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The Legislature.

The Maryland Legislature met at Annapolis Wednesday. Col. Edward Lloyd, of Talbot, was elected president of the Senate, and Hon. Murray Vandiver, speaker of the House of Delegates. Kent gets the position of sergeant-at-arms in the Senate, and Senator Hepbron gives the place to Medford M. Rasin. Capt. J. F. Wilson was placed on the committee of organization in the House and will select some one of his constituents for a position. For this place Mr. Wm. H. Pennington, of Galena, has been named.

Talbot seems to have been well cared for in the distribution of the subordinate positions, having secured in the House one journal clerk and one committee clerk; in the Senate, the secretary to the president of the Senate; one committee clerk and one page—five persons.

Both houses, after a session of three hours, adjourned to meet next Tuesday at noon. Balloting for two United States Senators will begin next Tuesday week—the 19th day of January.

Gov. Jackson's Message.

On Wednesday last Gov. Elihu E. Jackson transmitted to the General Assembly of Maryland his last annual message. It occupies seven columns and a half, closely printed, in the Baltimore *Sun*, and is a well written document. It abounds with practical thought and good suggestions and ably discusses the financial and business interests of the State.

The Governor declares himself emphatically in favor of a reduction of State taxes. In this sentiment we are sure that he will have the hearty concurrence of all the people, at least all the tax-paying people of the State. The Governor's recommendation is that treasury relief bonds to the amount of half a million of dollars now in the sinking fund be destroyed, and the tax of one and a-half cent which that loan represents be taken off, and that the tax of five and one-half cents now levied for the support of the sinking fund be reduced to three cents, which he argues will be amply sufficient. Thus a reduction of four cents would be made in the present tax rate of seventeen and three-quarter cents.

The Governor fully justifies his refusal to approve of the general assessment bill passed by the last Legislature because of the many "extraordinary and inquisitorial features" which it contained, and deplores the defeat of the third amendment to the constitution, amending article 15 of the declaration of rights, which would have furnished a more intelligible, as well as more elastic rule and basis for taxation than the present vaguely worded and hopelessly impracticable constitutional provision upon the subject. The Governor further insists upon the necessity of a thorough revision of the constitution of the State, and is in favor of calling a constitutional convention for that purpose.

As part of his general plan for a reduction of direct taxes upon the people and the speedy extinguishment of the State debt, the Governor recommends an increase in the taxation of corporations, and especially of the railroads now enjoying a greater or less degree of exemption from taxation under their charters, or by special agreement with the State. Meantime, everybody will sympathyize with the Governor in his wish to see an anomalous condition of the law and a state of gross inequality, in fact, which never ought to have existed in the matter of taxation, as speedily as possible put an end to.

The Governor, with his message, transmits to the Legislature the report of the joint special committee of the Senate and House of Delegates charged with the investigation of the Archer defalcation. He does not hesitate to say that he thinks that he himself has been dealt with by the committee with undue severity, chiefly upon the ground that he had entire confidence in Archer, never suspected him of wrong-doing, and that he does not find that he omitted any official act which previous Governors had performed.

In regard to the oyster question, the message recommends that the culling law passed at the last session be amended so as to extend its provisions to all persons having small oysters in their possession, thereby destroying all marketable value in them. He also recommends the limiting of the time for taking oysters with scoops or dredges to November 1, and that all licenses to take oysters either with tongs, scoops or dredges should expire with the close of the season.

GORMAN THE FAVORITE.

The *American* has polled the General Assembly as to their preferences for the presidential candidates in 1892, and finds the following result:

Democrats	House 81;	Senate 22			total	103
Republicans	" 7	" 4			"	11
Fusion	" 3	" 0			"	3
Total	" 91	" 26			"	117
FIRST CHOICE.						
Gorman	House 46;	Senate 7			total	53
Cleveland	" 34	" 13			"	47
Hill	" 3	" 0			"	3
Harrison	" 1	" 2			"	2
Absent	" 1	" 2			"	3
Doubtful	"	" 1			"	1
SECOND CHOICE.						
Gorman	" 16	" 4			"	20
Cleveland	" 23	" 4			"	27
Hill	" 2	" 1			"	3
Gray	" 2	" 0			"	2
Blaine	" 0	" 0			"	4
Harrison	" 2	" 2			"	0

The Kent representatives are reported as follows:

William T. Hepbron, Kent county—First choice, Gorman. He said: "I think him one of the best and ablest men in the country today. He is also a man of the people, and in sympathy with them."

T. R. Strong—Gorman first and Cleveland second. My reasons for selecting Gorman as the first is because I believe him to be the strongest man in the South and Southwest, and think he is a thorough tariff reformer. However, I have nothing against Mr. Cleveland.

J. F. Wilson—Gorman first, and Gray, of Indiana, for vice-president. I want Gorman because he is a Democrat. I don't consider Cleveland a Democrat of my kind.

Senator Hepbron Secures his Man.

Senator Wm. T. Hepbron in the caucus of Monday night, made the fight for sergent-at-arms, naming Mr. Medford M. Rasin, of Kent, for that position, and though there were numbers of others contesting for the place, Mr. Hepbron, by his activity and skill won his man. The position is one of the most desirable of the subordinate positions and pays about $600 for the session. Mr. Rasin is one of the active young Democrats of the Third district and deserves the honor conferred upon him.

JUDGE BOND, in the United States Circuit Court, Thursday, affirmed the degree of the District Court finding that the steamers Virginia and Louise were jointly liable for the collision on the 28th of July, 1891, which caused the loss of fourteen lives.

THE SENATORIAL OUTLOOK.

Mr. Pearce Continues to Grow in Favor.

The outlook for our Senatorial candidate—James A. Pearce, Esq.,—continues to improve. The present week has been most interesting in the events transpiring in the line of Senatorial activity. The meeting of the Legislature on Wednesday in Annapolis was the occasion for important caucussings during the two days and evenings previous. On Monday night the clans assembled in Baltimore and the Carrollton hotel was the central point of attraction. Many of the "big guns" of the Democratic faith were there, and all the pronounced candidates for Senator had rooms, some of them entertaining their friends handsomely.

Governor Jackson's room was adjoining that of Col. John Walter Smith—the former being ably supported by General Seth and others, and the latter by ex-Speaker Upsher and a host of warm adherents. Hon. J. B. Brown had the efficent counsel and presence of Col. W. Scott Roberts, Messrs. Wm. G. Temple, Lem. Dunbracco, and many others of his county; Mr. Pearce had a suite of rooms at the head of the main stairway on the same floor with those above mentioned, and here seemed to be the most popular locality in the whole building. From six o'clock till midnight the Pearce reception room was thronged with people, including many of the noted political leaders from all over the State. From Kent the following, among others, were about the rooms during the evening: Thos. H. Horsey, F. Hyland Taylor, Samuel Cacy, J. Herman Ireland, Wm. Janvier, James W. Hurtt, Edward W. Hepbron, Dennis Nowland, L. C. Justis, Jr., James S. Harris, Geo. W. Rodenhiser, Philip G. Wilmer, John P. Hendrickson, J. B. Hossinger, George W. Davis, Samuel A. Merritt, Med. M. Rasin, Wm. M. Slay, Dr. S. Beck, Wm. S. Walker, John N. Dodd, Lewin W. Wickes, John D. Urie, Richard D. Hynson, Wm. B. Usilton, Josias Massey, A. I. Dugan, V. Hendrickson, Wm. Ford, James M. J. Byron, Richard W. Jones, J. P. Nicholson, J. Walter Skirven, Harry S. Francis, James P. Hatcherson, Wm. Wallis, Dr. W. Frank Hines, Thomas Kelly, Tilghman Shafer, B. F. Beck, Jr., Wm. Ireland, Albert Medders, H. F. Hill, Allen Harris, E. Bowers, Geo. E. Leary, E. Gooding, Dr. W. B. Turner, A. Stavely, G. I. Barwick, Wm. W. Beck, Harry Woodall, T. A. Hulme, C. B. Warren, Thos. Maslin, Richard B. Ford, J. Frank Connelly, J. T. Lamb, Charles Brown, Comptroller-elect Marion deK. Smith, Senator Wm. T. Hepbron, and Delegates J. Fletcher Wilson and T. Romie Strong.

Senator Gorman was at the hotel during the evening and was as usual eagerly sought after by all classes, and Mr. I. Freeman Rasin was just as anxiously watched and interviewed. Governor-elect Brown, Congressmen Compton, Rusk and Stump, Comptroller Baughman and Murray Vandiver, Esq., were among the central figures there.

Judge Pere L. Wickes was one of Mr. Pearce's most interested city visitors and expressed himself as much pleased with the Senatorial outlook. There is no doubt of Mr. Pearce's strength in the city and other sections of the State. So noted an individual as Mr. I. Freeman Rasin himself was freely quoted as preferring Mr. Pearce to either of the other candidates. We heard him express his admiration for Mr. Pearce's abilities and otherwise eminent qualifications for the high office to which his friends would elevate him.

The caucussing was conducted in the best spirit possible; the several Senatorial candidates visited each other's rooms and appeared on good social terms, while their friends refused to engage in personal reflections or abuse.

It is certainly an open fight yet for Senator, and we believe Mr. Pearce can poll a larger vote on the Eastern Shore than any candidate named.

There are 31 Democratic votes in this specially interested section of the State, namely:

Cecil	4
Kent	3
Queen Anne's	4
Talbot	4
Caroline	1
Dorchester	3
Worcester	4
Somerset	4
Wicomico	4

After carefully canvassing these votes we believe the following estimate not out of the way—provided Senator Wirt, of Cecil, is not a candidate:

FOR MR. PEARCE.

Cecil	4
Kent	3
Caroline	1
Dorchester	1
Somerset	1

FOR MR. SMITH.

Worcester	4
Somerset	3
Dorchester	1

FOR GOV. JACKSON.

Wicomico	4
Dorchester	1

FOR COL. LLOYD.

Talbot	4

FOR JOHN B. BROWN.

Queen Anne's	4

Should Col. Lloyd and Mr. Brown be withdrawn then Mr. Pearce will most likely get the vote of these two counties, swelling his strength to EIGHTEEN on the shore, giving him nearly two-thirds of the whole Democratic vote. This is certainly a most encouraging calculation, and who will undertake to question the correctness of the figuring? Therefore, may we not reasonably count upon a proper recognition by other sections of the State? It is true the whole State is to elect the Senator but would it not be the proper thing for this particular section to indicate her choice, and then that her wishes should be respected?

Mr. Pearce returned to his home in Chestertown, on Tuesday. The Baltimore *Herald* of Wednesday says: The Senatorial fight has been transferred from Baltimore to Annapolis. All the candidates are here except Mr. Pearce. Governor Jackson is with his family at the executive mansion. Colonel Smith and John B. Brown also have convenient headquarters. Mr. Pearce's interests are being looked after by State Senator Hepbron, Mr. Hynson, Mr. Walker, Mr. Wickes and others. With Colonel Smith are Francis E. Waters, Edgar McMaster, W. Sydney Wilson and ex-Speaker Upshur. Governor Jackson's boom is in the hands of Messrs. Seth, Ellegood, White, Toadvin, Laws and Moore.

Last night it was apparent at the Carrollton that some influences were at work booming Senator Gibson for election. As far as could be seen, the Gibson boom was not receiving any aid from the Eastern Shore, the section most interested. To-day the Eastern Shore men showed a decided disposition to kick against the Gibson talk. Some of Governor Jackson's friends did not hesitate to say that the booming of Gibson by Western Shore politicians was unfair. One man went so far as to intimate that he thought Mr. Gibson was tacitly encouraging the talk about his being the dark horse.

"While we have no second choice," said a Jackson man, "we know that often things will happen to upset our favorite plans. In this Senatorial hunt one of the men who are shaking the bush ought to get the rabbit."

When Governor Jackson was seen by *The Herald* correspondent to-night he said that he did not know anything new in the Senatorial contest. "The balloting," said the Governor, "is two weeks off. Nobody knows what may happen in that time. My friends are talking about nobody but me. They are not discussing any combinations. They have nothing to say about Mr. Gibson. He is not a candidate."

A significant remark was made by an Eastern Shoreman to-day. Said he: "If a Talbot man is to be elected Senator, then I am for Col. Edward Lloyd."

The argument being urged against Mr. Gibson is that he has been well served by the Eastern Shore and there are no political debts due him, but that the balance is on the other side of the ledger.

John B. Brown is moving along quietly. He is not an aggressive man, and probably goes on the theory that all things come to him who waits. State Senator Hepbron is making a vigorous fight for Mr. Pearce, and Comptroller elect Marion deK. Smith says Mr. Pearce is gaining ground steadily. The John Walter Smith men look and talk most confidently. "The people are with us," said one of them, "and we are bound to win."

The following is from the *Sun* of Wednesday: Governor Jackson, reaching Annapolis, went at once to the executive mansion and was called upon by many friends during the afternoon. The Governor and his friends are still vigorously at work pushing his claims for the senatorial succession from the Eastern Shore. State Senator John Walter Smith reached here later in the evening with his friends, Mr. George M. Upshur, of Worcester, and Mr. Frank E. Waters, of Baltimore city. They are all still busily engaged in missionary work in the Senator's behalf for his election to the United States Senate. Mr. James Alfred Pearce did not come to Annapolis, but his cause is being ably managed by his friends from Kent and Cecil county. A friend of Governor Jackson said to-night that the Eastern Shore senatorship would not be settled in caucus. The fight will be transferred to the open session of the two houses next Tuesday and will be settled in the joint session.

The senatorial fight is the chief source of gossip among the members and politicians. Each candidate has his followers who are earnestly fighting for their favorites. There is no apparent change in the situation. All are hopeful and are still in the race to stay. There was more mention of Senator Gibson's name to-night than at any time in the contest. He is regarded as a possibility in the event of the failure of either of the leading candidates to capture the prize. The friends of the leading candidates do not look with favor on the probable success of Senator Gibson in this contest. They say that one of the men who have borne the brunt of this contest from the beginnig should be rewarded.

The *Evening News* of Tuesday says: There is a very decided impression among legislators and those who have watched the progress of events, that neither Jackson nor Smith have the slightest chance of success. At the same time there is reason to believe that Jackson controls enough votes to defeat Smith, and that, as a matter of course, he will not hesitate to do so.

This morning there were many persons who expressed the belief that the lines of the fight would be changed almost at once, and that instead of the battle being between Jackson and Smith, it would become a struggle of the other candidates for supremacy in the fight. Among those who hold this view the impression is that the winning man will be either Gibson or Pearce, and that, while there will be no bitter struggle between these two gentlemen, the utmost efforts will be put forth by the friends of each to make their favorite the legatee of the two contestants who have driven each other out of the fight. Whoever the fortunate man may be, he will, it is claimed, have a walk-over.

Mr. James Alfred Pearce left for his home at Chestertown this afternoon. In conversation with a *News* reporter before leaving, Mr. Pearce said his position in regard to the Senatorial contest was unchanged. If elected, he would very willingly accept, but he did not intend to go into any fight for the place. He seemed to be satisfied that his chances were very good. The boom of the gentleman from Kent seemed to have gained renewed vigor this morning, and many persons who refused to regard his candidacy seriously a few days ago, were to-day joining in the cry, "It is either Gibson or Pearce."

The Commissioners' Council.

The boards of county commissioners from nearly every county in the State have accepted the invitation to attend the meeting in Baltimore next Thursday. Thomas J. Shallcross, Esq., president of the Kent county board, is the originator of this movement and he is entitled to the credit for whatever of good may come out of it. The press throughout the State heartily commend the meeting—the city papers calling special attention to its importance.

The meeting will be held in the hall corner of Charles and Saratoga streets, and will discuss various matters for Legislative action, the most important of which will be that of the public roads. The Baltimore *Morning Herald* on this point says: "That suggestion from Kent county to hold a mass-meeting of county commissioners in the interest of a road improvement bill to be submitted to the Legislature is a move in the right direction. By all means let the meeting be held and the accumulated wisdom and experience of the State brought to bear upon the subject."

Temperance Work.

An interesting article on scientific temperance will be found on the first page of the NEWS to-day.

Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake has been secured by the W. C. T. U., of this State, for a series of lectures and she will speak in Salem Church at Fairlee next Saturday evening, the 16th, at 7.30 o'clock. She will also speak in Christ Church, Chestertown, Sunday night, 17th, under the auspices of the Ys and W. C. T. Unions of Kent. The NEWS will tell its readers more of this lady next week.

On Tuesday evening the room above the store occupied by J. B. Burchinal was formally opened as headquarters of the W. C. T. U., of Chestertown, of which Mrs. Wm. H. Stewart is president. About forty persons were present. The exercises opened by singing the doxology, then prayer by S. Vannort, followed by singing "Nearer my God to Thee." Rev. D. L. Greenfield then made the address, to which we could but wish that the whole town had listened. Such a man cannot be too highly appreciated; he is evidently interested for the highest good of the people. After several beautiful songs and a reading by Misses Sue Lambert and Anna Stewart, the meeting adjourned, and refreshments, consisting of oranges, grapes, cake, lemonade, etc., were served to all present. We congratulate the ladies for their energy and hope they can now open a reading room for the young, and there will be a liberal response from the citizens of Chestertown and vicinity to this most worthy cause and undertaking.

A GUEST.

THE thermometer yesterday morning registered 19°.

THE mill pond was frozen over yesterday and the boys anticipate skating to-day.

WILD GEESE are reported plentiful in Fairlee creek. Wild ducks have been scarce down the river, but more plentiful above the bridge.

IF YOU are a good guesser Mr. Thos. G. Wroth will give you an opportunity to try. And if you guess the correct number of beans in a jar you will be entitled to a nice stove, chair or a parlor stand.

ACCIDENT.—Master Holt Eliason, son of Mr. Wilbur Eliason, accidently stepped on a cartridge Monday and caused it to explode. Fortunately he was not struck by the shot, but his eyelids were burnt nearly off and the side of his face was burned.

FIVE INCHES of snow fell Tuesday but the rain of the following day spoiled the sleighing. Several sleighs were in town Thursday and many owners of fast horses are ready to have a spin on our street as soon as sufficient snow falls.

MR. WM. MORRIS on Queen street found an opossum in his kitchen a few days ago which made a good meal. The animal had been feeding from the waste barrel for about a week but the cook supposed it to be a cat. It made its home inside the casing and when killed was very fat.

OYSTERS have been a scarce article in town early this week, although they were reported plentiful down the county and a drug in the city. They sold readily at $1.20 per gallon in Chestertown yesterday, and in Baltimore on account of the snow storm they went up to $1.25 per bushel.

THIEVES.—Thieves carried off five bushels of wheat from Mr. Wm. Hudson's barn a few nights since. They removed a heavy ladder from the corn cribs and carrying it to the barn secured the wheat from the loft window. It required the services of two men to procure the wheat in the manner they did it.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Esq., sold on Tuesday last, at mortgagee's sale, the undivided seventh interest in the Horace Beck home farm and the Hill Top farm to Dr. Samuel and Mr. George Beck. The Chas. O. Cacy farm which was to have been sold, was withdrawn.

A MEAN TRICK.—A young gentleman of Chestertown who is accustomed to visit lady friends near Fairlee was the object of mean and rascally treatment Sunday night. He hitched his horse to a post and while enjoying the society of friends some persons either inspired by jealousy or natural meanness turned his horse loose and threw his robe up a tree. The young man was compelled to *walk* all the way to town in order to be at his business Monday morning while the perpetrator of the joke for lack of sense was roaring with laughter. Fortunately the horse belonged to Mr. McWhorter and reached town without a mishap. There is a limit to jokes and this treatment passes the limit.

Thompson's New Irons.

New leg-irons were placed on Thomas Thompson Thursday by Messrs. A. I. Dugan and Thos. V. Simpson. He refused to lay down on the bed when told by the officers, asserting that he had always behaved himself and had not given any trouble. Rather than make trouble the irons were put on the prisoner while standing and he uttered not a word. He was seen to try the door several times the day before and the officers suspected that he meant mischief. Mr. Dugan says that on Wednesday Thompson expressed a desire of being shot, that is, if he was certain that it would end life instantly. The sheriff will erect the scaffold on the northwest side of the jail near Cross street. Judge Wickes has advised that all necessary precautions against resistance on the part of the prisoner or interference from outside be taken by the sheriff.

Death's Doings.

Mrs. Amanda F. Sheppard, beloved wife of Dr. F. N. Sheppard, died at her home in Crumpton Saturday, Jan. 2, aged 49. She had been sick about three weeks and although her end was seen slowly approaching it came like a shock to the husband and children. She was a kind mother, an affectionate wife and a highly esteemed lady. The funeral was held Tuesday; the pall bearers were E. A. Himmelwright, W. Jarrell, Alday Clements, C. W. Clements, Walter Hurlock and John P. Hartley.

Mrs. E. N. Roland was called away Tuesday to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Ephraim Grace, who died in Elk Neck, Cecil, Sunday morning, of pneumonia, aged about 76. She leaves six children—five by her first husband and one by her last, together with a large number of grandchildren and great-grand-children. The deceased was very active for one of her years.

Hannah Lecates, beloved wife of Stephen Lecates, died at the residence of her husband, near Chestertown, Tuesday, aged 76.

The deceased has been a great sufferer of Bright's disease for the past three or four years. She was a Miss Taylor, of Delaware, and was married 54 years ago. She removed to Kent with her husband in '52, and has resided here ever since. She has been a consistent member of the M. E. Church for many years. Her husband and five children survive her—Jeff, of Kent, James, of Queen Anne's, Joseph, of Wilmington, Mrs. A. Carson, of Trenton, N. J., and Mrs. M. A. Hurtt, of Kent. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. R. Irving Watkins, were held Thursday, interment in Chester Cemetery; the pall-bearers were Wm. Morris, R. G. Nicholson, J. F. Dodson, Edw. Lusby, Wm. T. Nicholson, and John Fowler.

The Grip Still Rages.

In all sections of Kent the grip continues to prevail, and very few have escaped, but we are glad to say, it is very rarely fatal. It is a harvest for the doctors. Capt. R. S. Emory, near town, has been seriously ill, but is now improving. Mr. John Brice has had three attacks; he is now out of bed again. Garrett Foxwell, Esq., of the second district, has had a lengthy spell and at one time his friends were alarmed for him; he will be out again soon. Capt. A. L. Corey and his wife both, near Fairlee, have been quite sick, the latter seriously ill, but are recovering. Numbers of our business men have been housed for a day or two at a time. But for their indiscretion—haste to get out—the disease would soon disappear.

THE December term of the Circuit Court for Cecil county reconvened last Tuesday after an adjournment of two weeks, due to the grip among the witnesses and lawyers. Hon. James B. Groome, R. C. Thackery and Wm. J. Jones delivered eulogies on the late John A. J. Creswell, after which the court adjourned till 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, in respect to his memory.

County Treasurer's Report.

The tax receipts by the county treasurer for the year just closed is of a most gratifying character, though not quite up to the year previous. The collections during the one month of December were remarkable and exceeded the same month of the previous year by $1,500, but the collections prior to the first of December 1890 exceeded '91 by over nine thousand dollars! The following figures for the two years are given for comparison:

1890:		
Total State and county taxes levied		$83,955.75
Amount collected to Dec. 1	$31,437.45	
" " during Dec.	35,037.74	66,475.19
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1891		$17,480.56
1891:		
Total State and county taxes levied		$78,967.91
Amount collected to Dec. 1	$22,233.84	
" " during Dec.	36,561.14	58,794.98
Balance uncollected Jan. 1, 1892		$20,172.96

The largest receipts on any one day was Dec. 31, when 291 bills were paid, aggregating $10,403.28!

The law requires the treasurer to collect the whole of this balance at once. Its language is that "immediately after the first of January the treasurer shall serve notice upon all who have failed to pay before Jan. 1, warning them that unless payment be made in full *within* THIRTY DAYS *thereafter* the same will be collected by process of law." An erroneous idea prevails among some that, having failed to pay by the 1st of January, they are to be indulged until the 1st of April. The 1st of April, it is true, ends the matter so far as the treasurer is concerned, with those he cannot reach, and the sheriff must try his hand and proceed at once to execute, but this does not relieve the treasurer of the plain requirements of the law—that is, as above stated, to make the money in every case *if he can* after thirty days notice. If he fails to find the property or the individual then he is justified in failure to collect the tax, and only then.

PERSONAL MENTION.

H. W. Vickers, Esq., accompanied his daughter, Mary, back to school at Chambersburg, Pa., Wednesday. Miss Jennie has been quite sick and will join her sister as soon as able.

Mrs. A. J. Foxwell and Mrs. E. L. Jones are guests of friends in Kent.

Presiding Elder W. L. S. Murray, of the Wilmington District, was in Kent several days this week.

The wedding of Mr. F. B. Toulson and Miss Phonie Watts is announced to take place in Bond M. E. Church next Wednesday at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. W. R. Graham was reported much better yesterday.

Miss Etta Hicks, of Galena, left last Friday for a five weeks visit to friends in Middletown, Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Goodhand, of Kent Island, is visiting at Mr. J. N. Dodd's.

Sheriff Plummer has been housed several days by sickness but is now able to be out.

Rev. S. C. Roberts attended the meeting of the standing committee of the Diocese of Easton in Easton this week.

Mr. Galloway, of Baltimore, spent several days this week with his friend, Mr. Wm. Pippin, in Chestertown.

Miss Lillie. Cacy, organist at the P. E. Church in Millington, was the recipient of a handsome picture on New Year's day from the congregation.

Mr. C. M. Johnson, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends in Millington.

Mrs. Wm. Robertson, of Chestertown, left Thursday for a visit to friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Florence Watkins, of Baltimore, is visiting friends in Chestertown.

Mrs. Corsen, of Baltimore, is visiting friends Near Fairlee.

Mr. Howard Baker, of Abbington Academy, Pa., has been visiting friends at Still Pond.

Miss Sallie Meredith, of Galena, is the guest of Mr. T. L. Mason in Smyrna.

Mrs. Wm. Clendaniel left for her home Middletown Saturday after spending a week with relatives in Chestertown.

Mrs. L. A. Golt and daughter, Miss Ella of Smyrna, are the guests of Mrs. Garrett Foxwell.

Mr. Garrett Foxwell has been quite sick at his home near Black's Station.

Mr. J. Frank Counelly is independent purchasing agent on the Emma Ford.

Col. Wm. P. Howard spent several days in town this week.

Mr. Wm. Staylor, of Baltimore, spent several days with Mr. George B. Twilley this week.

Mr. Wilbur C. Stephens, of Worton, has removed to Waco, Georgia, and is employed as an agent of the Methodist Protestant College Land Co. He reports his health as much improved and that he is feeling better than he has for some time. We received a very interesting letter from him a few days ago and it will appear in the NEWS next week.

Miss Lizzie Fallowfield, of Templeville, has been visiting friends in Chestertown.

Miss Pauline Dokenwadel, of Philadelphia, has been visiting friends in Chestertown. She attended the wedding of Mr. Jesse Copper and Miss Macy Calder.

Mr. F. B. Toulson, of Quaker Neck, has removed to Mrs. J. N. Usilton's farm near town.

Mr. R. S. Thomas will carry on Mr. Geo. W. Hatcherson's place near Lankford, the latter coming to town.

Mr. Wm. Jones, of near Millington, has removed to Alabama to engage in business.

Miss Hallie Elliott, of near Centreville, is the guest of Miss Allie Shuster.

Miss Hattie Philpitt, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Emma Parks in Chestertown.

Master Ephraim Stoops is assisting Mr. James Shuster in his duties at Westcott & Dodd's store.

Miss Sadie Burgess has resumed her place at the Still Pond public school having entirely recovered from her recent illness.

Miss Grace Turner is visiting her school friend, Miss Katie McDonald in Montgomery Co., Md.

Miss Belle Aldridge spent last week the guest of Centreville friends.

Miss Viva Perkins returned last Monday to Hannah Moore Academy near Baltimore.

Miss Madge Meeteer returned Wednesday to The Frederick Female Seminary, Frederick City from which institution Miss Meeteer will graduate next June.

A Pink Tea was given by the Ellsworth Cadets on Broadway & Barnes Street last week, among those invited was Miss Gledhill from Chestertown who was prettly dressed in pink.

Mr. Charles G. Carey after spending a pleasant Christmas week with his mother Mrs. C. A. Crittenden of Chesterville Md., has returned to his school in Newark Del.

Mr. Jno. Taggart, of Philadelphia, formerly of Tolchester, and Capt. Charles Bacon, of Betterton, were the guests of Harry Banks of Hatboro, Pa., Sunday Dec. 27th.

Mrs. Mollie Rasin, of Still Pond, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. M. Harris, in Smyrna.

Messrs. W. F. Price and W. W. Crowding returned to school in Wilmington after the Christmas holidays.

John Coppage, a prominent and wealthy farmer of Church Hill district, suffered a stroke of paralysis on Monday last. It is hoped that he is not seriously affected. He was better Wednesday.—*Observer.*

MONEY TO LOAN

On Mortgages at 6 per cent. $4,000, $5,000, $2,000, $1,500, $1,000 and $700 on first mortgage.
HOPE H. BARROLL, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Chestertown, Md.
j9-tf.

NOTICE.

MONEY TO LOAN ON MORTGAGE.
WM. M. SLAY, ATT'Y.
j9-tf.

MONEY to LOAN.

$1,000, $2,000, $3,000 and $5,000, on Real Estate. MARION DEK. SMITH, ATTORNEY.
j9-tf.

WANTED:

A good, reliable FOREMAN FARM HAND, without family. Apply to J. W. BOGGS, Locust Grove.
d26-3t.*

WANTED:

An EXPERIENCED CLERK, Address, MERCHANT, KENT NEWS Office.
d26-3t.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN to the STOCKHOLDERS of the Chestertown National Bank, that their regular ANNUAL MEETING for the Election of SEVEN DIRECTORS for ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House in Chestertown, TUESDAY, January 12th, 1892, at 11 o'clock A. M.
d5-tm. JOSEPH PETERSON, CASHIER.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We have this day appointed WILLIAM MATTHEWS, SR., as our authorized Straw Buyer, vice Mr. James Brice, whose term has expired.
AMERICAN STRAWBOARD CO.
W. T. MATTHEWS, Sup't.
Jan. 1, 1892—4t.

ADRIFT.

Came adrift on Holly Point, Chester River, a SCOW, 32 feet long, 10 foot beam, in good condition. The owner can get the same by proving property and paying charges. Apply to TYLER BROS., ROCK HALL, P. O.
j2-3t.

LOST:—In Chestertown, on December 24, 1891, a LEATHER MONEY PURSE, with the initials of J. F. Wilson, on outside. The finder will be rewarded either by leaving the same at KENT NEWS, or corresponding with W. W. Rasin at Still Pond.
j2-3t. Resp'y, W. W. RASIN.

Tax Notice!

Tax-payers of Kent county, who have failed to pay their taxes for 1891, will bear in mind that the law requires that the county treasurer "immediately after January 1, shall warn each delinquent that unless taxes and interest are paid within THIRTY DAYS, *the same will be collected by process of law.*" This is the language of the law. It will be very unpleasant for the treasurer to resort to this extreme method, but he is left no option in the matter. He must comply with the law. Besides all these taxes go to pay levies now due, and which the treasurer is now called upon to pay, and must pay to maintain the county's financial integrity. Those in default will therefore please settle AT ONCE, at the office, Court House, Chestertown.

☞Interest from the 1st September last—when the taxes were due and payable—must now be added in every case. The county and State hold the Treasurer accountable for this interest equally with the principal, so that he can do nothing less than exact the same.

☞All costs however will be saved by payment within the next THIRTY DAYS, or before the end of January.

Jan. 2, 1892. WILLIAM B. USILTON, TREASURER.

HORSE - SHOEING

Headquarters!

General Blacksmithing,

WHEELWRIGHTING, &c.

SAMUEL HICKS, near the Court House,

Gives Special Attention to HORSE-SHOEING, and having enlarged his shops and procured a full supply of material and skilled workmen, is now prepared to do general Blacksmithing, Wheelwrighting, &c. My Wheelwrighting Lumber has been examined by good judges and pronounced to be of the very best and thoroughly seasoned.

NEW WORK kept on hand and made to order, and all Kinds of REPAIRING done at short notice at the most reasonable rates.

SEASONABLE GOODS

At Rock Bottom Prices!

—AT THE—

MAMMOTH

HARDWARE STORE!

COOK STOVES, RANGES

and Fireplace Heaters in endless variety at prices that defy competition. The Excelsior and Niagara Cook Stoves have no superior. The Splendid and New Royal Ranges are Perfect Bakers. The Victor Cook needs no recommendation. Our Gauze Door Cooks and Ranges have earned the highest praise. Our Golden Sun and Splendid Fireplace Heaters give perfect satisfaction and have no equals for superior construction and wonderful heating capacity. Our Dome Radiator, Magnet, Marvel, Rupert, Regal, Garnet, Vulcan and Crystal Heating Stoves are all guaranteed

GUNNERS AND SPORTSMEN, LOOK!

A large assortment of Breech and Muzzle Loading Shot Guns, will be sold cheap. Loaded Shells, Empty Shells, Shot, all sizes; Powder, 3 grades; Wads, Gunning Coats, Hats and Vests, all going at bottom prices.

We handle the largest stock of Enterprise Meat Cutters and Stuffers, Axes, Lard Cans, Nails, Hinges, Locks, &c., and guarantee our prices. Don't forget our Christmas Goods, Wooden Wedding Goods and Tin Wedding Goods. Give us a call and we will do you good. Tinware, all kinds, and Stoves Repaired at short notice.

Respectfully,
J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.,
Nov. 28, 1891. CHESTERTOWN, Md.

MAUD S. IN KENT!

MAUD S. STILL HOLDS HER RECORD AND —SO DOES—

Urieville Mills!

HAVING recently added extensive improvements, I am enabled to give 35 lbs. of PATENT, 36 lbs. of STRAIGHT, or 40 lbs. of SECOND GRADE Flour and a ½ bushel of Bran for 60 lbs. of first-class wheat.

—CORN GOODS—

With the new cleaning machines that I have lately added, I feel safe in *guaranteeing a cleaner* and *purer* line of Corn Goods than can be produced by *any mill* in the county.

Seed Wheat.

I have just placed a machine, by the use of which I can *thoroughly clean* SEED WHEAT of all foreign matter, for the cost of only 5 cents per bushel. My long experience in handling grain justifies me in saying that the use of this machine on SEED WHEAT is the only method by which the highest standard of excellence can be obtained. I can clean it for you while you wait, and you can take it right back with you. All screenings returned with wheat.

I am thankful for all past patronage and ask the continuance of the same.

WM. W. McKNETT,
s12-tf. Urieville Roller Mills.

NEW LOT of NECKTIES. Four-in-Hand, Windsor, Puffs, etc.
j13. at WM. R. ALDRIDGE'S.

FLOUR by the barrel or sack. WESTCOTT & DODD.

Public Sale!

THE undersigned as agent for owners will sell at Public Sale in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Md.,

On SATURDAY, January 16, 1892,

AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M., THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

ONE HORSE AND COLT,

The horse is a bay, 13 years old, good size and will work at wagon and cart. The colt will be 4 years old next May and has been worked to wagon and rode under saddle.

TERMS:—Nine months credit on Note, with good security, payable at the Second National Bank of Chestertown.
j9ts. JOHN H. GREENWOOD, AUC'R.

Public Sale!

WILL be sold at the Market House, in Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland,

On SATURDAY, January 16, 1892,

AT 2½ O'CLOCK P. M.,

A FINE DRIVING HORSE

Side-bar CARRIAGE, leather top, in first-class order; an extra set of Harnes, Horse Blanket, Robe, Whip—the whole consisting of a first-class team-outfit.

TERMS made known at sale and easy.
JOHN H. GREENWOOD, AUC'R,
j9-2t. Agent for owner.

FARMERS

Who Intend to Carry Their Corn Over for Higher Prices in the —SPRING—

SHOULD HAVE IT INSURED.

The cost is very light—three bushels will protect a thousand.
Mail me a card about it.
j9-3t. H. L. BOYD.

STRAW WANTED!

WE are in position to BUY ALL THE STRAW Farmers wish to dispose of. Will clean up all the straw from the stack-yards sold me, rejecting only rotten straw, on the basis of 2240 lbs. per ton for dry straw, only asking those wishing to sell to ake a little extra pains in stacking and not put the chaff with their straw. Also, HAY and CORN wanted in large or small quantities.

☞Persons desirous of selling straw will please call on or address
AMERICAN STRAWBOARD CO., CHESTERTOWN, MD
WM. T. MATTHEWS, SUP'T.
WILLIAM MATTHEWS, SR., Purchasing Agent.

Wanted! Wanted!

200,000

Bushels NEW WHEAT

Delivered at any point on the Kent Co. R. R.

Having arranged with reliable parties to buy for them, will give the farmers the benefit of my offer. Send or bring me samples, or write me before selling, it will be to your interest.

J. C. SUTTON, Jr.,
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