterian Church, (tomorrow) Sunday Morning, at 10.30 o'clock, by REV. ALBERT E. KEIGWIN, Subject: 'The Fish Story.'

CHRIST M. P. CHURCH, CHESTERTOWN: Preaching tomorrow (Sunday) at 10½ A. M. and 7.45 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. D. L. GREENFIELD. Sunday School at 9½ A. M., and 2 P. M.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—REV. R. IRVING WATKINS, pastor. Sabbath Services; 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Morning: "Christ's Epistle." Evening. "Looking Backward." Sabbath School 2.15 P. M.

THERE WILL be a Quarterly Meeting of the County W. C. T. U. in the vestry of the M. E. Church, Chestertown, on TUESDAY, April 28, at 2½ o'clock P. M. A full attendance is desired as this is the most important meeting of the year. Members of the executive committee and officers of the Vs. and L. T. L. are especially requested to attend.

It. By order of the CO. PRES'T.

A CARD.—It being impossible to thank you all personally, I take this method of extending to the citizens of Still Pond and vicinity, my warmest thanks and deepest gratitude for the efficient service so bravely rendered in exterminating the fire in my out-buildings, last Tuesday night.

It. G. R. PARROTT.

A CARD.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY:

I have this day made up my mind not to be a candidate for the Sheriff's Office. Many thanks to my friends. I remain an humble servant of the Democratic Party. Very respectfully,

It. HARRY S. FRANCIS.

ENTERTAINMENT!

The Y. W. C. T. U., of Chestertown,
WILL GIVE AN ENTERTAINMENT IN
STAM'S HALL, TUESDAY, MAY 5th.
Consisting of a Farce, Silhouette and Music.
Doors open at usual time. Admission 25c.; no reserved seats. apr53-2t.

TO MONEY LENDERS!

MONEY WANTED ON FIRST MORTGAGE. INTEREST PROMPTLY PAID AND GUARANTEED ANNUALLY OR SEMI-ANNUALLY.
JOHN D. URIE, Attorney,
a25. High street, Chestertown.

HAY FOR SALE:
FIFTEEN TONS OF GOOD HAY, in building, part of it being baled Timothy.
Apply to L. C. JUSTIS, JR., or M. DEK. SMITH,
a25-3t. Chestertown, Md.

JOSEPH HAID,
1020 Aisquith St., - Baltimore, Md.
Pianos and Organs tuned and repaired in the best manner. Orders promptly attended to, and charges reasonable. a25.

TOWN PROPERTY for SALE:
The Trustees of the M. P. Church offer for sale the PARSONAGE PROPERTY, on the corner of Queen street and Maple avenue in Chestertown. The lot is large and desirable for building purposes. Terms of payment can be made to suit purchasers and possession given immediately.
It. Apply to BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

CARRIAGES!

We have at last secured the agency of the great
"Chillocothe" Two-Wheel Carriages
just the thing. A Lady's Phaeton, a Physician's Carriage, a Business Man's Buggy. No horse motion, warranted. PRICE, $75.00.
a25-5t. JOS. W. THOMPSON, AGENT.

To Farmers and the Public!

I HAVE REMOVED MY HARNESS STORE to the room formerly occupied by Jos. S. Clark, under the Town Hall, where can be found a good assortment of Harness, Bridles, Collars, Backbands, Curry Combs, Brushes, Whips, Collar Pads, Saddles, Rope and Chain Traces, Hames and every thing generally kept in a first-class Harness Store.

HARDWARE.—I have also added a stock Hardware, such as Nails, Bolts, Forks, Spades, Shovels, Rakes, Hoes, Hinges, Fence Wire, Lanterns and many other articles in this line to which I invite attention. Give me a call. Remember the place.
WILLIAM PARR,
a25-3m. STILL POND, MD.

BLACKSMITHING!

HAVING rented the shops in Galena, formerly occupied by George W. Williams, I am prepared to do all kinds of
Blacksmithing!
HORSE-SHOEING A SPECIALTY.
I am also agent for the celebrated CHAMPION BINDERS and MOWERS and propose keeping a full supply of REPAIRS for the same.
Hoping to merit a share of the patronage of the people I am respectfully yours,
MICHAEL QUINN,
a25-1m. GALENA, MARYLAND.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County.
No. 868, Equity.
Hynson & Westcott, Trustees,
versus
Martha Godwin.

THE creditors of Martha Godwin are hereby notified to file their claims, duly authenticated, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, within Two Months from the date of this notice.
By order of the Court,
EBEN F. PERKINS, AUDITOR.
April 25, 1891—3t.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County.
No. 829 Equity.
Edna Hurlock and others,
versus
R. B. M. Massey and Virmadela S. Massey.

THE creditors of Robert B. M. Massey and Virmadela S. Massey are hereby notified to file their claims, duly authenticated, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court within Two Months from the first date of this notice. By order of Court,
EBEN F. PERKINS, AUDITOR.
April 25, 1891—3t.

Bridge Examiners' Notice!

THE undersigned, examiners appointed to examine and determine whether the public convenience requires the building of
A NEW BRIDGE
over the stream at Scott's Mill, on the road from Locust Grove to Galena, hereby give notice that they will meet
On WEDNESDAY, May 27th, 1891,
at 10½ o'clock A. M., at the said mill, to execute the duties of their commission.
CORNELIUS J. SCOTT,
WILLIAM H. SPRY,
SAMUEL A. MERRITT,
a25-5t. EXAMINERS.

BENJ. B. OWENS,
Architect,
323 North Charles Street, Third Floor,
BALTIMORE.
Reference:—"KENT NEWS." ap25-tf.

LARGE COLLECTION

OF VERY DESIRABLE GOODS IN FINE
JEWELRY.-.WATCHES.-.DIAMONDS,
CLOCKS, BRONZES, &c.
LOWEST PRICES!
J. S. MacDONALD,
Nos. 6 and 8 N. Charles St., Balto., Md.
Will remove next door, corner Baltimore and Charles street, about June 15th.

A GOOD AGENT WANTED in every city to sell our Sub Rosa All Tobacco Cigarette to the trade only. Send 25 cents and we will mail you a full set of samples of cigarettes with instructions. Address M. S. PACHOLDER,
a18-3t. Sub Rosa Cigarette Factory, Balto., Md.

CAUTION NOTICE.
MY WIFE, MARY E. MEREDITH, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby forewarn all persons from harboring or trusting her on my account as I will pay no debts of her contracting. S. G. MEREDITH,
a18-3t. Overton, Kent co., Md.

DIRECTORS' ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the members of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of KENT COUNTY for the election of DIRECTORS, will be held at their office on MONDAY, May 4, 1891.
a18-3t. GEO. B. WESTCOTT, SEC'Y.

PEACHES ARE SAFE!

AND SO IS THE PURCHASER WHO ENTERS
—THE STORE OF—
WM. R. ALDRIDGE.,
—I HAVE A—
Complete Stock!
IN EVERY PARTICULAR.
MATTINGS, 18c. to 45c. per yard.
Ginghams, 10c. to 25c. per yard.
Plaid Muslins, Sateens, Embroidery.
We make a specialty of
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes.
Straw Hats, Glassware, Gentlemen's Flannel Shirts from 50 cents to $2.50. Nice line of Handkerchiefs, etc. Call and see our new line of goods.
a25. WM. R. ALDRIDGE.
CHESTERTOWN.

Stock of Store Goods for Sale!

A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.
The undersigned will sell at private sale
THE STOCK OF GOODS of PHIFER & CO.
AT WORTON STATION,
on Reasonable terms to responsible parties.
JOHN F. GODWIN, Adm'r,
a18-3t. CHURCH HILL, MD.

PUBLIC SALE OF

House and Lot of Land.

BY VIRTUE of a power contained in a mortgage from Anthony H. Brooks to William A. Brooks, dated the 18th day of June, 1879, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, in Liber D. C. B., No. 5, Folio 179, &c., the undersigned will offer at Public Sale at the Court House Door in Chestertown,

On TUESDAY, 12th day May, 1891,

at 11 o'clock A. M., all that Lot of Land lying in Still Pond Neck, and called Part of Grange, adjoining the lands of the late James Gale and others, containing

7 Acres and 25 Perches

of Land, more or Less.

The Improvements consists of a SMALL DWELLING HOUSE in fair condition. The f