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THEY ARE COMING!

WHO?

The San Francisco Minstrels!

This wide-famed troupe of fun-makers will
—show at—

Stam's Hall, Monday, Dec. 30th.

A full Brass Band will give a concert and parade on Monday afternoon. Good Singing, Laughing Faces, Side-splitting Jokes, Oharming Music. Admissisn 35c. and 25c.

NOTICE:

IS HEREBY GIVEN to the STOCKHOLDERS of the CHESTERTOWN NATIONAL BANK, that their regular ANNUAL MEETING for the election of SEVEN DIRECTORS for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, January 14, 1896, at 11 o'clock A. M.
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WANTED:

A NEAT, RELIABLE WHITE GIRL to do general housework, not under 20 years of age. Apply to
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At once, a HALF-GROWN WHITE GIRL from the country, to assist in General Housework in small family in Philadelphia. For particulars apply to
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I have several very desirable rooms in the SIMPERS' LAW BUILDING that I will rent for 1896. These rooms are all bright and well located and can be used for offices. For terms, apply to
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Having purchased one of the celebrated CHICAGO POWER CLIPPERS, I am now prepared to clip horses at $2 each. Clipped while you wait. DR. G. A. JARMAN,
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Nearly opp. Voshell House.

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Combine comfort, convenience, cleanliness and cheerfulness. Three or four kinds, ranging in price from $5.00 to $10.00. Call and examine our large stock.
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WM. F. WILLING,
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AND SAVE COST!

ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY interest will be charged on all unpaid taxes from the First of September last.

Save Four Months' Interest by Paying NOW!

☞Don't wait for the rush on the last few days of the year. DEPUTY SHALLCROSS has your bill all ready for you, and can be found at the Treasurer's Office in the Court House. Respectfully,
GARRETT FOXWELL,
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AT LOWEST PRICES,
at P. T. McFEELY'S
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CARPETS! RUGS!

NEW AND BEAUTIFUL PATTERNS,
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LOCAL BRIEFS.

Items of News Picked Up From All Over Kent County.

The Christmas exercises of the Chestertown Public School will be held next Monday afternoon, December 23rd, beginning at two o'clock. All patrons and friends of the school are cordially invited to be present.

A fine entertainment will be given at Lynch's next Monday evening, by the Chapel Sunday School and the public school. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

A son of Alfred Cleaver, living near Golt's, fell from a wagon and broke his leg last Saturday afternoon. A doctor was sent for and reduced the fracture.

The Adams Express Office has been removed to the store-room adjoining Wilson's Bargain Store, five doors below Bordley's corner.

The young folks enjoyed several days of skating on the mill pond this week. The river had a skim of ice on it last Tuesday morning.

The fox hunters have been having fine sport in this vicinity this week. Messrs. George Brice and J. Gale Usilton spent last week hunting with John Brice, Jr., W. J. Porter and Herbert Wilkins on Pig Neck farm.

The "Ferris wheel" in Chas. S. Smith's store attracted a great deal of attention this week. It is modeled after the great Ferris wheel and runs by water power. Each car is filled with dolls, elephants, toys, etc.

Officer Kelley has been busily engaged this week assessing dogs. He reports very few compared to last year at this time, but thinks Chestertown has its full share.

Ex-Commissioner R. C. Morgan has rented the farm of Mr. W. H. Spry, three miles from Galena. This farm has been tenanted by Mr. Spry's son, Mr. W. L. Spry, who goes on the farm now tenanted by Commissioner Samuel Todd. The latter has determined to quit farming and has rented the Phelps property in Galena.

Mr. Chas. Burroughs, a young Delaware farmer is unfortunate. He was desirious of engaging in agriculture in Kent and thought he had rented the Edw. Plummer farm at Smithville. He seeded his wheat there and made his arrangements for foing there, but the place has since been sold and the purchaser will occupy the farm himself. Mr. Burroughs was fairly dealt with, however, and will get his interest in the wheat crop.

Oehm & Co. have decided not to run an excursion from Chestertown soon in deference to the wishes of our merchants. They run one from Cambridge and Oxford this week.

Capt. R. S. Emory has finished filling his ice house with three inch ice cut from a pond near his home.

Ex-Sheriff Dodd has rented the dwelling adjoining Mr. Wm. B. Usilton and moved his family therein.

Deputy Sheriff Owens has donned a neat blue suit with brass buttons and does credit to his office.

An average of 392 pieces of mail matter passed through the Chestertown postoffice last week. These pieces were in "transit" and did not include the mail delivered in town.

Mr. T. Blackiston Perkins, son of Dr. J. A. Perkins, Chestertown, was struck by a brick in Philadelphia Monday during the street car riot. He was not seriously hurt.

35,000,000 feet of logs are stranded at Williamsport and a freshet would sweep the whole of them into the bay and the Kent shore owners will reap another harvest.

Many farmers have been inconvenienced the past week by the cold snap, the creeks having been frozen and loaded vessels of grain being detained.

The Emma Ford has been delayed several days recently carrying freight for the new railroad at Queenstown. Timber requiring ten men to lift has been put off there and over sixty head of mules, carts, etc. Monday last was "goose day" on Kent Island and hundreds of fowls were shipped to market. Some of these geese weighed 30 pounds!

A pleasant surprise party occured at the home of Mrs. Zeisel, near Chester bridge, on Wednesday evening of last week. Mirthful games were indnlged in and delicious refreshments served. The party consisted of Mrs. William Hendrix, Mrs. Potts, Misses Grace Massey, Agnes Crew, Florence Green, Lillie Crew, Fannie Massey, Nora Hendrix, Messrs. C. Whaley, C. Rau, Oliver Newman, Frank Jester, Al. and H. Crew, W. Maslin, C. Dewberry, Joe Massey, D. Potts, S. Coleman, J. Zeisel and others. —*Record.*

Two horses attached to the Palmatory mill wagon, of Church Hill, being left unattended in front of Toulson's drug store, on Saturday, started off at a moderate pace and deliberately crashed into the window of Mr. E. C. Reiche's undertaking establishment, under the Voshell House. The glass was broken out by the tongue of the wagon, and one horse thurst his head entirely through the window panes. Ne serious damage was done.

Messrs. Stavely & Bowers have contracted with J. P. Pleasants & Son, Baltimore, to give the house on the Kennard Point farm a thorough overhauling. This farm is tenanted by Mr. J. W. Ivens. When the contractors get through with it, its owners will hardly be able to recognize it.

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CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS!

THE INJURIES TO CAPT. J. E. VICKERS.

The Fearful Fall Into an Elevator Hopper—Was It a Man Trap?—Somebody Negligent and Responsible—Other Accidents.

The accident to Capt. John E. Vickers, one of the most prominent of Kent's vessel captains in the lower section of the county, was reported in the NEWS last week. The injured man is not yet out of danger. For a time his life was almost despaired of as his injuries were of the most fearful character. His fall was into a shaft of Elevator B. at Locust Point, and both legs were so seriously torn that one of them—the left—had to be amputated. The right leg may possibly be saved.

Capt. Vickers is a brother of County Commissioner Samuel J. Vickers, who is greatly concerned for his brother, and has been with him as much as possible since the accident to see that he has all proper attention and the best medical skill. Captain Vickers is at the University Hospital, corner of Green and Lombard streets, Baltimore, and has the personal ministrations of his wife.

A weighty responsibility rests upon somebody for this sad accident. The facts, as reported to us, would seem to indicate that the wounded man was thoughtlessly led into a regular man trap. He was unloading his vessel and the wheat appearing "chaffy" to the manager at the elevator shute as it came through, he requested Capt. Vickers to leave the vessel and go into the Elevator to see the condition of the wheat. In pursuance of this the Captain was making his way along the first floor of the Elevator where the hoppers were located. This floor was quite dark at the time and Captain Vickers walked into one of the hoppers! There was nothing in the way of a guard rail or grate to protect him, as some of the Elevators of the same company are provided with—Elevator C. having iron grating to shield any one from danger. Captain Vickers did not fall through a shute, or down any long distance; nor were any of his limbs broken. He stepped into this grain hopper, where the heavy iron buckets were running, and these hoppers literally stripped one of his legs of flesh to the bone, and fearfully lacerated the other before he could be gotten out. Captain Vickers, in talking to his brother about the accident, declared the place into which he fell to be a regular man trap. If this be so, certainly the parties responsible will be liable for heavy damages.

Dr. Washington Finley, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Queen Anne's county, met with a painful and serious accident at his home near Church Hill on Saturday. The doctor, who was 81 years of age in September last, and who has almost entirely lost his eye sight, was feeling his way down a flght of steps by means of a walking cane, when, making a mistep, he fell with great force, breaking his hip. Because of his extreme age, the accident is peculiarly dangerous. Dr. Finley is the father of Senator Woodlan P. Finley and Dr. J. Lane Finley, of Church Hill.

Sewell Foard, living near Sassafras, met with a very serious and painful accident last Saturday while threshing corn. His hand was caught in the wheel of the sheller, crushing the bones and lacerating the hand to such an extent as to necessiate the amputation of three of his fingers. There is yet danger of his losing his hand.

Cob Corn.—Mr. Wm. A. Kennedy, one of the best farmers in Kent and conducts a model estate near Kennedyville, always sells his corn on the cob, and states that he has found it a great advantage over the shelling plan.

The Scarlet Fever Case.—Mr. Webb, the young student who is supposed to have contracted the scarlet fever while acting as bearer to the late Mr. Thomas in Millington, is recovering rapidly. He stated this week that he expected to return to his home in Dorchester next week and his physician reports his case a very light one.

Temperance Lecture.—Mrs. Helen L. Bullock, of Elmira, N. Y., lectured Tuesday evening in the M. E. Church, Chestertown, and at Salem Church Wednesday evening. She spoke in town to an audience of about fifty and was cleverly introduced by Mrs. Avis Vannort, president of the local union. She chose as her subject "Sowing and Reaping" and for an hour held the undivided attention of her audience. She spoke fluently, intelligently and convincingly condemning the use of Hire's root beer, brandy drops and other *intoxicants.*

Change of Teachers.—Miss Mary Pennington, assistant teacher in the public school at Kennedyville, has resigned and Mrs. Lura B. Hepbron appointed in her place.

Miss Acca Vandyke, teacher of the public school at Lankford, has resigned and Miss Virginia Johnson takes her place.

Tom Again in Trouble.—Thomas Houston, colored, was arrested on Monday by Constable Rose and committed to jail on a charge of assaulting a colored laborer with a corn knife. Houston is the man who killed his wife near Airy Hill and served a sentence of sixteen years in the penitentiary for so doing.

Trial Abandoned.—The suit of R. C. Blain, of Easton, against Queen Anne's and Kent counties for injuries alleged to have been sustained to him at Chester bridge while the bridge was being repaired, was called up for trial at Easton last week. The case had been removed to that court for trial. The plaintiff having no case abandoned the trial and took a judgment of non pros. The suit was for $3,000. Mr. J. H. C. Legg and Albert Constable appeared for the counties and Mr. R. R. Walker, of Easton for Blain.

College Glee Club.—The Western Maryland College Glee and Banjo Clubs arrived in Chestertown Thursday and showed in Stam's Hall before a large audience. The members of the club were entertained by the ladies of the town, and the boys left a good impression in the homes they visited. The entertainment was a success, and the whole affair reflected credit on Western Maryland College which they represented. The club showed in Baltimore last night; they will be in Centreville tonight; Cambridge, Monday; Easton on Tuesday; Seaford Wednesday, and Pocomoke City Thursday. They are accompanied by Profs. Black and Crockett.

A Big Affair.—The banquet to be given in the auditorium of Stam's Hall on Tuesday evening, Dec. 31, by the Chestertown Cycle Club, promises to be one of rare pleasure. Arrangements are being perfected by the committee in charge, Messrs. W. W. Chapman, Wm. R. Aldridge and Edw. Lambert, assisted by the whole club. Iula, the harpist, is expected to be present and other entertainment will be provided. Covers will be laid for about seventy-five persons, including ladies. Mr. John Shuster has been engaged as caterer for the evening. The hall will be elaborately decorated for the occasion by a specially appointed committee including Messrs. J. Raymond Simpers, H. Rickey, Jr., Allie Thomas, M. Earle Usilton, Harry Hodgkins and five young ladies.

She Trusted Him.—William Brady, steward on the B. S. Ford, was arrested in Baltimore Friday charged with obtaining by false representation $81 from Cornelia Spencer, also colored. Cornelia, who lives at 1317 Upton street, said: "I have been going with Brady, who is a deck hand on the steamer B. S. Ford, about four years. In that time I have been giving him part of my wages, which he was to keep for me until he and I got married. He always put down in a book what I gave him and showed me another book with sums of money put down, which he said were his savings. As he put off our wedding so often I got suspicious, and found he had a wife and child living on Hamburg street. His wife showed me her marriage certificate. I called on Brady for my money, and as he could not produce it I swore out a warrant for his arrest." Round Sergeant Blunt arrested Brady in a South Baltimore ship-yard. Brady acknowledged having gotten the money from Cornelia.

THE postoffice at Kennedyville will be open on Christmas day from 6 to 8 A. M. and from 11 A. M. to 12.30 P. M.

Prominent Citizens Passing Away!

DEATH OF WM. W. STEPHENS.

William W. Stephens, a well-known citizen and farmer of this county up to a few years ago, died at his home in Baltimore on Thursday afternoon last. He had been ill for some weeks. He was in his 75th year, and leaves a widow, who was the daughter of the late James Beck, of Worton; also four children, two by his first wife, Miss Aleida and Mrs. James Skirven, and two by his second, Wm. B. and Mrs. Stevenson Constable. His first wife was Miss Jane Gamble.

Mr. Stephens was a son of Thomas Stephens, who lived on the farm near Fairlee now tenanted by Mr. Harry Todd. He was probably born there, but from our earliest recollection of him he has been a resident of Worton. His handsome estate at Melitota was improved some time in '58 or '60 by a modern dwelling, and that home during all the many years of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens' stay there was the seat of such genuine and generous hospitality that it got the name of "Gobler Hill." Mr. Stephens was never happier than when his house was full of guests and the most royal entertainment served, and he always found a worthy helpmeet in his noble wife and happy children.

Mr. Stephens had a great fondness for horses, and owned a number of notable animals, among them "White Mountain," "Tow Head," "Darning Needle" and "Grover S.". He was one of the leading spirits and originators of the Kent County Agricultural Association, and the first fair was held on his ground near Melitota. Afterwards the Worton Station grounds were purchased through his instrumentality, and the fair was for years one of the most prominent in the State. Mr. Stephens was President of the association for several years and gave much of his time and means to its success.

Mr. Stephens was one of the most popular men our county has ever known. His big hearted, generous disposition, his neighborly kindnesses, his warm friendships, and all his other good traits of character, are now in the mouth of his many acquaintances, and the expression of regret at his death is universal. He never held a political office though often solicited to accept official position. He was not, strictly speaking, a member of any church, but his attachment to St. James was close and most sincere, and he seemed always anxious for its prosperity. His good words and works were not in vain, but will long live to his glory.

Mr. Stephens discontinued farming six or eight years ago and moved to Chestertown; from here he went to Baltimore three years since.

The remains of the deceased will be brought over by the Steamer Sassafras to-day and intereed in St. Paul's cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Loller.—Mrs. Eleanora Loller, the estimable wife of Mr. Wm. Loller, died at her home near Chesterville December 7, of Bright's disease. The deceased died suddenly, although she had been in failing health over a year. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lusby, of Chesterville, who both survive her. She was a member of the M. E. Church and was an exemplary lady, of fine character, and was highly esteemed and loved by all. She leaves her husband, two children—Ethel and Lusby—one sister, Mrs. Thomas Benton, of Baltimore, and a large circle of friends, to mourn her loss. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Chesterville; interment at the Crumpton cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: Messrs. J. W. Jarman, W. E. Jarrell, Fletcher Melvin, T. F. Hurlock, Alday Clements and Capt. Brinsfield.

Death of Wm. Gould.—Mr. William Gould, a prominent citizen of Church Hill, died on Sunday afternoon last in the 75th year of his age. Mr. Gould has spent all his life in Queen Anne's county, and made many friends. He was kindly in his disposition and generous in his feeling. He leaves a widow and one son, Wm. D. Mr. Gould has always taken an active interest in politics, but has never held office except one term as collector of taxes. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and for many years was the senior warden of St. Luke's at Church Hill. His funeral tood place Wednesday morning, interment at Church Hill cemetery.

Buckwheat.—Westcott & Dodd had an order for one hundred pounds of their special brand of buckwheat Monday from St. Louis and shipped the same Wednesday. This buckwheat is grown by Rev. J. S. Bowers on his farm near Stewartstown, and is highly recommended by the above firm.

Real Estate Sales.—R. D. Hynson, Esq., solicitor for Thomas Hill, Esq., attorney named in mortgage, sold on Tuesday last the Edw. Plummer farm at Smithville, containing 80 acres and 39 perches, at public sale. Purchased by W. T. Smith for $2,900.

The dwelling of Capt. Jos. W. Thompson in Chestertown, was withdrawn.

Hope H. Barroll, Esq., trustee, sold Tuesday to Mr. S. J. Hill for $710, the 58 acre farm lying on the public road from Chestertown to Millington and adjoining the lands of W. H. Schwatka and James R. Rollison.

E. F. Perkins, Esq., as attorney for the county school board, has sold the old Eastern Neck school house to Mr. R. B. Willson, Jr., for $70.

Dr. John R. Bennett has sold his "Love Point" farm, containing 87 acres for $4000, cash. Mr. Gustave Holz, of Oregon, was the purchaser. He intends to make this place his home. It is one of the best situations on Kent Island and will make an ideal home.

Entertainment.—The pupils of the Chestertown public school will render a beautiful program at their rooms on Cross street Monday afternoon. The songs are appropriate and the children make them ring with their sweet voices. Other features of the program will include a recitation by Nettie Beal; "Santa Claus' Visit," first grade; Christmas exercise by Joe Dilhofer, Max Blakney, Mildred Hyland, Nettie Sutton, Reese Murray, Daisy Barnes, Leon Boston, Nellie McWhorter, Rose Duyer; "Greeting to Mr. Turkey," Mary Hines, Willie McFeely; reading, Bessie Cannan; dialogue, "Christmas Time," Arthur Murray, Kennard Aldridge, Kemp Bordley, Johnny Armstrong; song, Edna Downey, Emma Harris, Bessie Westcott; recitation, Ollie Hill; song, "Billy Grimes," Nellie Jones and Edith Frazier; recitation, Nora Boston. The black boards in the school are decorated with artistic drawing by Misses Katie Shuster, Mary Brown, Nora Boston, Hallie Connelly and others.

Religious Notes.

Rev. G. W. Burke, pastor of the Millington M. E. Church, preached in Chestertown both morning and night Sunday. His congregation at night was especially large, and the reverend gentleman delighted his audience. His discourse was timely and delivered in an earnest manner.

Rev. W. P. Compton preached the sermon Sunday at the re-opening of the M. E. Church at Whitesville.

Rev. Dr. Roberts is superintending the decoration of the P. E. Church for Christmas.

A special Christmas exercise will be rendered by the Sunday-school of Christ Church Sunday evening, December 29, and the "Christmas treat" will be on the Monday evening following. The music of the program is specially appropriate to the holidays, and is among the prettiest ever rendered by this school. An orchestra, composed of piano, organ and two cornets, will assist in the rendition.

A new M. E. Church is to be erected at Seaford. The building will be one story, but built in an L shape, with a seating capacity of 300, with a lecture room seating 200, and class rooms seating 50 each.

Evangelist Galloway will hold a Gospel song and praise service in Salem M. E. Church on this Saturday evening, at 7.30; and on to-morrow (Sunday) morning, at 10.30. Let all come who can.

Dr. Pindar, the P. E. minister at Queenstown, has accepted a call to the Albany, N. Y., diocese. The vestry of St. Luke's met on Thursday and extended a call to the Rev. A. Batte, of Church Hill, to fill the place of Rev. Pindar.*

Rev. Walter H. Stone, formerly of this county, was last week installed as pastor of Pencader Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, Del.

PARTRIDGES FOR KENT.

Mr. Wm. E. DeFord received word from a friend Monday that stock birds could be purchased in North Carolina for twenty-five cents per pair. An informal meeting was at once held by some of the sporting men of Chestertown and arrangements made for procuring about one hundred pairs of birds. Among those ordering were Dr. C. P. Gilpin, Richard D. Hynson, John F. Howard, W. C. A. Thompson, Dr. W. F. Hines, Fred. G. Usilton, James Brice, Dr. Jarman, Wm. E. Deford and many others. These birds will be turned loose about February 1 on farms in Kent. Any person desiring birds can get them by notifying Dr. Gilpin or Mr. Deford.

A Game Protective Association has been formed in the State, and some important legislation is expected the coming winter.

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