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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 50c. and 35c.

THANKS TO PATRONS!

MESSRS. W. B. USILTON & SON:

GENTLEMEN:—Please return my sincere thanks to the public for the liberal Christmas patronage bestowed. My sales of Furniture, in Suits and single pieces, and of other articles in my line, including fancy goods, exceeded my best expectations. It is very clear to me that good goods can be sold in Chestertown when fair prices only are asked.

I shall begin the New Year with new energy. First, I will run off stock on hand at greatly reduced prices. Those in need are invited to call and see my GREAT BARGAINS in Rockers and Easy Chairs, Buffets and Sideboards, Couches, Suits, &c., all of latest and most beautiful styles.

☞ I shall keep a larger stock than ever the coming year and sell at even closer figures. My arrangements are complete and I shall buy everything for cash from first hands, so that I can compete with the best city establishments. Indeed I propose to make it to the advantage of buyers to patronize me rather than go to the city, as I shall sell at lower prices.

My stock of Paints cannot be excelled and my prices are the very lowest.

Very respectfully,

PERCY T. McFEELY.

CHESTERTOWN, Dec. 28, 1895—2t.

SECIAL TAX NOTICE.

All Corporation Taxes for 1895, are [illegible], and unless paid by Jan. 1st., 1896, INTEREST will be charged. PROMPT SETTLEMENTS are requested.

M. WILBER THOMAS, COLLECTOR.
Dec. 28-tf.

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. HARRY RICKEY,
d21-4t. CASHIER.

FOR RENT:

The RESIDENCE on High street now occupied by the undersigned. It is in excellent condition and will be rented at once for $150. Apply to

C. M. LUCAS,
d28-3t. Chestertown, Md.

FOR RENT:

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

HENRY W. CATLIN,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
d14-tf. Chestertown, Md.

FOR SALE:

Thirty Choice THOROUGHBRED POLAND CHINA SOW SHOTES. Prict $10.00 a pair, without papers.

n30-4t. F. P. COCHRAN.

WANTED:

A NEAT, RELIABLE WHITE GIRL to do general housework, not under 20 years of age. Apply to

MRS. WILBUR ELIASON,
d7-tf. Chestertown, Md.

WANTED:

At once, a HALF-GROWN WHITE GIRL from the country, to assist in General Housework in small family in Philadelphia. For particulars apply to

MRS. M. E. LANE,
d7-3t. Kennedyville, Kent Co., Md.

Pay Your Taxes Now

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,
14-4t. TREASURER.

PAINTS! PAINTS!

THE BEST IN THE MARKET AT LOWEST PRICES, at P. T. McFEELY'S Furniture Store.
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Local Jottings

H. W. Vickers, Esq., was in town last Tuesday for the first time for five weeks, and yet walks with much difficulty. As heretofore stated in the NEWS he was hurt on the wharf at Queenstown when about to enter a carriage for a trip to Wye Island on legal business. He was accidentally struck or kicked on the calf of his right leg, and though it greatly pained him he continued his visit and returned home by carriage. Upon his arrival home he found his injury more serious than any one supposed and he has been closely confined to his room ever since, a good part of the time to his bed. He apprehends no further serious trouble, however, and expects to be able to get about without his crutches in a little while.

Mr. Wm. T. Sutton, one of our town plumbers, who has had a relapse of his old sickness, and been confined to his bed for several weeks, was not forgotten by "Old Kris." A splendid easy chair was purchased by members of his Wednesday night class and he is now much more comfortable in its use, and happy in the assurance of a warm place in the hearts of his associates.

The commissioners of Queen Anne's have awarded the contract for furnishing 25 tons coal to court house and jail at $6.25 per ton No. 3; also for pine wood at $3.50 short length, and $2.75 for hard wood, cord length.

Mr. Wm. H. Stewart, Jr., formerly of Chestertown, but now of Baltimore, lost his clothing by fire a few days ago. He left the gas burning in his room and the window raised. While he was out the lace curtains were blown into the flames and a general fire resulted, Mr. S. being a loser to the extent of $25.

The young men of Chestertown enjoyed Christmas night in firing roman candles, rockets, crackers, etc., at one another, and the streets of the town on Thursday morning looked as if a real battle had occurred.

The thermometer registered 50° on Christmas day and the sun shone clear and warm.

Mr. Wm. T. Miller has removed to the Swan Creek Baker farm in the fifth district heretofore tenanted by Mr. Walter Lambert. The latter gentleman contemplates removing to Baltimore. He will sell his personal property Monday, January 6, 1896.

New lamps have been placed on Queen street and now there is light on the scene.

The mail of Wednesday was the heaviest received here this month.

Over two hundred persons made the round trip to Baltimore Saturday on the Emma Giles, and at least 100 on the B. S. Ford from Rock Hall.

Col. W. P. Howard had two small vessels on exhibition in his store window the past week made by Mr. D. P. Jones, of Chestertown. One was a full-rigged sloop, Defender model and sails like a "clipper." The other is cat-rigged and has been named the "But-cut."

Mr. Spencer Wickes, of Eastern Neck Island, has killed this season 26 geese, 6 swan and a score or more of ducks. He is said to be the champion shot of the Island.

The Republicans have already begun to discuss the fitness of certain ones for captain of the police boat, Anna B. Smith. The two names most prominently mentioned are Messrs. Coleman and Stephens.

Visitors to town from Philadelphia tell thrilling stories of the great street car strike. Wanamaker is reported to have given $12,000 to aid the strikers and a rival line is said to have given $3,500 in presents to its employes. Several persons reported to have been hurt say they knew nothing of it until they read the same in the papers.

A full summary of the events of the year will appear in the NEWS next week.

A new boiler has been placed in the power house of the water works by C. T. Westcott, Esq.

Mr. Chas. H. Crew, son of Mr. B. F. Crew, was out gunning a few weeks since with his friend, Mr. George Griffin, of Caroline, when they spied a grey eagle flying over. Both fired, and the bird came down. Strange to say it was but slightly shot in the ear! It was probably dazed by the hurt and fell and before it recovered strength the gunners were upon it. The bird was a splendid specimen of the grey eagle and measured 7 ft. 6 in. from tip to tip, and Mr. Warren Hurlock, son of Mr. Chas. H. Hurlock, dressed and stuffed it in a most skilful manner. Mr. Crew brought the bird to the NEWS office to show the perfect work of Mr. Hurlock. It was secured by members of the Chester League and it now decorates their room.

A number of young people from Chestertown attended the dance in Church Hill Thursday night.

The schools will reopen next Thursday, January 2nd.

The sale of Mr. Charles H. Hurlock's stock on Thursday was attended by a tremendous crowd, persons being present from every district in the county. Colts brought as high as $66 and cows from $40 to $50.

The storm of Thursday night did some damage in Kent. In Kennedyville district the greatest damage is from the blowing down of fodder ricks and the scattering of fodder that was left in the fields, and the tearing away of the straw rick cappings, &c. The fodder sheds of Mr. D. J. Nowland were completely wrecked.

Rock Hall oystermen are in high glee over the results of the season thus far. Last week they were able to work every day and prices have ruled well. The merchants were happy accordingly.

The steam tug, Hanson Keys, towed ten Rock Hall oyster boats home last week.

Miss Clara Usilton, the organist of Christ Church, was the recipient of a handsome Christmas testimonial of appreciation from the members of the church. Mrs. Avis Vannort presented the gift in altogether an informal way but accompanied the same with appropriate expressions of regard, &c., which the recipient gracefully acknowledged.

The Emma A. Ford was prevented from going into Queenstown Thursday by a sail vessel which was in the channel. The freight and passengers were landed at Jackson creek wharf.

Preparations for the Cycle Club banquet are being perfected by the committee, Messrs. Chapman, Aldridge and Lambert, and it promises to be a grand occasion. The anniversary address will be delivered by Mr. C. C. Hopper. The reception committee will consist of Capt. Wm. Taylor, D. Arthur Bacchus, Fred. G. Usilton, Harry Rickey, Jr., Thomas W. Perkins and S. Shallcross.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Several Persons Hurt by Fire Crackers—A Wife Beaten.

Godfrey Westcott, son of Mr. George B. Westcott, received a Christmas scare which he will not forget soon. While playing with powder he was struck in the face by the explosion and bears the marks yet. Charley Hines got his eyebrows burned off and his coat injured.

Mr. J. R. Rollison while playing with rockets was struck in the eye by one of them and much pain resulted therefrom. "Doc" Shelton treated the patient and eased the pain.

Mr. Charles L. Dodd was struck on the limb by a rocket which stung him considerable for a while.

A colored boy carrying a basket came riding slowly through town mounted on a donkey oblivious to all his surroundings. Just as he was passing Stam's corner a large cracker was thrown into the street. An explosion followed, the donkey lifted his hind feet into the air, and went trotting up town, leaving the boy and the basket in the road. The boy was not hurt, but raved mightily at the crowd for causing the accident.

Two colored men seated in a dog cart to which a mule was attached was given a scare in front of J. F. Thompson's store Tuesday night. A fire cracker was thrown under the mule, causing him to kick and run away. One of the men says the mule kicked his hat off, while the other one says he never had such a scare. They were both thrown out and at 11 P. M. the team had not been recovered.

Mr. John Shuster was struck on the ear by a shot from a Roman candle and the pain was intense for a short time.

H. W. Catlin, Esq., had his coat and vest badly burned and stained by a fire cracker.

IN 1851 the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county issued a policy on the property of Dr. T. C. Kennard, near Still Pond. The total amount paid by the different insurers on this policy (for it has changed hands a number of times) including an assessment, has been $281.12. The company has returned to them in dividends sums aggregating $362.12, and the policy has now to its credit $203.69. The insurers have had their property insured for forty-four years, and at the same time have received in dividends forty-one dollars more than their total payments; and if the policy was cancelled to-day and the amount to its credit paid, they would then have received $565.01, or double the amount of their payments. 3

FIRE IN WORTON!

The Wilbur Stephens home in Worton owned by Mr. Reynolds, of Baltimore, was burned to the ground Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Reynolds and his wife had gone to Baltimore leaving a white woman to attend to the house and a colored man to attend the stock. About two o'clock the lady of the house smelled smoke and upon investigation discovered the house to be on fire. She summoned the neighbors by ringing the farm bell and very soon quite a crowd had collected. One or two feather beds were among the articles saved. The loss will be ubout $1,000 with very little if any, insurance. This property was recently sold to Mr. Reynolds by ex-Sheriff Plummer. Mr. R. lost his trunk containing $25 and all his clothes.

The roof of the residence occupied by Fred. Williams on Mr. Carroll Willson's farm, was discovered to be on fire Sunday by Mr. Charles Willson, who was driving by. The flames were subdued before any serious damage was done.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE.

The board of visitors and governors of Washington College held a meeting last Monday evening to adopt measures looking to the perfect sanitary condition of the college buildings. Dr. W. Frank Hines, the health officer of the county, who is also a member of the board of visitors, gave his views relative to the work necessary to be done, in view of the recent case of scarlet fever, and a committee consisting of Messrs. S. Beck, S. Vannort and Wm. M. Slay, was appointed to see that the views suggested were thoroughly carried out.

The student, Mr. Webb, whose sickness of scarlet fever has heretofore been reported in the NEWS, has had the personal attention of his mother, and the disease has been in very light form. He has been entirely recovered for some days but as a precaution has not been allowed to go out. He expects to leave for his home in Dorchester today. The date for reopening the school will be announced in a few days.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Religious services early Christmas morning were announced by the church bells. At half-past six A. M. the M. E. bell rang out a joyous invitation to one and all to come to the house of prayer and give thanks for the new born Christ. The attendance was good for even so early an hour and the prayer meeting was conducted by Mr. M. Wilbur Thomas.

At the Protestant Episcopal Church a delightful early communion service was held at 7 A. M., the pastor Dr. Roberts, officiating, and the attendance was large. The annual "Christmas tree" presents were distributed last evening to the delight of the young folks of the Sunday school.

At Sacred Heart Catholic Church mass was conducted at 11 o'clock Christmas morning by Rev. Father MacSweeny. The "Christmas tree," good things were distributed to the Sunday school children yesterday afternoon.

The annual Christmas treat of the M. E. Sunday school will be held next Tuesday night.

"The Prince of Peace" is the title of a beautiful service for Christmas to be held in Christ Church, Chestertown tomorrow (Sunday) evening. The service consist of music, recitations, &c., by the Sunday School, and the public is invited. A silver collection will be taken. The Christmas "jubilee" by the Sunday School of Christ Church will be held the following evening—Monday.

Rev. Edward Henchey, assistant pastor of St. Francis Xavier Catholic church, Baltimore, died at the residence of Mr. Robert J. Wilson, near Queenstown, suddenly, on Saturday evening last from congestion of the heart. He conducted the services at his church on the Sunday previous. Father Henchey was the first pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, in Queen Anne's county, and remained in that capacity for eleven years. His death occurred on the nineteenth anniversary of the dedication of the church. He was sixty-four years of age. His remains were interred Tuesday morning at St. Peter's Cemetery, Rev. W. J. Scott officiating.

Mr. Dunbar Gould, son of Wm. Gould, and a graduate of Washington College, was ordained to Deacon's Orders Sunday by Rt. Rev. Bishop Paret, Bishop of Maryland, at St. Paul's Church, Baltimore.

Master Joe McCaig, formerly of this town, is attending New Windsor College and studying for the ministry.

The King's Daughters of Immanuel P. E. Church, Chestertown, have presented the church with a handsome white damask silk altar hanging. The letters I. H. S. are beautifully embroidered in gold.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Familiar Faces In Chestertown — Personal References.

Dr. John L. Wethered arrived home Tuesday and is at his mother's home on Queen street.

The Messrs. Perkins, sons of Dr. J. A. Perkins, were all at home this week. They are a fine set of young men and are now filling important positions in Philadelphia.

Mr. David B. Ford, of the C. C. C., visited friends near Kirkwood, Del., this week and attended a big dance on Thursday night. He made the trip on his wheel, and the time required for the trip of forty-three miles is remarkable—three hours and forty-five minutes!

Miss Coe Thompson, of York, Pa., spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. J. F. Thompson. Miss Thompson holds a responsible position in a large hospital, in York.

Clarence W. Perkins, Esq., of Baltimore, Charles E. Perkins, Esq., and wife, and Mr. George Perkins, of Philadelphia, have been guests at the paternal home on Front St., Eben F. Perkins, Esq.

Prof. Thos. D. Bowers, principal of Friends' Normal Institute, Rising Sun, Messrs. J. W. Chapman, Jr., of Johns Hopkins, and Harry G. Simpers, University of Maryland, Baltimore, are home for Christmas.

Messrs. Edward and Oliver Jones, both of whom have responsible positions in Philadelphia, are at home on Queen street for a week. They are both looking remarkably well and growing to be large men.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fitzpatrick, Miss Tillie Reiche and Mr. W. M. Reiche, of Baltimore, were at the paternal home on Front street.

Mr. James E. Allen, fireman at the strawboard mill, has resigned and will conduct one of Mr. George Snitcher's farms in Queen Anne's.

Miss Idel Baker entertained her Sunday school class at her home on High street Thursday night. Those present were Edw. and Oliver Jones, W. Davis, Walter Bennett and C. S. York, Jr.

Mrs. John Sweeney and son, Charley, are visiting Mrs. S.'s mother, Mrs. D. Gruber, on High street.

Miss Mamie Carroll, of the State Normal School, is at home for the holidays. She is a hard student and stands well in her class.

Dr. C. P. Gilpin is visiting his brother in Middletown.

Mr. Hiram Brown and wife are spending Christmas with Mrs. B.'s mother in Cecil county.

Mr. Harry Hurtt, the efficient telegraph operator, at Smyrna, visited his father at the Voshell House Wednesday.

Dr. Wm. Twilley and wife, of Baltimore, and Dr. Marion Twilley, of Dover, are spending Xmas with Dr. J. T. Twilley, on High street.

Mr. W. P. Ireland, of Phila., spent the holidays with his mother on Queen street.

Dr. Chas. R. Twilley and wife are spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. T.'s mother in Baltimore.

Dr. C. W. Reid and wife, of Washington College, are on a visit to the Atlanta Exposition.

Lewis Rinehart, of Bethayas, Pa., has been spending a few days in town. He is doing a thriving business at his new home and is delighted with the heathful climate. His family has been spending several weeks at the paternal home here —Mr. S. Lecates'.

Miss Georgia Porter, chemist, with the glue firm of Baeder, Adamson & Co., at Boston, while making a visit to their Philadelphia factory was detained by the strike, and made a longer visit with friends in Worton than expected.

Misses Annie and Sadie Stephens, of Baltimore, are spending the holidays with the Misses Anderson, near town.

Mr. James Greenwood, of Camden, Del., spent Wednesday with his parents on Cannon street.

Miss Minnie Maslin, of Baltimore, spent the holidays with her parents, near town.

Messrs. Joseph and William Mills, of Washington, D. C., are guests of Rev. Dr. Mills and wife in Worton.

Mr. Earhart, of Florida, is the guest of Dr. C. R. Twilley.

Deputy Sheriff Owens spent Sunday at his home at Betterton.

Miss Dolly Coleman, and sister, Miss Grace Miles, of Chester, Pa., spent the Christmas under the parental roof.

Mr. Herbert Strong and wife on Wednesday were the guests of Mrs. Thomas on Washington avenue.

Miss Sadie Hadaway, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. Carter, near Grey's Inn wharf.

Miss Gordon is the guest of Mrs. J. R. Micou.

Mr. Lennox Catlin, of Philadelphia, is home for the holidays.

Prof. J. Roy Micou is spending this week in Richmond, Va.

Shoulder Blade Broken.—Mr. Frank Gilpin was thrown from his carriage Thursday and sustained a broken shoulder blade. He was driving a colt which became unmanageable, ran away, and landed Mr. Gilpin in the road near the paper mill. Mr. Wm. Lusby found Mr. G. lying in the road in much pain, and brought him to town, where Dr. Catlin dressed the wound. The horse continued home and was found standing in the stable yard at Mr. G.'s home near Fairlee.

Appreciated.— Rev. Jessie Shreeve, the highly esteemed pastor of Kennedyville M. P. Church, was visited on Friday evening of last week by a large number of the members and friends of his church, and after spending a most delightful evening with the pastor and his family, all departed leaving many substantial evidences of kind remembrance, which were highly appreciated by pastor and family.

Wedded.—Capt. Philemon E. Dickerson and Miss Sophia G. Hickey were quietly married Thursday night at the Chestertown M. E. parsonage by Rev. W. P. Compton. After the ceremony they drove to Rock Hall where they will make their home. The groom is the popular captain of the yacht "Eva" which sailed from this port last summer. The bride is from Quaker Neck.

Mr. Percy A. Rawleigh, son of Mr. Mott. Rawleigh, and Miss Annie R. Gardener, daughter of Geo. Gardener, were married on Thursday, Dec. 19, and have taken up their residence on Cannon street in Chestertown.

Mr. I. Griffith Clift, of Newark, Del., and Miss Jennie Hodson, of this county, were married last evening at the home of the bride's parents, near Sassafras.

New Clerk Elected.— The board of County Commissioners at their meeting last Tuesday proceeded to the election of a Clerk for the ensuing year. There was but one ballot, the three Republican members — Messrs. Hill, Owens and Vickers—voting for Mr. Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., and the two Democrats, Messrs. Hatcherson and Todd, voting for the present incumbent, Mr. T. W. Russell. The only other applicant we have heard of was Mr. James Brice, who sent in a written proposal to perform the duties of clerk to the board for the sum of $400 per year, and in addition thereto to make the fires, bring water, etc., needed for the office without additional cost, and to give bond for faithful performance. The salary of the present clerk is $960, and the members of the board evidently believe in paying fair prices for services rendered. The salary of the new clerk is to be fixed hereafter. He will enter upon his duties on Jan. 1st. Mr. Lambert is intelligent and quick, and will no doubt make a very efficient clerk. As a reward for party service he is certainly entitled to this substantial recognition. If he fails to fulfill the best expectations of his political friends or in faithfulness to his new clerical duties, we are mistaken in the man.

Of the retiring clerk, Mr. T. Waters Russell, too much cannot be said in commendation of his high character and faithfulness, and the whole community will regret his loss of official position. Yet no complaint can be justly made at the action of the board, for the sorrows of life as well as its joys—especially of official life—must be accepted in their course.

Last Trip.—The steamer Sassafras will make her last trip on Monday next, Dec. 30, if not otherwise prevented. The Tolchester boat will make her last trip today until further notice.

A Good Job.—Mr. Charles S. York, engineer and contractor, of Chestertown closed his contract with the town of Princess Anne for water works last Saturday, and two fires broke out the same day, but were quickly extinguished. The tank is seventy-five feet high with a capacity of 45,000 gallons. The water is pumped from a well by a gasoline engine but without the aid of this engine water was thrown over the court house. The job is thoroughly satisfactory to the town and authorities, and neighboring towns are anxious to secure the service of Mr. York. Twenty seven hundred feet of extra pipe will be laid by Mr. York in the extreme northern portion of the town.

A Cecil County Whiskey Case.—On Saturday afternoon Judge Stump sentenced Joseph Veasey, of North East, who was convicted at this term of court of selling liquor contrary to the local-option law of this county, to pay a fine of $100 and to be confined in the Maryland House of Correction for a period of nine months. Veasey was the manager of a club in North East and had given the authorities considerable trouble in their efforts to enforce the law.—*Elkton Appeal.*

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