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TO SUBSCRIBERS.—Look at the direction on your paper and you will see the date to which your subscription is paid.

Discussing County Affairs.

Other articles appear in our columns today discussing county affairs. Intelligent and just criticism is never harmful, and sometimes even the unjust reflections are required to give honest official conduct its merited reward.

We are authorized to say that the books in the commissioners office, and in the Treasurer's office also, are open to the inspection of any citizen. Every item of county expenditure is plainly recorded and may be read at will.

THE "UNITED" Y.—About seventy persons met at Mr. C. H. Hurlock's on Monday evening. We were as usual, pleased to receive so many visitors. It is truly beautiful to see how many parents are becoming interested. Two more were added to the list of members. By request from "Christian Endeavor Society" of Maryland, 3 delegates were appointed to meet in Baltimore, Jan. 21st and 22d, at the "Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Corner of Preston & Maryland ave. After the regular order of business, and an entertaining programme, we adjourned to meet at Mr. C. H. Hurlock's again next Monday evening. Refreshments were then served in the most approved style and keeping with our much loved hostess and genial hosts. The anoncement that we were invited to meet there next Monday, 18th, was read with applause. We were pleased to see present the President of Chestertown, W. C. T. U. also the Y President. Visitors are cordially welcomed. Among those who took part were Arthur Hurlock, who fully mastered his piece and pleased all present; Miss Hallie Usilton read a selection titled "Black Baby" in fine style; a solo by Tenie Aldrich was prettily rendered and music by David Ford, Jas. Beck, Arthur Hurlock and Miss Usilton was hard to excel; Miss Bessie Miller read a beautiful selection as did Mrs. Hurlock and Miss Ada Hudson. The Y practiced for participation in an entertainment at Still Pond and under direction of Mrs. John P. Nicholson and Mrs. Hurlock they hope to make a good record.

Well Known in Kent.

MILLINGTON, Jan. 13, 1892.

Mrs. Sarah D. Jones, of Princess Anne, relict of the late Wm. M. Jones, died in Philadelphia of la grippe on January 11. Mrs. Jones was the mother of the late Mrs. Dr. Power. She was 86 years of age and having spent much time here she made many friends, who, with her two grand children, greatly mourn her loss and will greatly miss her, she being always of kind affable disposition and an entertaining talker. The body was brought to this place today on the 10 A. M., train and received by Funeral Director T. M. Britton and interred in the private burial ground of Dr. E. J. Power. The services at the grave were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ware, of the P. E. church, of which Mrs. Jones was a member. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: W. H. Ford, Samuel Cacy, H. Clay Hendrickson, Wm. Johnson, Dr. E. J. Clarke and John C. Hackett. A FRIEND.

John B. Wingate.

A letter upon our desk informs us of the death of JOHN B. WINGATE, at his residence in Philadelphia of consumption on the 8th instant. Mr. Wingate was a civil engineer and was for several yeary engaged in surveys, &c., for the Kent railroad. It was during these years we made his acquaintance and that of his estimable family. He was an ideal head of a family—a pure Christian man. In all his business and social intercourse with our people he bore this high character and his removal was a felt loss to the community. The letter at hand says: "He was warmly attached to his old Kent friends, and the death of his old friend, Mr. Isaac Parsons, affected him deeply. Mr. J. T. Richards was one of the pall-bearers."

Rev. J. A. Murphy.

Rev. James A. Murphy, of the church of the Immaculate Conception, Elkton, but formerly of Sacred Heart Catholic church, Chestertown, and well known by an extended circle of friends throughout Kent county, died at his home in Elkton, about ten o'clock on Saturday morning, of pluro-pneumonia, aged forty-two years. Father Murphy suffered from a recent attack of the grip, from which he had not entirely recovered, when on New Year's eve he arose from his bed to attend a sick call at Fair Hill, and upon his return said Mass on New Year's day, although extremely ill. He afterward returned to his bed and grew rapidly worse. He was born in Jersey City, N. J., and studied for the priesthood in Hoboken, N. J., and in Baltimore, Md. At the latter place he was ordained a priest in 1876, after which he came to Chestertown and devoted his untiring energy to the welfare and advancement of his church, until October 1890, when he succeeded Rev. John Carey, at Elkton. A man of great intellectual power and remarkable energy, his life was a grand success in building up the interests of the church, of which he was a loyal advocate. The remains were taken to Wilmington on Monday morning, where services were held in St. Peter's cathedral, Bishop A. A. Curtis officiating.

Court News.

County Commissioners' Court, Tuesday, January 12, 1892. Full board present. Wm. B. Usilton, county treasurer, presented his report for December, which was examined and accepted by order of the board. Wm. Stewart's application for pension was considered, and a pension of $15 ordered to be provided for by levy in 1892. Upon application of Wm. Ford, president of the Trustees of the Poor, an order was passed directing the annual levy of $1000 for the almshouse to be made in 1892. Upon application of Capt. Jos. W. Thompson, for special rates for use of Chestertown public wharf, an order was passed granting special rates for the use thereof, under the rules and regulations governing the use of public wharves. The board was further engaged in examining, approving and passing accounts for payment by order on funds provided and for levy in 1892. The following annual report of the commissioners of the condition of the almshouse, etc., was filed:

The county commissioners paid their annual visit to the almshouse, according to law on Wednesday last. We found that there are in the institution at the present time, thirty-two inmates; viz.: White males, 8; white females, 11; white children, 3; colored males, 5; colored females, 5; died since last June, colored, 2. Under the supervision of our very efficient trustees and overseer, it seems to be managed very economically. The peach crop last season was almost a total failure. The wheat crop was fair, and wheat sold for $593. The corn crop was also good; amount sold, 522, which brought $261, and there is still on hand 400 bushels.

FAIRLEE LOCALS.

"West End" Sends A Fresh Budget of News.

Mr. Walter F. Sparks has bought a new boiler for his steam grinding and crushing machine. He bought the boiler of Mr. John T. Coleman, of Baltimore. He has it in position and is now grinding. The same boiler is used for his saw mill also. Now he is fixed up and says bring on your corn and saw logs. He will cut them into boards, frame stuff, pails or anything you may desire him to. Such a matter of convenience is worthy of appreciation and patronage. Walter has talked of putting in his mill, a sugar cane crushing machine if he gets the farmers to assure him that they will plant sufficiently to guarantee him the necessary outlay in extra machinery. There is money in sorghum and the farmers would find it out if they had a mill where they could get the cane crushed. Wednesday is his special day for grinding in each week.

Mr. J. A. Greenwood is making preparation to start his son, Clarence, in the butchering business with Mr. John L. Lewis. Mr. Lewis lived in A. M. Kendall's house last year and worked at carpentering and very energetically too. New Year's he moved up on the "Hill," opposite the school house, in the house left vacant by Mr. Samuel Leaverton and belonging to Mr. Charles Stephens. There is a butcher shop on the premises and here they will conduct the business, as I learn it. Being *hustlers* success may attend their efforts.

Mr. John Hudson "the old war horse,'" in the beef business is still with us. He did very well last year, but certainly he deserved every cent he made, for he had to work very hard, early and late. He says "opposition is the life of trade" and thinks there is still a living in the business.

Towards the latter part of '91 there was a boom of land in the village. A portion of the Bowman farm is eligibly located for building purposes, and it is being quite rapidly sold off, readily bringing $100 per acre. Mr. J. A. Greenwood recently bought 4 acres; Col. Thos. B. Bordley one and Mr. James Woolyhand one. Mr. Woolyhand has built a comfortable house on his lot under the mechanical supervision of Mr. L. Zenker. When he gets his premises enclosed he will have desirable property. Mr. Zenker has built himself a new stable, also a corn crib on the Bowman farm.

A great deal of sickness prevails in our community, and one of our old and most worthy citizens was called from this sphere of action on Monday last at 7 P. M., Mrs. S. C. Rogers at a ripe old age. Capt. Rogers her consort, is very ill, bereft of his active mental faculties, due in part to his old age and worn out condition. The death of Mrs. Rogers is due to a great extent, doubtless, to over anxiety and exertion for the recovery of her beloved husband, but alas she was the first to go.

Mr. Wm. E. Keyser, our village blacksmith did a live business last year. He has competent workmen employed, and all work is executed with neatness and dispatch. Keyser is a renowned horse shoer and last week, although three men were at work on this line, the demand could be scarcely satisfied.

Mr. F. H. Ward the village wheelwright has been in good cheer during '91, because he has had about what he could do. He is a first-class workman and being physically fitted, he can execute a great deal of work in a short time. He made a great many coffins during '91 and is prepared to fit them up very nicely.

Our store keepers are not disposed to grumble. Mrs. M. M. Greenwood with the postoffice, telephone office and general merchandise, is alive with push, and as a consequence, satisfactory remuneration.

Mr. W. J. Payne, in the even tenor of his way, is right there all the time in the merchant's line, and success is marking his efforts.

Mr. Wm. Wells half mile north of the village, has a store and is selling quite a good deal.

Now about what our carpenters did during '91? In January, Mr. John W. Corey had a new stable, carriage house and hay loft built on his property at Fairlee mills. The dwelling and out-buildings there were repaired. The wagon shed on the "Nicholson home farm" was thoroughly repaired. Other repairs were made here, and now things are in good shape. Mr. James Bell had some odds and ends adjusted, about his commading new property. The house below Fairlee, bought by Mr. A. B. Jump of Walter F. Sparks and afterwards sold to Mr. J. W. Corey and now bought back, as we understand, was repaired. In March, Mr. B. L. Legg had his incubator building completed; Mr. Luther Handy a poultry house built; Mr. Wm. J. Payne had his stable thoroughly repaired, and blinds fixed in his store. In April, stable &c., on the Bowman farm were made about as good as new. In May, Mr. Thos. Hill had the dwelling on his farm at "Battershall Hill" repaired and put in good shape. Mr. Jas. Bell, had his place, around his buildings, neatly fenced and Mr. J. P. Nicholson, on the farm where Mr. Moffett lives, commonly known as Sheriff Thomas farm, had a neat front porch built and all the yards neatly enclosed with a pail fence. In June, Mr. Thomas W. Eliason had a large implement and hay building erected on his "Cedar Dale" farm near Queenstown in Queen Anne's county. The stable was thoroughly repaired and a new dining-room built to the dwelling there. There were general repairs made here and on his other farms in Queen Anne's and Talbot, which run through part of July. Mr. W. N. E. Wickes for the Kent Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Kent county, had a first-class building put on Buck Neck whf. to shield passengers and freight. On the farm where Mr. Geo. Watts lives in Quaker Neck, Mr. Wickes had a porch built to the dwelling and a peach house built.

In my next I will give what was done from the first of August to the end of the year in the way of building round about.

Mr. G. E. Noland and wife, entertained a number of their friends last Monday eve, in their usual friendly manner. We were not able to attend, because of "grip" in our family, and sorry we are. WEST END.

DANCE AT FAIRLEE.

The young men of Fairlee assisted by Still Pond arranged aud gave a most pleasant hop at the Fairlee hall last Friday evening, Jan. 8th. The music furnished by Messrs. Jula, Wright and Neulersin, of Baltimore, was of the highest order and very delightful. An elegant supper was served at midnight; the *menu* consisted of duck, chicken, turkey, chicken salad, celery, jellie, rolls, biscuits, coffee.

Some of those present were: From Baltimore, Miss Mollie Alrich, Miss Virginia Alrich, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Blasser, Mr. Low Alrich. From Church Hill, Messrs. Richard Duckett, John Friel and Samuel Emory. From Denton, Miss Cline. From Washington, Harry Rose. From Chestertown, the Misses Belle Aldridge, Mary Hurtt, Nelie Walker, Nannie and Daisy Brice, Ida Camp, Hope Wickes, Emma Beck, Mamie Catlin; Messrs. George Brice, Carole Perkins, Frank Gilpin, Earle Polk, W. Downs, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Richardson, W. C. Brown, E.J. Carter, G. A. Simonson, Mr. Parrott. From up the county: Fletcher Caulk, Woodland and Clifton Hurtt. Will Price, Carson Harris, Howard Turner, G. E. Parrot, Bayard Stavely, S. C. Cacy, John C. Norris, Misses Theresa Raymond, May Price, May Parrott, Anna B. Roeder, Lydia Norris.

Down the county: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stevens, Hallie Usilton, Annie Willis, May Hurlock, Ada Skirvin, Mr. and Mrs. Will Edwards, Mary Camp, Stella Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. W. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Bert DeCorse, Mrs. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Crew, Misses Annie Roeder, Annie and Mamie Strong, Eva Griscom, Miss Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Beck, R. C. Smyth, Eugene Wilson, Harry Willis, James G. Beck, Romie Skirvin, Murray Smyth, Jesse Usilton, Chas. Hurlock, Authur Hurlock, Dr. Sulby, Thos Davis, T. E. W. Crew and others.

Galena Locals.

Rev. E. H. Nelson is conducting revival services in the chapel here with good attendance considering the number of people laid up with the grip. Dr. Latimer is on the go night and day; the wonder is how he can stand it.

The friends here of the late Father Murphy, of Elkton, were very much shocked at the news of his death. It came very sudden, as he was looking so much better than usual when last here.

Our people had prepared to fill their ice houses Monday last but the weather moderated so fast they were all disappointed.

The steamer Trumpeter left Georgetown Monday but did not return Tuesday on account of ice in the river. She was expected Thursday as usual.

Rev. Mr. Wiley, the guest of Mr. Fitzsimons, of Georgetown, who was so very ill with the grip has entirely recovered.

Our townsman, Wm. H. Pennington, has been appointed to a position at Annapolis as a folder in the House of Delegates.

Quite an interesting trial was held before Esquire Parr Monday—one of those famous peach cases from Millington. The decision, I understand, was against the peach shipper.

The funeral of Mrs. Arsula Moffett, wife of Jeremiah N. Moffett, took place here last Saturday, Revs. J. B. Merritt, A. Weller and E. H. Nelson, officiating. The pallbearers were J. W., T. G. and Washington Jarman, Richard, Wesley and Enoch Moffett. The deceased was 54 years of age and died at her home near Chesterville on Thursday. She leaves eleven children: Mrs. L. W. Ford, Still Pond; Mrs. William Baldwin, of Crumpton; Mrs. Samuel Underwood, of Wilmington; Carrie, Arsula Ola and Daisy; Robert, Samuel, Pearley and Walter Moffett. Mr. Moffett's family has been sadly afflicted. Four of the immediate family were too ill to attend the funeral services; one of the family who was taken ill while visiting at home, was forced to be removed because nearly every room in the house was occupied by those already ill, and Mrs. Ford and her husband, of Still Pond, were too ill to be apprised of the sad bereavement. A daughter of Mrs. Moffett lay in the bed with her mother for several hours before she was aware that her mother was a corpse.

Kennedyville Notes.

Misses Della and Lillie Garey have returned home from North Carolina, where they have been for several months.

Mrs. Archibald and her daughter Rachel have returned from a visit to Philadelphia.

Mr. T. E. Hayes has succeeded in engaging the service of Mr. Wm. A. Pote who clerked for him two years ago. He has just come from Trenton where he has been employed as a drug clerk. Mr. Pote is an intelligent, active and an upright young man, and a very efficient clerk. Mr. Hayes has done well in securing his services.

There is a great deal of sickness here and in the neighborhood mostly La Grippe affections. Dr. Jacobs, our physician is gone day and night and hardly has time to eat. Nearly every family has been represented on the sick list.

Mr. L. J. Smyth, principal of our school, is confined to his bed with La Grippe. His department of the school has been closed since Tuesday. He expects to be able to resume his duties on Monday next.

Skating in this section was very fine until softened by the recent rains. The ice was from three to three and a half inches thick. The mill pond at Urieville was the play ground of the young men and boys, many of them visited it day and night.

Miss Minnie Smyth of Fairlee, is nursing her brother and his wife during their attack of La Grippe. REGULAR.

Millington Notes.

The health of our people cannot be complained of. The cases of grip are well managed by our skilful physicians. The latter have had much riding in the country.

Dr. Hill has been summoned several times by telephone to see his mother near Locust Grove. We learn at this writing that she is much better.

Dr. Todd had a case of gun shot wound on Tuesday, accidental, the entire load passing through the foot between the great and fourth toes.

Mr. Wm. N. Ames, life insurence agent, is laid up at Mallalieu's Hotel with the grip; he is improving.

Mr. T. M. Britton, our undertaker, has been very busy for the last three weeks, having many cases at a distance.

Watson Spear has recovered and resumed his position in Dr. Hill's drug store.

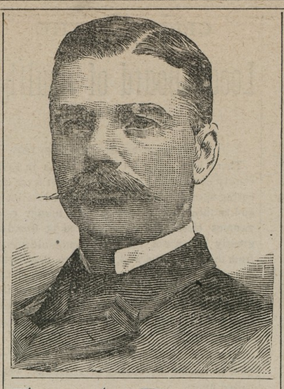
It is reported that the Potts family have left our town. We can spare them.

The Town Hall here was the scene of a brilliant gathering of the devoted of the Terpsichorean art last Wednesday evening, the occasion being a grand leap year hop given by the ladies. The warmth and the beauty of the gaily-lighted ball-room, the bright attire and glowing faces of fair women as they floated in the labyrinthian mazes of the waltz, contrasted vividly with the cold, chilly world outside.

Music was furnished by the Smyrna orchestra and dancing was continued with scarcely an intermission from the opening by the grand march to the closing strains of "Home, Sweet Home," save a short time at midnight to enjoy the comforting effects of hot coffee and sandwiches. Numbers were present from Chestertown, Gelena, Locust Grove, Centreville, Masseys, Millington, and many other places. J.

That A. to C. Writer.

I saw an article in the KENT NEWS on Saturday last signed "Tax Payer." This is a misnomer, it should have been "Office-Seeker." I know a tax-payer who wants an office so bad that he would like the legislature to create one for his special benefit. I know a tax-payer who was a collector of taxes a few years ago and what county taxes he collected in the months of September and October he used them to pay off the State tax so as to get the discount of 4 or 5 per cent. A certain person had a claim against the county of $94 which he presented to him for payment in the month of October; he told him it was not due till January 1, but if he wanted the money he would give him $85 for it. The person was needing the money badly, and he took the $85 for it. Now "Tax Payer" was using the county money to discount county paper for his own benefit. I know a tax-payer who was in the Farmers' League in 1890 complaining about taxes being too high and at the same time he had several hundred dollars worth of property not assessed. I know a tax-payer who was in the Farmers' League in 1890, who wanted to reduce the pay of all salaried officers, among the rest the judges of the courts, and when Judge Wickes met him on the street and talked to him about it his answer was: "Oh, no, judge; we did not mean you; your salary is too low; you ought to have it raised $500 higher!" In conclusion, the board of county commissioners of 1890 and 1891 had more road and bridge work to do than any board for many years, and instead of raising the taxes, as many predicted, they were lowered, being less than they have been for ten years. Now, Mr. "Tax Payer," from your article in the NEWS about the meeting of the county commissioners, from the way you talk, you are no more fit to debate about their duties than a two-year-old child is to teach arithmetic. S.



Frank Brown!

GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND!!

INAUGURATION CEREMONIES!

The U.S. Senatorship!

IT WILL BE DECIDED NEXT WEEK --- OR LATER?

Favorable Outlook for Mr. Pearce!

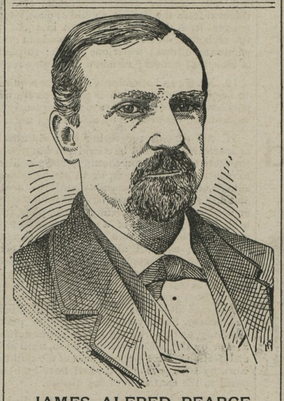
MAY HE WEAR THE LAUREL!

Legislative Doings

Kent County's Representatives on the Committees, &c.

The State Capitol witnessed lively times this week, and will probably be the scene of still more stirring events next week.

The contest for United States Senator from the Eastern Shore was kept prominently before the assembled solons at Annapolis by the presence of all the candidates, and the efforts of friends in their behalf. Mr. Pearce left Chestertown on Tuesday morning, going to Baltimore by way of Rock Hall, and attended the inauguration of Governor Frank Brown on Wednesday. He was accompanied by a number of his county supporters for the Senatorship, and was received in Baltimore and Annapolis by many more.



JAMES ALFRED PEARCE,

Choice of the Eastern Shore for Senator.

The matter of overshadowing interest in the way of legislative work is this balloting for the two United States Senators, which will begin next Tuesday, and the legislative mind will not rest easy, or be able to bring itself down to other work until that is settled. By constitutional requirement, the balloting must be cotinued daily until there has been an election.

The two houses will ballot separately, at first for Senator Gorman, and then for the Eastern Shore Senator. The former will soon be disposed of by a unanimity rarely reached in legislative bodies, and on Wednesday both houses will meet in joint session and the result will be declared. If there has been no choice for the Eastern Shore Senator, this announcement will be made, and next day, and daily until a result has been reached. One ballot a day must be taken by law, but as many more may be taken as the two houses see fit. The election of a state treasurer and a police commissioner will not be taken up until the senatorial question has been disposed of.

The Herald says: "Some doubt exits as to whether there will be a caucus on the Eastern Shore Senatorship or not. It was said in political circles yesterday that a caucus would be held, but possibly not until after a ballot has been taken by the Legislature, so that all those who wish to go on record as casting complimentary votes may be gratified.

"Mr. Pearce has a shrewd and long-headed lieutenant managing his case at Annapolis. He is State Senator Hepbron, of Kent—one of the keenest politicians in Maryland. Kent seems to be peculiarly adapted to raising politicians, and Mr. Hepbron is one of her choice products in this line."

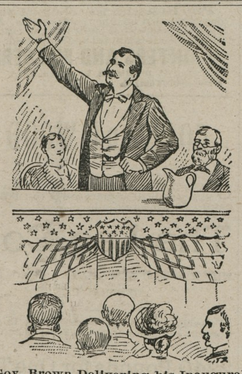
The *Sun* of Thursday says: Jas. Alfred Pearce, who was one of the interested witnesses of the inauguration ceremonies, received a great deal of attention from Senators and Delegates. Harrison W. Vickers, Hope H. Barroll and a number of other leading Kent county people came over with Mr. Pearce to-day and will be on hand next week. They are very enthusiastic. They say that Mr. Pearce has always been a firm and uncompromising democrat and never failed to sustain the ticket, and that the people of Kent county earnestly support him.

THE INAUGURATION.

The weather was not at all propitious for the inaugural ceremonies but this did not prevent the attendance of a large concourse of people. No Governor of Maryland has ever taken his seat with more of the popular heart to wish him well than did Governor Frank Brown last Wednesday.

The inauguration party, consisting of Governor-elect Brown, Comptroller-elect Marion deKalb Smith and Attorney General Poe, left the Hotel Rennert at 8½ A. M., in a handsome barouche, drawn by four black horses, escorted by the Fifth Regiment Veteran Corps and the great Southern Band, and proceeded to Camden Station, cheered on the route by the plaudits of the thousands of people who thronged the streets. At the station the Governor's wife and son joined the party, and they were provided with a special palace car, which immediately left for the State Capitol.

The oath of office was administered in the Senate Chamler, after Governor Brown had delivered his inaugural from the portico. Like all the productions of Frank Brown, this inaugural address abounds with good and practical suggestions. He specifically urges the Legislature to make the best possible use of the limited time at its disposal; not to delay the election of the two Senators; to act upon the constitution amendments adopted at the general election; to revise the tax laws so as to satisfy the awakened public sentiment on this subject; to enact a proper assessment law so that the burdens of taxation may be more justly distributed; and, finally, to make a suitable appropriation for Maryland's exhibit at the "World's Columbian Exposition." He closes his short and business-like address with the recommendation that the Australian ballot law be improved as to some of its provisions and extended to the nine counties of the State which are now excepted, and that a system of holding primary elections be formulated by which "every semblance of unfairness can be eliminated from our primary contests."



Gov. Brown Delivering his Inaugural.

At the conclusion of the inauguration exercises ex-Governor and Mrs. Jackson entertained Governor and Mrs. Frank Brown at luncheon in the executive mansion.

Among those present in the senate chamber from Kent during the ceremony were the following: James A. Pearce, H. W. Vickers, Wm. S. Walker, Dr. S. Beck, Wm. M. Slay, L. C. Justis, Jr., C. C. Hopper, Wm. Duyer, besides our representatives in the legislature.

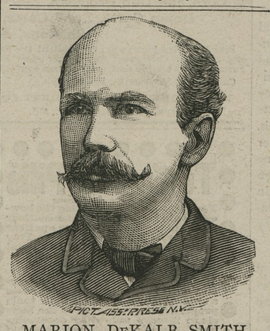
ROMANCE OF GOV. BROWN.

A Baltimore correspondent says the inauguration of Frank Brown as Governor of Maryland, which took place last Wednesday, recalls the romance of his courtship and marriage as well as illustrates the power of a woman in American politics. Mrs. Brown is of middle age and a handsome woman. As a miss she was remarkable for her beauty. When they met young Brown was a clerk in a State Tobacco inspector's Bureau. He was poor but ambitious.

The young folks loved one another fondly. But the parents of Miss Mamie Ridgley looked with disfavor upon young Brown's suit, and Miss Mamie was forced to accompany her mother to Europe. On the voyage she met and fascinated the wealthy Dr. Preston, of Boston. A wooing on shipboard was succeeded by a wedding at Madeline, in Paris. The honeymoon was spent in Italy. The soothing clime of the country failed to restore her husband's health, and within a few years he died, leaving her a widow in her teens and the undisputed possessor of a million or more in bonds of the United States.

She returned to Baltimore and her first love. Fortune had favored young Brown too. By the death of his aunt, Mrs. Carroll famous in her youth as Florence Patterson, Frank Brown had become possessor of the old Patterson place of "Springfield," in his native county. This farm, the most magnificent in Maryland and equal to any in the South, was historic as the residence at one time of that Elizabeth Patterson who won the heart of Jerome Bonaparte, afterwards King of Westphalia.

Young Brown lost no time in renewing his suit. It prospered, as did his other more material affairs, and the Widow Preston became his wife. Stimulating the ambitions of her husband, marked out for him the path he has trod. As a member of the Legislature, as the counsellor of his party, as Postmaster of Baltimore, as the head of great trade displays and agricultural societies, she has spurred him on. Last summer in a state convention of his party the Gubernatorial nomination came to him by acclamation, and of course he was elected by an unprecedented majority.



MARION DEKALB SMITH,

COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE TREASURY.

Marion deK. Smith, Esq., will qualify on Tuesday next and assume the duties of his office. He gives bond in the sum of fifty thousand dollars. Our readers will readily recognize him in the above picture.

In the Legislature the committees were announced in both houses on Tuesday. Senator Hepbron is chairman of the committee on Act. 3, Sec. 24 of Constitution, and is a member of five other committees, namely: Corporations, Agriculture, Public Institutions, Chesapeake bay and tributaries, and Temperance.

Capt. Wilson is on the committee on Internal Improvements, Public Buildings and Pensions. Mr. Strong is on Chesapeake bay and tributaries, labor, and Inspections.

As stated in the NEWS last week, Mr. Medford M. Rasin, of Kent, secured through Senator Hepbron the position of Sergeant-at-arms in the Senate, and Mr. Wm. H. Pennington, of Kent, was appointed one of folders in the House.

Sales to Take Place.

Saturday, Jan. 16—John H. Greenwood, auctioneer, will sell two or three valuable horses, &c.

Saturday, Jan. 23—John D. Urie, attorney, lot of horses in Chestertown; on the same day Wm. H. Stewart, some fine Holstein cattle.

The Local Market.

For country produce the stores here were dealing yesterday as follows:

Dressed turkey hens	16c.	per lb.
" " gobblers	12½c.	"
" ducks and chickens	12½c	"
" geese	10c.	"
Country sausage	10c.	"
" butter	30c.	"
" ham	10c.	"
" lard	9c.	"
Eggs	20c.	per doz.
Sweet potatoes	30c.	per basket.
Irish "	25c.	" "
Good apples	30 to 40c.	" "
Celery	10c.	per bunch.
Cabbage	$2.40 to $3	per hundred.

Local buyers were paying 40 cents for corn on the cob and from 45 to 47 cents shelled.

BALTIMORE MARKET.—The Baltimore paper yesterday quote as follows:

WHEAT—Longberry, good to prime, 95@$1.02.
CORN—White and Yellow, 44@51c.
OATS—37@38½c.

SHOVELS, Forks, Spades, Rakes and Hoes. J. LLOYD MCFEELY & CO.

[COMMUNICATED.]

A Different View of County Affairs.

"Another Taxpayer's" Reply to "Taxpayer's" Dialogue.

A would-be critic occupies a half column in the last issue of the KENT NEWS over the nom de plume of "Tax Payer." He gives an imaginary dialogue between "C and A." Why should he discard the second letter of the alphabet? Would not "B and B" have been more appropriate? However, as he did not care to criticise over his own signature he had a perfect right to use any letter he saw proper. We have no fault to find with him upon this point, nor indeed for any desire he may honestly entertain to reform any existing abuse. If his "eye-opener" has exposed abuses, then give "Tax-Payer" the credit therefor, and amend the abuse instantly; otherwise we may criticise the critic, and hold him up to the just scorn of the community for his illiberal spirit and fault-finding disposition.

Let's analyze "Tax Payer's" article. He launches out with the startling statement that "the Treasurer collects and pays out $65,194.85 for county expenses," as though this was for the first time made public, when the fact is the figures have been published to the world in the county papers over and over again months and months previous! And then another third of his "dialogue" is occupied in reaching the sum total of the county commissioners' salaries for the past two years. This indeed seems to comprise the sweetest of the milk in the critic's cocoanut. And yet before he gets through he actually proposes to allow the commissioners a *salary* about equaling the figures discovered.

The "dialogue" also exhibits a very confused idea of public affairs when it says:

C.—What does it mean, these calls in the papers for the commissioners of the several counties to meet in joint session.

A.—To frame a bill lengthening the time of the commissioners from two years to four or six, and make them a review and return board, and it means this trip to Baltimore will cost the county over forty dollars a day; why not stay at home and let each county act for themselves.

What calls can he mean? We do not recollect having seen one in the NEWS. What joint sessions does he refer to? None has ever been held for purposes such as he states. If he has reference to the joint meetings of the boards of Kent and Queen Anne's he ought to know that they have no more to do with legislation or changing their term of office than they have with regulating the price of the farmer's grain. These things are purely legislative matters belonging to the representatives of the people at Annapolis. The county commissioners are certainly above the critic's ideal in this regard. Whatever *he* might do if a member, he will not find these honorable gentlemen asking the Legislature to make them a "review or return board" for any other purpose than that for which they are constantly and conscientiously striving—the lessening of the county expenses, and thereby reducing the people's taxes. Just here let me say that had "Tax-Payer" devoted half his space to an argument in favor of that very thing—i. e. the making of the county commissioners the review board, if there is a new assessment—he would have assisted in saving the county a large sum. We venture the assertion that an independent review board will cost the county, at the very lowest estimate, *a full thousand dollars more than if the county commissioners were required to do the work, and it will not be done as well either.* This is our deliberate judgment. Let all tax-payers bear this in mind. The commissioners are not selfishly seeking the job, but they ought to be required to do the work; first because they are best qualified therefor by reason of acquaintance with such matters, and second, because they can do it at so much less expense. Will Mr. "Tax Payer" question this?

Then this "trip to Baltimore." Our critic friend is the first in the whole State to cast a reflection upon the proposed commissioners' conference. In every county the meeting is approved, especially by the intelligent tax payers, as a move in the right direction, and Kent is honored as the originator. But this "dialogueist" condemns it in advance!

However, our friend seems to be farther astray upon the bridge question than all else, and manifests an inexcusable ignorance in his reference to the commissioners' relation to the Chester river structure. His "calls for joint sessions" are but creations of his own perverted imagination. One joint session only was held last fall and that was absolutely required by law for organization. The commissioners would have been amenable to just censure had they disregarded this plain requirement. Yet "Tax Payer" condemns them for this! Worse still he indulges in a most uncharitable slur at our board because a majority of the Queen Anne's members failed to attend the last joint meeting, one of them in consequence of personal affliction and the other a *death* in his family! If Satan were a fit subject for shame such a criticism would certainly bring to him the blush!

The members of the present board of commissioners earn every dollar they get. We challenge any honest man to carefully measure their duties, and the faithful manner in which these duties have been performed in recent years, and then say their salaries are in any degree extravagant. Their weekly meetings at the county seat are but a slight measure of their official work, though these meetings are attended with responsibilities and labors of highest import to the tax payers of the county. Besides these board duties the county commissioner has the supervision of all the public roads in his district. Mr. Morgan is required to overlook one hundred and forty miles of road in the first district; Mr. Shallcross has one hundred and twenty miles; Mr. Rodenhizer has eighty miles; Mr. Groves has sixty miles, and Mr. Wilson fully one hundred miles. The commissioners are required by law to go over every part of these roads twice a month, and a conscientious regard for their oaths require them to go over portions of them much oftener. It is directly in the interest of the tax payer that they should do this. Road expenses are heavy enough now, Heaven knows, but what would they be if the work was not over-looked? Mr. "Tax Payer" intimates that when a contract—for a road or bridge—is given out to a "good mechanic," no further attention is needed. Is that the way he transacts his business? Did he ever build a house that way?

It is just such unjust criticism and fault-finding as that indulged in by "Tax Payer" that discourages the honest public official. There may be too many applicants for the Treasurer's office at $1500 per annum, but there never has been in our recollection an over supply of desirable material for the office of county commissioner, even at the munificent salary of five hundred dollars a year! Indeed it is with the greatest difficulty that such men can be prevailed upon to serve.

We do not question Mr. "Tax Payer's" motive in suggesting a fixed salary of $500 but think it would be the reverse of an economical policy. It would be an arbitrary expenditure without a necessary equivalent. It would give the county commissioner about the same money he gets now without the inducements that move most men—that is, reward for labor performed.

In the history of Kent county no term of years has been so marked with permanent improvement to our roads and bridges as in the few years past, and no board of commissioners individally or collectively—has been more painstaking, more industrious, or more solicitous for the interest of the tax payer than has the present board, while the substantial iron bridges in different sections of the county and the improved highways generally—and all with a lessened tax rate—will be an enduring monument to their efficiency and integrity.

ANOTHER TAX PAYER.

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Mr. Ryan Replies.

Good thinking people in this part of our fair county were greatly shocked and mortified on Saturday evening and Sunday last, at the unchristianly and ungentlemanly treatment of the Rev. Mr. Roe, as published in the KENT NEWS by a couple of lecturers, who have been trying their utmost to sow discord in the several churches of this section, as well as in families and between friends, for the past month; whose meetings look more like political gatherings, with doctrines and speech calculated to embitter the minds of the people against the well-being of our community. If what these two men preach and act is "Christianity, pure and simple," good Lord save us from such! We would rather hoe our row outside the pale of any church. If the pastors of either the M. E., M. P. or Catholic churches were to advocate such doctrines as these men have, they would, without doubt, have been drummed away long ago. But these two chaps, at the solicitation of *one man*, can come here and do about as they please, silly enough to think that the majority of the people are with them, whereas, if the excitement and low spice were taken out, their attendance would be at least two-thirds short of what it has been. We have no disposition to interfere with those *immaculates* in the airing of themselves or their doctrine, nor with those who have become converts thereto; we are perfectly willing for them to continue their peculiar course, believing that sooner or later, their career will wind up, as in the case of others who have preceded them, leaving their disciples in sorrow and shame.

We should not have paid further attention to these men but for the insult to the reverend gentleman above referred to, and to our people, both Protestants and Catholics. Their assertion, that "Mr. Roe, seeing some of his people attend our meetings has allowed his prejudice to carry him away to that extent that he has preached against and denounced us publicly and in very bad language, &c.," is false, as any man who heard Mr. Roe, if he has any degree of intelligence, will bear witness. Right here we will say that their contemptible conduct during the service on the days they were in the M. E. Church, was such that the trustees could with difficulty restrain themselves from going to them and request them to be more respectful in deportment. Again, they assert that "Mr. Roe went to the stores and circulated reports that we had bought meat and stamps, &c., on the Sabbath, which they had before proven false." Let that be as it may, they did purchase meat and stamps on their Sabbath, the only question being the time of day. Their adherents stated that the Sabbath ended at 6 o'clock, while these fellows, when they heard of the complaint, said the Sabbath terminated at sunset. We know that they bought stamps at about 5.40 P. M., and we have known some of their family buying articles at 5.30 P. M., and the gentleman of whom they bought the meat, says he sold them meat before sunset, and can so prove, and he defies them to prove to the contrary. In conclusion we will say that Rev. Mr. Roe is a gentleman and a Christian, and so acknowledged by all persons in the community, except those of contracted minds, and we are sorry the same cannot be said of those "blind leaders of the blind."

The above we are personally responsible for. J. R. RYAN,
Jan. 14, 1892. Rock Hall.

MARRIED IN 1891.

IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE?

If there is any one who can answer the above question certainly the following persons are the ones to do it:

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