Kent News

SATURDAY, - - - OCT. 5, 1895

THE ladies of the Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown, will hold their annual supper Tuesday evening, Oct. 29.

WE had a heavy frost in this section last Thursday morning—the first of the season.

GEN. WM. MCKENNEY has recovered from his nine weeks illness of erysipelas, and was on the streets of Centreville last Wednesday. He has many friends in Kent who will be glad to hear of his recovery.

A NOTABLE county convention will be held in Chestertown during the coming month of November—that of the Sunday school workers of the county. The convention will be composed of delegates from all the churches in the county and will continue two days—probably on Saturday and Sunday. The last one, held in Millington, was a most delightful and profitable religious assembly.

MRS. WM. J. McFEELY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Emory McFeely, wife of Wm. J. McFeely, Esq., deceased from this life on the morning of the 1st of October at 3 o'clock. A very brief illness, covering something over 9 days, terminated, as it was forseen, fatally, although its beginnings were apparently marked by no such symptons as to occasion alarm. But the disease rapidly developed and soon reached an aggravating and baffling phase, and the strength of the patient diminished in proportion. It is believed now that there must have been antecedent trouble of which the sufferer gave no sign in her days of previous apparent good health and thus the immediate cause of death was only one of a train of causes which had heretofore escaped observation. All that the highest professional skill could advise, and all that the ministry of sympathetic friends and tender, loving inmates of the home could apply, was of no avail to stay the hand of death.

Her religious profession dates back to her childhood, and was interrupted at no time. Simple faith in God, and a quiet undemonstrative way of obedience to His will characterized her piety; and the expression of her creed was not in speech but in a self-sacrificing ministry and an exquisite care for those abou ther.

Her late connection with Christ Church was marked by sincerity of Christian experience, and in the precious faith of its altar. She ascended above earthly ills, to the dwelling on high, the "house not made with hands eternal in the heavens." Her last moments were marked by the same unfaltering courage that had sustained her all along through life, and her faith found verbal expression even in death in her unchanging confidence in divine love.

The deceased was married to Wm. J. McFeely, Esq., on the 13th of November 1884, from the residence of Dr. John J. Murray at the St. John's Methodist Parsonage, Baltimore. She was a half sister of Drs. John and Thomas Murray, each of whom was twice a pastor of Christ Church, Chestertown, and in their homes, on the death of her parents in early life, she came to womanhood. In the most faithful relations of life she sustained a devoted part, and in the bereavements that fell upon both brothers' homes, assured to herself a large share of all the care and anxiety that follow the irruption of sorrow upon the household. She passed forth from these scenes after the maturing process of these events to enter the large arena of wifehood, and here as elsewhere lived the same loving life of a woman wholly absorbed in these scenes, and caring nothing for the "madding world" outside.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon; Dr. J. Thos. Murray, of Baltimore, impressively read the service; Dr. John J. Murray, of Carroll county, delivered a short but touching address, and a closing prayer was offered by Dr. S. Reese Murray, after which the remains were conveyed to Chester Cemetery, where Dr. J. L. Mills took part in the burial ceremonies. The pall bearers were: Dr. S. R. Murray, Wm. Norris, Dr. R. M. Price, W. H. McFeely J. L. McFeely and P. T. McFeely.

ISAIAH COLEMAN.

After an illness of several years of consumption, Isaiah Coleman died at his residence in Chestertown last Thursday night aged 50 years. For a full year past he has been confined to his bed. He was a son of the late Jas. U. Coleman, and was born at Rock Hall. He leaves a widow and three children aged 8, 11 and 13 years, also three brothers, James, William and Jackson, and two sisters, Mrs. W. Maslin and Mrs. W. H. Pennell. The funeral will take place this morning at 10 o'clock.

Notice.—The "United Y" will meet at Mrs. A. L. Corey's residence near Fairlee next Monday evening at 7.30. You are cordially invited to be present.

Lecture.—Rev. J. W. Sterretts, a student at Pennsylvania University, will lecture in Bethel A. M. E. Church next Monday evening.

An Oysterman to His Brethren.

A Personal Appeal from a Kent Countian who Looks at It from a Practical Standpoint.

To the Editors of the Kent News:

GENTLEMEN:—Permit me through your valuable paper to say a few words to my own class of fellow citizens, and I wish I could—I trust I may—reach the attention of every oysterman in our county, as this is a matter of absolute livelihood with us.

For years Mr. Agnus, of the Baltimore *American*, the *Sun*, Hon. Thos. S. Hodson, and the leading Republican politicians have been advocating—not the leasing of the oyster bars—but the *barren bottoms*. They could not think of touching the regular bars (oh no, the innocents!) or any bottoms on which oysters are growing naturally—that is, not at present. Since the "we are going to carry the State this year to get it into line for 1896" cry has been out nothing has been written about leasing the barren bottoms. It might scare the oystermen and that would never do, so mum is the word for the present, but still they, the Republicans, are pledged to lease all the barren bottoms of the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries, if they ever get the power to do it, and lease them principally to themselves. Now there is certainly no wrong in that; who could see it? What ordinary tonger, dredger, buyer or other interested in the oyster industry, could see any possible harm in the State realizing a snug income from a lot of barren land lying under the water? It would produce enough revenue to maintain the oyster navy as it at present exists and leave a large amount for school purposes. Now for the real plan and the "nigger in the wood pile." Once the barren bottoms are leased to planters the war will begin against the tongers. First, it will be slight encroachments on the natural bars, only a few yards perhaps, then a call comes from the owners of the bottoms for protection, for the tongers will insist on their rights, but will soon be put down by the force of a Republican oyster navy. Then will a survey be made which will of course take in a little more of the natural bed, then there will be peace for awhile. It will be made interesting to the tongers to catch oyters for the planters, they will make money at it for a year or two. Our cull law will interfere with the planters and will be repealed so to read that anything the planters want can be taken from the natural bars and sold to them. In one year the natural bars would be broken up and their product planted on the barren bottoms. Now the pig wants more corn, and an appeal is made to the legislature to know why those old oyster bars and hills, which have nothing on them, should be allowed to lie idle when they would bring a large revenue to the State by leasing them? The Republican legislature would of course see the wisdom of leasing the bars and then good bye to the tonger, dredger, and all *natives* interested in our oysters. Italians, Huns, Russian Jews, everything except Americans, Irishmen and Germans would be employed by the owners at as low a price as possible, all would be naturalized and vote. So far as the naturalization is concerned it would make no difference with the political machinery in the Republicans hands. Any one who voted their way would certainly get their vote in. Even the colored brother would stand no chance of employment on the river and would'nt take it at the prices they would pay even if offered. The men they kept would only be kept so as to have enough to make a showing of a vote at the elections so as to count in a majority for the Republicans at each election until they got so well settled in their title to their planting grounds that it could not well be taken away from them, without an outlay of money to carry from Court to Court that it would be impossible to raise.

We who are used to a free life on the water and hardly know any other means of gaining a livehood would be, to use a concise term, out of a job, and almost in a state to join the already large army of American tramps thrown out of work by cheap imported foreign labor. What could we do? We might claim that we could honorably go and take the oysters that are on the bars and rocks at any time, when not watched; but there would be no time they were not watched. They would have a patrol boat at each mile of the river, they would spend the revenue derived from the oyster beds and planting grounds to keep a force of voters in place that would more than exceed the revenue derived from it. They would claim it was necessary and say they were obliged to protect these men after they had leased them the grounds and at any time they thought they had need of a few thousand more votes to keep them in line for the next election all they would have to do would be to raise a cry that the people were stealing their oysters. Then in October put on the few thousand men to guard the different bars and planting grounds. It would be a grand vote catcher. The Lord help the poor tonger then! But as the Lord helps those who help themselves, now is the time for the tonger and all interested in the oyster industry to help themselves and snow them so completely under next November that they will never try to get this State in line again for any year.

Oystermen don't deprive your wife and children of their living and comforts by voting for a party that is pledged to sell your right to make a livelihood. Don't be fooled into voting for a member of the legislature because he is a nice man; he may be nice here at home, but once in the hands of the Philistines he is their slave, he can know nothing but what they tell him, they may be honorable and all that is required to make a man a man in his own neighborhood, but when he is in the lesislative hall he will see only through some one else's glasses.

When these changes come laws will be so strict against you that it will be as illegal to own and possess oyster tongs as it is for a burglar to have in his possession the tools he plies his trade with. The law will read that having possession of oyster tongs or other implements used for taking or catching oysters shall be prima facie evidence that the possessor is an oyster thief and shall be fined and imprisoned accordingly. This is not far fetched; it is solid fact, and *as certain as the Republicans gain control of the next Legislature and State officers, just so sure will the event chronicled come to pass. There is only one safe side.* DON'T LET THEM GET THERE.

What I have written will bear no amendment, and even as it is it is mild in comparison to what will happen. But we will put it in a light that no one can gainsay. No one doubts that the Republican policy is to lease the barren bottoms, with no further encroachments on our rights we are still at their mercy. They would have the right to take up their plants by steam dredgers or in any way they choose and would have their grounds guarded at the expense of the State. They would raise millions of bushels of oysters, enough to supply the demand and only select the finest. They would through agents in Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia and other points sell by sample before the oysters were taken from the planting grounds. They would monopolize the market, we would have no buying boats from the mere fact that there would be no use for them. Our mixed stock as we take it from the natural beds would not be in demand. The steam houses and all would be supplied with large oysters at a price to force us out of any market except to the planters and they would fix the price so that it would be a very small living we could get out of it, and the cull and all other laws that interfered with them, repealed onr natural bars would soon be depleted.

This is no fanciful high drawn picture, I am interested for myself more than for you, but by myself can do nothing, but cast one solid vote and give you this matter to read over and then make up your mind that this is the year to vote for yourself and family and let the nice good fellows wait until there is no danger of their vote in the legistature depriving me and you of that greatest of blessings that we now enjoy under Democratic rule—OUR FREE OYSTER BARS.

AN OYSTERMAN.

Kennedyville Awake!

KENNEDYVILLE, MD., Oct. 2, '92.

As per call the Carlisle Democratic Club of the second district met at Kennedyville, Oct. 2d, at 7.30 o'clock P. M. The meeting was called to order by Mr. P. G. Wilmer, our candidate for the legislature, who in a few well-spoken words, advised harmony and thorough organization, showing that this, as laid down by Samuel J. Tilden, is the first step to undoubted success. Mr. Wilmer, after stating the object of the meeting, closed by organizing, with loud applause by the large assemblage of Democratic voters present. On motion Mr. James W. Hurtt was unanimously made president of the club, and Mr. John Medders, secretary. Mr. Hurtt in taking the chair said he was not as capable of making a speech as his young friend who just closed. But Mr. Hurtt was equal to the occasion, and gave the young and the old Democratic voters some good and sound advice. He was frequently applauded. He advised all to throw aside factionalism and go to work, as it would make any Democrat feel small after the election if Kent county or the State of Maryland should be turned over to the Republicans, which he could not think was possible. As for the one man, Gorman, being the cause of any Democrat from supporting his ticket was a poor excuse. Don't allow one man to drive you from your party. We needed and asked Mr. Gorman's help and influence in this our Democratic victory which we would have on the eve of Nov. 5th, so that Maryland must not and would not be written in the Republican column, and have it heralded east and west and north and south that the Republicans had won in Maryland, and broken the solid South. No, this would not be. As Mr. Hurtt closed loud applause broke forth, showing that all present approved of his well-chosen remarks. The following gentlemen were elected president and vice-presidents:

Jas. W. Hurtt, Pres't;	James McCall,
Howard C. Gray,	William Boggs,
John W. Archibald,	Wm. T. Money,
Harry Redmile,	Samuel J. Coppage,
Jesse R. Copper,	Robert Lusby.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president. The following joined and more are expected at next meeting:

D. J. Nowland,	Michael Quinn,
Edw. Fortner,	Tilghman Shafer,
W. H. Davies,	Wm. H. Wallis,
Samuel Cemegys,	S. W. Webb,
D. T. Nickerson,	John W. Holden,
John McKee, Jr.,	W. C. Derringer,
Garrett Foxwell,	Harry Redmile,
H. C. Gray,	Wm. B. Cleaver,
J. M. Comegys,	Howard Parrott,
Geo. L. Chrisfield,	George Glenn,
Linwood Redmile,	J. W. Robinson,
J. D. McKnett,	C. B. Newton,
Wm. T. Hague,	John M. Archibald,
J. E. Newton,	P. G. Wilmer,
Wm. T. Ervan,	Thos. Quigley,
Wm. B. Wilmer,	M. N. Reddings,
John C. Sutton,	W. A. Kennedy,
B. Spencer Sutton,	W. R. Crow,
Geo. W. Sutton,	Bedford Roe,
Wm. H. H. King,	C. L. Gill,
J. L. Crouch,	E. C. Cooper,
J. K. H. Jacobs,	W. H. Whiteley,
James Archibald,	James McKee,
W. T. Crow,	W. D. McCleary,
Wm. T. Hurlock,	J. W. McCleary,
James Newcomb,	J. H. Clendaniel,
Stephen Newcomb,	L. J. Usilton,
J. B. Harris,	Oliver Cleaver,
W. W. Wolf,	Isaac Cleaver,
Wm. S. Walker,	John Medders,
Benj. Davis,	Thos. F. Hurlock,
J. B. Hossinger,	E. A. Crittenden,
Thos. Wiltbanks,	and others.
Edw. C. Jones,	

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MARRIED.

In Baltimore, on Sept. 26, 1895, at the residence of the bride's brother, by Rev. Mr. Strickiin, Miss MAMIE WEAVER and JOSEPH M. GRIFFITH, both of Baltimore.

In Washington, D. C., Sept. 11th, 1895, at the rectory of Trinity P. E. Church, by Rev. Dr. Thomas Addison, Miss MARGUERETTA V. HERSCH and JOSEPH W. APSLEY, both of Rock Hall.

DIED.

Deported this life Sept. 24th, 1895, at his parents' residence, in Piney Neck, JOHN WESLEY WARD, the son of John and Ella Ward, aged 1 month and 4 days.

Dear darling hands, we miss them so,
All through the day, wher'er we go;
All through the night, how lonely it seems
For no darling hands to awaken us out of our dreams.

We loved him, yea, no tongue can tell,
How much we loved him, and how well;
God loved him, too, and thought it best
To take our darling home to rest.—PARENTS.

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NOTICE TO PARENTS, GUARDIANS and OTHERS.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

Notice having been received by the Orphans' Court that Kent County is entitled to a

BENEFICIARY

in Washington College, by virtue of the resignation of Mr. W. E. S. Thomas, of Kent county, Maryland.

It is required that the applicant be at least fifteen years of age; that he shall be able to read, write and spell well, and shall have completed English Grammar, the History of Maryland and of the United States, Geography and Arithmetic, so as to devote himself to the collegiate course proper.

In compliance with the law, the Orphans' Court for Kent County hereby gives notice to Parents, Guardians and others, who are disposed to avail themselves of this notice, that—

On TUESDAY, 15th day of October, 1895

AT TEN AND A-HALF O'CLOCK, A. M.,

the applicats for the position must appear in person for examination by the court. The condition of this scholarship requires that the successful applicant shall give bond to the Orphans' Court in the penalty of $500.00 to teach for two years in the public schools of the State if required so to do by the school commissioners of Kent county.

JAMES T. DIXON,
s28-3t. Register of Wills.

REGISTRATION NOTICE.

To the Voters of Kent County.

In compliance with Article 33, Code of Public General Laws, title "Elections," sub-title "Registration," as amended by Chapter 573, of the Acts of 1890, notice is hereby given that the Officers of Registration for Kent county will sit for the purpose set forth in said Article for the

The October Sitting

will be on MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, October 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th, and on MONDAY, October 21st (each day from 8 A. M., to 8 P. M.) at the above places except that the First District Register will not be at Millington, nor the Fourth District Register at Pomona.

The sitting on Monday, October 21st, will be only for revision and for hearing applications for reinstatement by persons whose names have been stricken off.

GEORGE W. JACOBY,
Register of Voters for First District.

L. J. USILTON,
Register of Voters for Second District.

THOMAS J. PARSONS,
Register of Voters for Third District.

JERVIS SPENCER,
Register of Voters for Fourth District.

H. H. GRESHAM,
Register of Voters for Fifth District.

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