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JUST think of a young man like former Governor Edwin Warfield having the measles.

THE distribution of the federal offices among the Republican cohorts is likely to cause a big split in the ranks of the leaders.

FARMER FRANK BROWN says the only office that will tempt him is another term as Governor. He made one of the best Governors the State ever had, and the party might go farther and do worse by selecting some one else as the candidate.

THE Legislature will do a wise thing if it passes another disfranchisement amendment. This issue is by no means dead in this State, and if the few of the objectionable features of the last amendment are eliminated, the amendment, we believe, will meet with the approval of the voters at the polls.

THE TRANSCRIPT is in favor of the State-Wide Primary Election Bill which has been prepared by Senator Blair Lee. There are some objectionable features about the Straus bill which may work a hardship upon the Wilson law counties. These objections are thoroughly met in Senator Lee's bill which we believe would prove a most excellent law for the State. It is the duty of the Democratic party to pass a State-Wide Primary Law that will be a sincere redemption of party promises, and not to foster upon the party again a political make-shift such as is the present farce of a primary law.

THE BALTIMORE SUN in speaking of the death of Marion deK. Smith, Esq., said on Wednesday, "Many Baltimoreans read with regret on Tuesday of the death on Monday at his home in Chestertown of Marion deK. Smith, who was a member of the 'Old Guard' in the Democratic politics of the Eastern Shore. Mr. Smith followed closely the proceedings of the Maryland Legislature and was a familiar figure at Annapolis during most of the sessions. Personally he was a man of much gentility, and he will be missed by the members of the 'Old Guard' and their descendants when the Democratic clans gather again."

SENATOR SLAY and Senator Biddison, of Baltimore county had an amusing tilt in the Senate on Tuesday in reference to the reporting of the Banking bill, which Senator Slay introduced some time ago. Senator Slay was ready for action and chided the Judiciary Committee of which Senator Biddison is chairman, for what Senator Slay considered a dereliction of duty. Senator Biddison is reported to have replied to Senator Slay in the following manner: "I have been in the Maryland Senate for two terms with Senator Slay, but it is the first time that I have found the Senator from Kent in condition and ready to act." Senator Biddison promised to report the bill at an early date.

TWO influential men, Marion deK. Smith, Esq., and former Sheriff Daniel W. Hadaway, passed out of this life during the past week with such suddenness as to shock the community to its very center. Both men possessed those qualities of character which stamped the individuality of each impressively upon the business and political life of the town and county, and each in his sphere left an influence which will be felt for years to come. The suddenness of the death of these two valuable men should be a warning to all those who mingled with them in life, and should be a solemn lesson to a community which has been bereft of some of its best and most influential citizens within the past few months.

THE BILL providing for changing the method of recording deeds in the Court House, which was introduced by Senator Slay last week, and which has been favorably reported by a select committee of the Senate and passed, has caused a storm of opposition from the tax-payers in the county. The TRANSCRIPT explained the provisions of the bill last Saturday, and showed how such a law, if passed, would run Kent county to an expense of from \$2000 to \$3000 and would benefit only one man at the expense of the tax-payers. A prominent Organization man was in the office this week and stated that the passage of this bill at this time would be an outrage, and another prominent Organization man stated that if he had known what the bill really meant, he would never, under any circumstances, have signed a petition for its passage. The bill was gotten up by the Organization element, and petitions were signed by Organization adherents in the interest of the man who now draws the best salary of any official in Kent county, and if the bill is passed, the tax-payers will hold the Organization forces responsible for more useless expenditure of their money. Beware. You are going too far with the people's money. Delegates Harris and Willis will confer a great favor upon the taxpayers if they will kill this bill in the House.

CHESTERTOWN and Kent county have been bereft of some of their best and most influential citizens during the past few months. Among those are J. Thos. Pennington, Frank P. Cochran, Wm. B. Usilton, Daniel W. Hadaway, Thos. Gale, Marion deK. Smith, T. Romie Strong, Wm. D. Pennington, Dr. J. T. Twilley and George Henry Watts. All of these men were valuable citizens in their respective communities, and they left an influence for good in this county.

SENATOR SLAY introduced his road bill in the Senate last Friday. It will be remembered that this bill gives the Governor the power to appoint the road engineer, and destroys absolutely the force and effect of the Caroline County Road Law, which Mr. Harris has introduced in the House. Senator Slay's bill will put the roads of this county in politics worse than ever, for the reason that the engineer appointed by the Governor will be a man recommended by the State Central Committee, and as has been the case with other appointments in the county, the recommendation will be made in the interest of the faction which controls the State Central Committee. If this bill of Senator Slay's becomes a law, Kent county will be the only county in the State of Maryland where the County Commissioners are deprived of supervision of the roads. There can be only one motive for forcing a bill of this kind upon the tax-payers of the county, and that is the determination of the Organization element of the party to keep the roads of this county in politics. If the Organization element had control of the Board of County Commissioners they would employ the same method of working the roads as has been employed since 1895, and now that they have lost control of the board of commissioners, they seem determined to keep the county's roads deeper in the mire of politics, and utterly, regardless of the welfare of the tax-payers and of the value of our farm lands, to force upon the people a law that nobody is demanding and for which not a single tax-payer has signed a petition. Let the people who framed the Slay bill take the responsibility for it. Let them answer to the 580 or more honorable tax-payers who have petitioned the delegates for the Caroline Road Law, and let them tell the people why they prefer to look after the interests of the man who pays little or no taxes, in preference to the man whose hard-earned money is siphoned from him to keep the political pot boiling. Mr. Harris and Mr. Willis have the names of more than 580 tax-payers who have asked them to pass the Caroline law, and they should see to it that the Caroline law is passed.

Legislative Doings.

Senator Slay introduced his road bill in the Senate on Friday. This is the bill which gives the Governor the power to appoint the Road Engineer and takes the supervision of the roads of Kent county out of the hands of the Board of County Commissioners. The worst bill for Kent county that has ever been introduced in the Legislature.

As predicted exclusively by the TRANSCRIPT last Saturday, Senator Slay on Friday introduced a bill to establish "The People's Bank, of Chestertown," and it will be a State Bank. The incorporators are Senator Slay, Philip G. Wilmer, Dr. H. B. Simmons, Wm. Frank Jarrell and L. Bates Russell.

Upon motion of Senator Slay, of Kent, the Maryland Senate adjourned Tuesday afternoon, out of respect to the late Comptroller of the Treasury, Marion deK. Smith.

Delegate Harry Willis' bill governing the deposits of county moneys by the county treasurer has passed the House. The bill requires the money to be deposited equally among the three banks of the town, but if the People's Bank is established, the law will have to be amended in the next Legislature to help take care of the People's Bank.

The bills introduced by Senator Slay providing for changing the method of recording deeds, etc., in the court house, and changing the pay for the board of prisoners from 35 to 50 cents per day, have passed the senate.

The Wilson Ballot Law is still on the statute books, a bill to repeal it having been killed in the Senate this week.

OBITUARY.

MARION DEK. SMITH.

This community was shocked to its very center on Monday morning to learn of the sudden death of Marion deK. Smith, Esq., at his home on Washington avenue. Mr. Smith was apparently in the best of health with the exception of a slight trouble with his eyes. He spent the greater part of the day at his home on Sunday. In the afternoon he attended the funeral of ex-sheriff Daniel W. Hadaway, and after supper, he, in company with several friends called upon Senator Slay. There was not the slightest sign of ill health during the visit, and about ten o'clock he left for his home. Shortly after retiring he was taken ill. Dr. Simmons was hastily summoned, and though the physician exerted his skill upon the sufferer, he expired shortly before two o'clock on Monday morning from the effects of angina pectoris.

Marion deK. Smith was born on a farm near Kennedyville, this county, October 16th, 1850, and was the son of the late James and Anne Smith. He was but twelve years old when his father died.

The family removed to Chestertown four years before that event and the boy received good school advantages. He graduated from Washington College in 1870, and then took up the study of law with Richard Hynson. At the same time he was deputy clerk in the Circuit Court for Kent county under his half-brother, Jesse K. Hines. He was admitted to the bar in April, 1873, and at once started his professional work in Chestertown. In 1888 he was elected State's Attorney, serving four years. Again in 1887, he was re-elected to this responsible position, and upon the expiration of his second term of four years was honored by being elected Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland. Again, in 1898, he was chosen by the people of this State to fill this important office. In 1895 he was for the third time nominated by acclamation to the comptrollership of the State by the Democratic State Convention. Though defeated in the ensuing election, he ran ahead of his ticket by

about twenty-five hundred votes. He was always an ardent supporter of the Democracy, and often represented his county in State and Congressional Conventions. He was delegate-at-large from Maryland to the National Democratic Convention held in Chicago in 1896. From 1879 to 1883 he was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee.

In point of service Mr. Smith may, with propriety, be called the nestor of the local bar, and was recognized throughout the State as a lawyer of marked ability and enjoyed a large and influential practice. He was local counsel for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for the Board of Town Commissioners and Water Board, the Electric Light and Power Company, member of the Board of Directors and attorney for the Chestertown Bank of Maryland, secretary of the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College, in whose welfare he was always interested and for the success of which he exerted his best efforts. Mr. Smith was a man of striking personality. Possessing an even-tempered disposition and an insinuating manner, he won a host of friends who admired his fidelity to fixed principles and his adherence to those whom he considered his friends. One of the most striking traits in Mr. Smith's character was his high regard for the opinion of others. He was a man who, having adopted a course of action, held firmly to it, and believed to be right, and though many differed with him on matters of public concern, he never allowed these differences to influence his relations with those with whom he came in contact, and the remarkable trait in his character was his absolute consistency in business and in politics. He was by no means a man of strong prejudices, and yet from the time of his entry into the political arena to the day of his death, he held fast to those principles which he believed to be for the best interests of his party, and remained steadfast to those who had assisted him in the promulgation of those principles. The very nature and disposition of the man fitted him to be a leader among men, and his broadmindedness and keen judgment gave him an influence and prestige in business and in politics which few men of his day and generation wielded. Such a man never fails to impress his individuality upon the community in which he lived, and though there were many who entertained honest differences of opinion, both in business and in politics from Mr. Smith, he respected them none the less for these differences, and pursued the even tenor of his way. His wise judgment and keen foresight will be sorely missed in the councils of his party, and though it has been said that for every man who drops from the ranks there rises one to take his place, Mr. Smith's successor will be extremely hard to find, for few men in this county combined all those qualities of leadership and direction found in Mr. Smith.

Strange and mysterious indeed, seem the works of Providence. Only a little over two months ago, his companion in the ranks and his associate in local political life died, and it seems to be a strange dispensation that the other lifelong friend and fellow-worker should pass so shortly to that great beyond. But such is life. We are here to-day and gone to-morrow. But happy is that man who has so lived that when his summons comes, he has the call long or short, he can lay aside the trials and turmoils of life, and leave behind him an influence that will be felt as long as will that of Marion deK. Smith.

The deceased is survived by a widow, who was before marriage, Miss Addie Burchinal, sister of the late Senator W. D. Burchinal, and two children—one son, Mr. Marion deK. Smith, Jr., a member of the engineering corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with headquarters at Wilmington, Del., and one daughter, Miss Anna E. Smith, at home. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. John N. Dodd, of this town and Mrs. Walter R. Graham, of Salisbury. Funeral services were held from the residence on Wednesday at noon, conducted by Rev. Dr. L. E. Barrett. Interment in Chester cemetery. The pall-bearers were Dr. W. Frank Hines, Lewin W. Wickes, Dr. James W. Cain, James W. Vannort, Alday Clements, and Fred G. Usilton. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives from all parts of the county and State. Among those who attended from out of town were Gov. A. L. Crothers, Comptroller of the Treasury, Dr. J. W. Hering, Land Commissioner Thomas Smith, Messrs. Harry Hopkins, Brian and Davis, of Anne Arundel, Delegates Harris and Willis, who made the trip from Annapolis in the State steamer Thomas, with Messrs. Jesse H. Usilton and Wm. T. Nicholson also on board; Dr. and Mrs. Gundry, of Catonsville, and Dr. and Mrs. W. Frank Hines, of Baltimore. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, completely covering the casket as it rested in the parlor of the home. Undertaker Charles L. Dodd had charge of the funeral arrangements.

CLINTON WRIGHT.  
Mr. Clinton Wright, formerly of Queen Annes county, but for a number of years a resident of Tennessee, died March 14th at Humboldt, Tenn., in his 63d year. He leaves a widow and four grown children. Mr. Wright was a brother of Mrs. M. P. Earle, of Centerville, Mr. Wm. T. Wright, of Baltimore, and Mrs. Wm. S. Carroll, of Chestertown.

JAMES A. SUTTON.  
Mr. James A. Sutton, an aged citizen of Kent county, died at his home on Lynch, Monday morning, aged 75 years. He is survived by two sisters, Miss Caroline A. Sutton and Mrs. L. C. Graves. Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 P. M., conducted by Rev. Birnbach; interment at Shrewsbury. Undertaker J. E. Ferguson in charge.

Other obituaries will be found on page 8.

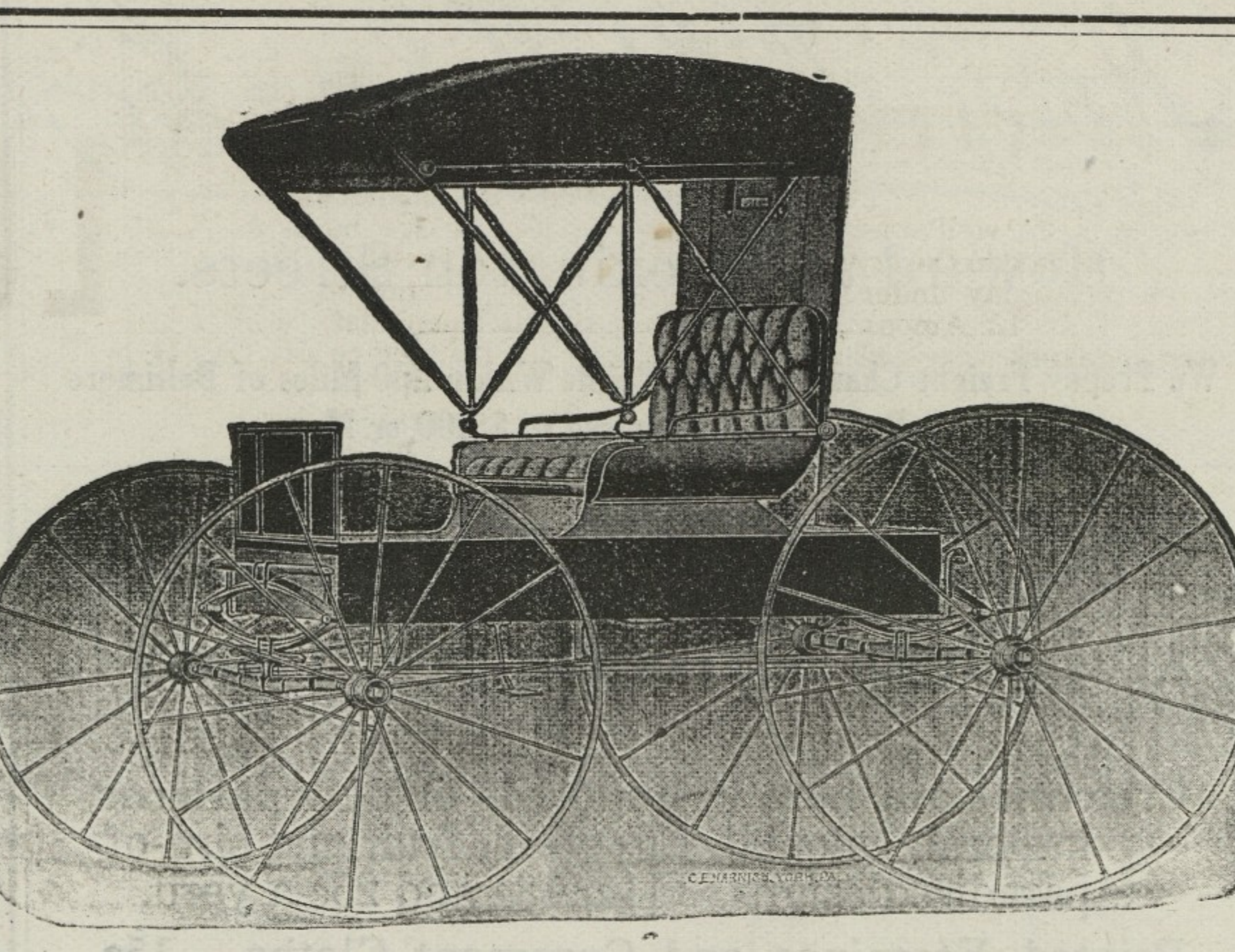
FOR SALE

A Fine Building Lot in Chestertown Overlooking Chester River.

I will offer at private sale a beautiful building lot having a front of 80 feet on the north side of Water or Front street adjoining the residence of Charles J. Enckle (now occupied by Mr. Clay) overlooking Chester river. The lot fronts 80 feet and is about 180 feet 8 inches deep. It will take \$1,500 for this lot and a large part of the purchase money can remain on first mortgage to suit the purchaser.

Also a certain 30 foot LOT on the west side of Cannon street in the rear of the kitchen of the residence occupied by Mr. J. Arthur Bradley, Chestertown, Md. For further particulars address, HOPE H. BARROLL, m12-st. Attorney for Mrs. M. C. Ringgold.

CARRIAGE Emporium!



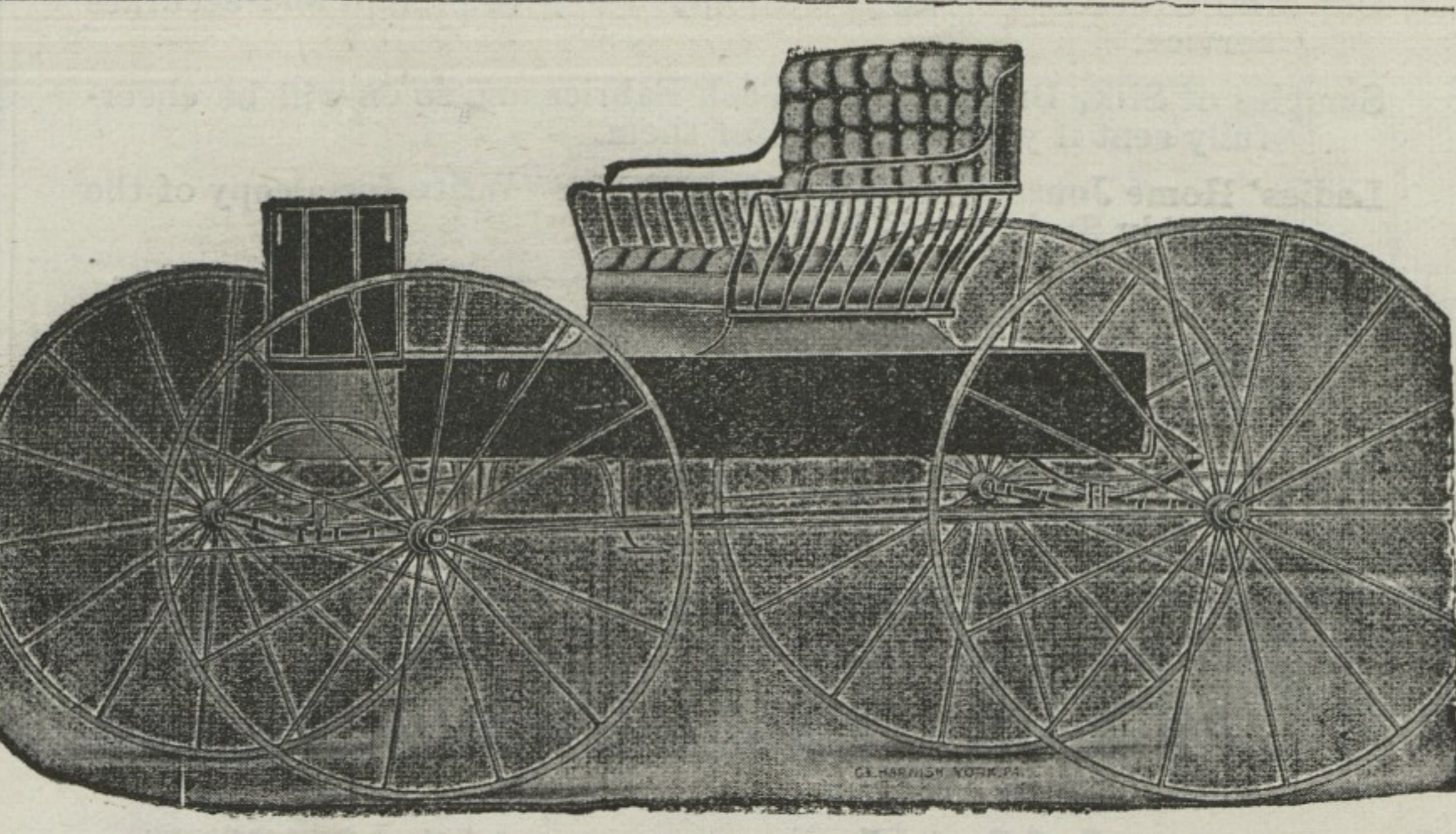
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Steel or rubber tire until you inspect my stock. I have one of the finest assortments bought that will be displayed in the county this season. I am expecting my first carload about the 20th of this month and more to follow in a few days, you will hear from me later.

I have already a large assortment of Single and Double Carriage and Dearborn Harness at surprisingly low prices. Single Harness \$8.75 up.

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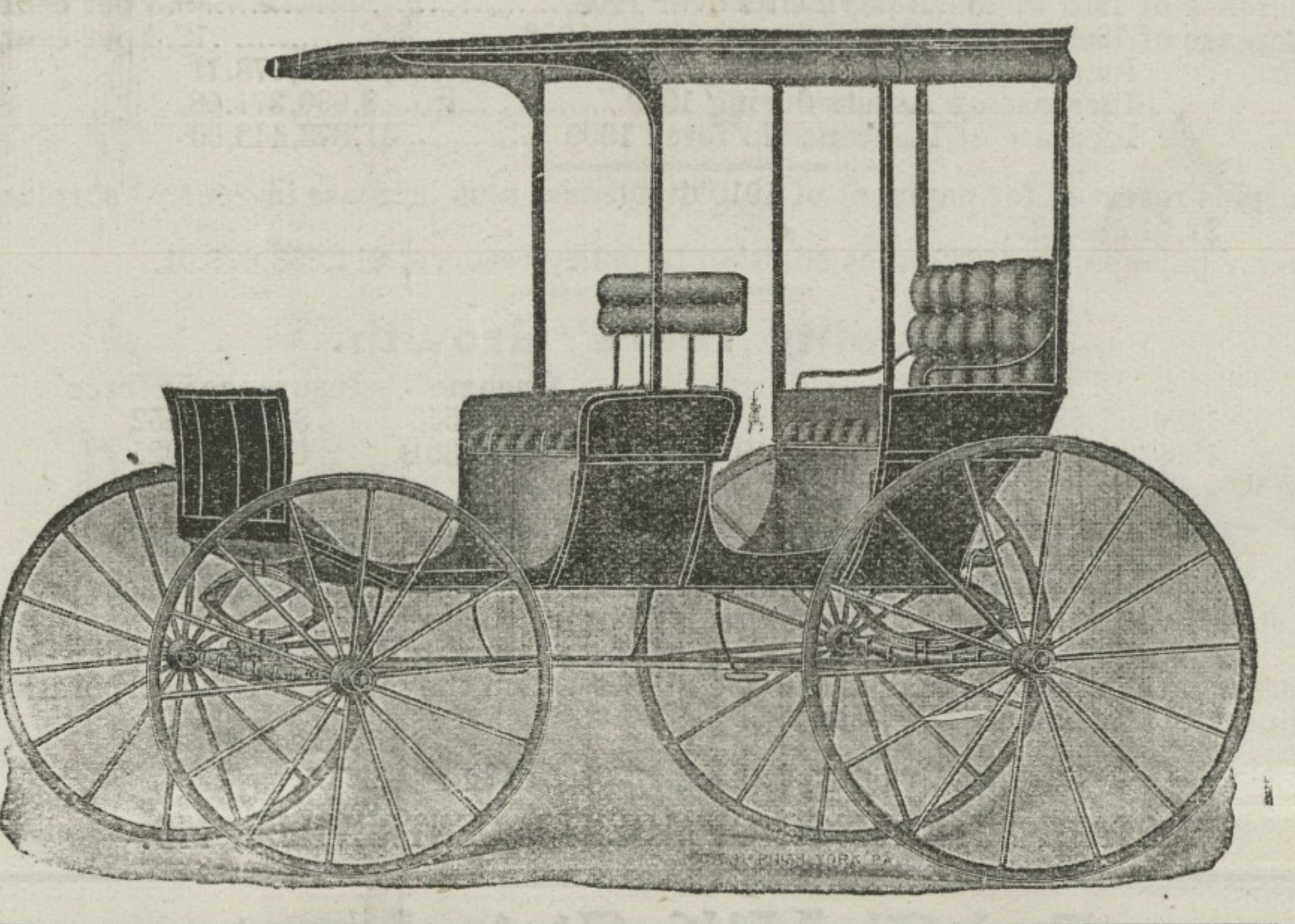
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I am headquarters for entire John Deere Line CARRIAGES, RUNABOUTS, CORN PLANTERS, PLOWS, HARROWS, etc., and I have been supplied with a complete line of DEERE CORN PLANTER REPAIRS.

Come and see me before you buy any of the above-named articles. I can and will save you money.

I sold out my entire line of Carriages, Harness, etc., last year—no old stock on hand.



Thanking you for past favors, and wishing for a continuance of same, I am yours for business,

A. S. TURNER, Worton, Md.

HARRISON W. VICKERS, Jr., Attorney.

Ratification Nisi.

John A. Collison, vs. Wm. T. Crouch, et al. In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity. No. 1692.

ORDERED, this 10th day of March, 1910, by the Circuit Court for Kent county in equity, that the Auditors Account and Report, stated and reported by Lewin W. Wickes, auditor, in the above entitled cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 4th day of April, next;—provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of two successive weeks before the 28th day of March next.

JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk. True Copy—Test: JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk. m-1212.

DITCHING AND TILING.

I am prepared to do all kinds of Ditching and Tiling, either by contract or by the day. Reference, Messrs. Chapman & Lambert, Chestertown, Md. For further particulars address, THOMAS E. MANDER, m12-st. Kennedyville R. D., Md.

A. COHEN

SANDY BOTTOM, MD.

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Spring and Summer Stock

Wait 'till I get home and I'll tell you something that will make you take notice of the

BIG BARGAINS

I will have to offer. Just wait till I get back, the Biggest and Best Stock will be mine.

ABE COHEN,

LEADER OF LOW PRICES. SANDY BOTTOM, MD.

WE WISH TO ANNOUNCE TO THE TRADE

That we are adding to our line a line of

Carriages, Surreys AND RUNABOUTS.

We are building a Carriage Emporium on the lot where the photograph gallery has been for a number of years, and have contracted for one of the best lines of Carriages on the market. The invoice for the first carload has been received, and they should reach us in a few days.

If you are going to buy a Buggy or Carriage, be sure to see our line and get our prices before buying, as we think that we will be a position to save you some money.

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