Kent News

SATURDAY, - - AUGUST 15, 1896.

Real Estate.—Hope H. Barroll, Esq., sold at public sale Tuesday the David Stewart farm, near Sassafras, to Capt. Andrew Woodall, for $6,600. This is a fine farm, containing 219 acres. Capt. Woodall now owns about thirty farms.

The Chester river steamers have carried from twenty to thirty thousand crates of peaches every day the past week and the Philadelphia steamers from two to four thousand. The Kent railroad carried from three to eight carloads.

School Matters. — The school board have fixed up an office in the public school building and preparations are being made for the coming school year.

The board, after diligently examining various books and listening patiently to several offers, finally awarded the contract for furnishing school books to W. J. C. Dulaney & Co., Baltimore. Mr. Byrne represented the successful bidders. The appropriation for Kent is $3,057.47.

Schools will open Sept. 1st, just two weeks from next Tuesday.

Fun at the Show.—One of the attractions at the Specialty Show Monday night was a pie-eating match. There were six contestants, all colored, and the one who succeeded in first eating his pie won. The boys' hands were tied and the fun begun. One of the boys got choked with a prune seed while another said they were so dry that he could not swallow them. Eddie Gibson won the prize. On Tuesday night several boys entered a shoe and stocking race, Johnny Armstrong and Budd Greenwood winning. The show has been well patronized.

A Singular Experience.—Mr. H. C. Layman, the well-known traveling agent met with a remarkable experience a few evenings ago. He was sick at a certain hotel, not one hundred miles from here, and was awakened by a pinch on his hand. He supposed that mosquitoes were the cause of this annoyance and paid but little attention to it. Finally he received a stinging bite on his forehead, and springing up in the bed saw the cause of his trouble to be a *mouse*! Mr. Layman tried to remain in the room but it was impossible, the mice running him into other quarters.

The local market this week has been much better along the line of the railroads in Kent and Queen Anne's than in the cities. Buyers at the stations have paid from 40 to 50 cents right along for good prime fruit. The same grades sold in Baltimore for 40 @ 50 cents and in Philadelphia even less, expenses to come out. If this condition continues the bulk of the peaches will go to Northern markets by rail, as the crops will be far below the estimates. The fruit is bound to go where best prices are realized.

W. H. Lambert, Jr., has been buying at Chestertown station for Northern agents, and has loaded several cars each day. He paid 45 to 50 cents for good grades yesterday.

A special from Lynche's says: High water mark to day was struck by Mr. J. S. Crouch he got 66 cts. per basket for 32 baskets of Extra Reeves.

Shipments of peaches from Lynch's Md., from Aug. 7th to Aug. 13th were as follows:

Aug. 7th	31	baskets.
" 8th	2356	"
" 10th	2281	"
" 11th	2420	"
" 12th	1621	"
" 13th	2112	"
Previously shipped	12347	"
Total	23168	"

Miss Seemuller Married.—The culmination of a pretty romance was reached Tuesday by the marriage in Philadelphia of Miss Harriet Amelia Seemuller, daughter of William Seemuller, late of Baltimore, but now with the American Tobacco Company of New York, and Mr. Harry Donaldson, of Philadelphia, son of J. H. Donaldson, the wealthy iron magnate of Philadelphia. Miss Seemuller went to Atlantic City two weeks ago with her father and brothers and took apartments at the Kenilworth cottages. An aunt staying at The Dennis introduced her to Mr. Donaldson, who was also a guest at the latter cottage, and it was easily a case of love at first sight. Miss Seemuller left ostensibly for Point Pleasant, her brother taking her to the railroad station. At Philadelphia she was met by her fiancee. They went at once to Union League Club for lunch and were united immediately thereafter. A telegram to her brother late in the evening was the first intimation received by the family of either that they had been married. They immediately left for an extended tour North, and in the fall will take up their residence in Philadelphia. Miss Seemuller is well remembered in Baltimore social circles, being a handsome blonde and very popular. She has frequently been the guest in Chestertown of Miss Mary Hurtt and last winter took part in the play "A Celebrated Case," given by the college. It was a case of love at first sight.

WHERE THE JAIL IS FULL.

The News' Man Visits Dover, Where the Single Taxers Are Creating Excitement—Seventy Prisoners in Jail.

The followers of Henry George have started out with a vigorous crusade in Delaware, and between the disciples of the single tax and the authorities of the town of Dover there is a bitter fight in progress a fight such as has not been known in this country for many years.

Over a year ago the single taxers decided to centre all their forces and all their efforts upon some one locality or State. The State of Delaware was chosen for the experiment. A. H. Stephenson, the Philadelphia wool dealer, and worth $50,000 was made chairman of the campaign committee. Clubs were organized, newspapers started and a thorough education upon the single tax was begun. Kent county had its paper, published by Capt. Cecil Atkinson and thousands of copies were sent from Chestertown postoffice.

All this was laughed at at first by newspapers and political leaders, but soon it was found that the single tax doctrine had a foothold among Delaware farmers. As the campaign proceded street brigades, uniformed and accompanied by bands, were sent out to hold meetings on the corners. The old party leaders bepan to open their eyes. Addicks and Higgins Republicans, gold and silver Democrats all condemned the single taxers and their heretic teachings.

A single tax orator was dragged from his box at a street meeting in Middletown and taken before a Justice of the Peace. He was charged with obstructing the highways, inciting to riot, and attracting a disorderly crowd. But the Justice decided that the prisoner was only exercising the right of free speech and discharged him. Then the battle in Dover was taken up.

The old party officials saw day after day voters being lured away from their allegiance and identifying themselves with the single taxers. So on May 26 they decided to apply heroic treatment. William Horan, a well-known single tax orator from New York, was arrested in Dover upon the charge of blocking the highway and attracting a disorderly crown. Justice Cooper fined him $10 and costs. Refusing to pay the fine, he was locked up for thirty day.

George Frank Stephens, the Philadelphia artist and sculptor, was the next victim. In a jiffy he found himself in jail with Mr. Horan. Urging a continuance of the case before the Court, then asking for a change of venue and finally for a trial by jury, he was told that he had better be satisfied and keep still.

Then Chairman Stephenson, of the Campaign Committee, took the matter before Governor Watson, who, within six hours, pardoned both prisoners and declared that hereafter free speech would be as free in Delaware as it was in any other place in the world. But, nevertheless, so sure as a speaker got up to speak, so surely was he jumped on by a constable and sent to jail by the Justice.

Finally Chairman Stephenson found himself behind jail doors. He fairly tore his hair for rage. He sent a note to Governor Watson, reminding him of his promise to release single tax orators. The messenger brought back this answer: "I did say to you that I would release all single taxers that were arrested for exercising the right of free speech as fast as the Dover authorities arrested them, but I did not say I would, nor will I, pardon lawbreakers." Chairman Stephenson sent back a spicy letter, which concludes thus: "It is not for me to say why you have so suddenly deserted free speech and broken word, but this I can say—I would rather be in this jail with a clear conscience than occupying your position."

Then the single tax leaders decided to send two speakers to Dover each day to attempt to talk. Their call for volunteers met with a multitude of responses. In Wilmington alone 282 men signed the roll in one day. As fast as they began to speak at the meetings they were arrested. But the Dover people began to realize that it was now a battle to the death, and an expensive one at that. The arrest, trial and imprisonment of single tax orators cost the town a pretty penny. The Dover ministers, with one exception, favored according the right of speech, and so did the Dover business men.

But in spite of the fact that the single tax organization has a small army of men in waiting, who are willing and anxious to go to Dover and be imprisoned, thereby becoming a burden and expense to the town, the Sheriff, Samuel L. Shaw; the Mayor, William Fisher, and Justice of the Peace Cooper declare that they will never relent. The Justice says he will commit the single taxers to jail as fast as they are brought before him, provided the evidence shows that they have attempted to speak on the street.

When the News man entered the jail we saw seventeen men, most of whom were intelligent and refined, all of whom were single taxers. They were listening to the reading of a letter from a sympathizer and it was received with applause. They were lounging on cots, smoking, reading, &c. They were posing as martyrs. Around them in cells were the fifty criminals placed there for various crimes. In order to embarrass the authorities and to bring expense on the town, tramps have been put up on the corners and arrested. They are paid $2 per day by the single tax authorities, while in jail.

But the situation has suddenly changed.

The boldest move taken by either side was the one made by the authorities, when the Kent County Levy Court instructed Clerk of the Peace Dickson to advertise for bids to hire out the Single Taxers and tramps arrested, to work in chain gangs on the roads and streets. The highest bidder will be awarded the men when the proposals are opened by the Levy Court. The prospects of working in gangs is not encouraging to Single Taxers, but they are filled with a determination to go ahead with the fight. Secretary Milliken said that the Dover authorities could do their worse, but the Single Taxers were in the fight to the bitter end.

Should this be carried out it would affect the following persons, who are now in jail for thirty days.

A. H. Stephenson, wool importer, of 240 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Chairman Delaware Single Tax Campaign Committee. Charles A. Brothers, school teacher, of Dover; Victor Durand, farmer of Smyrna; William H. Keevan, clothing salesman with N. Snellenburg & Co., Philadelphia; Samuel Mellville, insurance agent, of Wilmington; Henry B. Tawresey, of Wilmington, ship joiner; Rev. August Dellgren, of Wilmington, came from Minnesota to take part in Single Tax campaign; Alexander D. Stirlith, of Wilmington, machinist; Jas. J. Haggerty, of Wilmington, florist; Jas. O'Neill, of 2732 Mutter street, Philadelphia, clerk; Dr. B. F. Longstreet, of Dover, physician, old Single Tax campaigner, hailing from Texas, did not take part in meetings, but was arrested as an "aider and abettor;" P. F. O'Hara, of Wilmington, butcher; Thomas Graham, of Harrington, Del., merchant; Joseph W. Gross, of Wilmington, manufacturer; Williard Pike, of Wilmington, magazine editor, arrested after narrow escape from a mob.

Reduced Rates on Fruit Shipment.—The recent movement of shippers and receivers of fruit to secure a reduction in transportation rates has met with success. Charges have been reduced two cents each on boxes and baskets of fruit on the Choptank route of the Boltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Co., the Wheeler Line, the Tolchester Steamboat Co., the Weems Transportation Co., and the Patuxent River Steamboat Co. The Chester River Steamboat Company had reduced its rates prior to this movement. Owing to the low prices of fruits the producers said their business brought them no returns, and for this reason they asked the transportation lines to reduce the carrying charges.

Land Sales in Kent!

Recent sales of real estate in Kent county give some insight into land values on the Eastern Shore. Some of the sales were by auction under foreclosure proceedings, but the prices paid represent in a sense the market value of farming land and village property in that portion of the state.

It is reported that more holdings have changed hands this year than ever before in the history of the county. The number of farmers who have voluntarily sold out, added to those who have been forced out of their homes by the mortgagee, is large, and the result is that many old estates have now passed out of the control of families that have lived upon them almost for Colonial days. A correspondent attributes the changes to increasing agricultural depression, the farmer giving up the hopeless struggle with adverse conditions, and trying his hand at some other vocation.

As to prices a farm of 100 acres, near Kennedyville, sold under the hammer at $8.75 an acre. Near Still Pond another estate, containing 195 acres, brought $30 an acre, while a dwelling and two acres in Edesville was sold for $360. Other sales show that land in Kent county is valued at from $20 to $50 an acre, and it is likely that almost any tract than can be purchased at all could be obtained within those figures. This, of course, is much lower than the same lands were valued at a few years ago, thi worth of real estate holdings having depreciated within the past few years.

The low price of land, of course, materially affects the prosperity of Kent county. It reduces the taxable basis, thereby decreasing the revenue for local purposes, and checking the progress of educational and highway improvement. It also seriously cripples the financial standing and credit of the farmer, and tends to put hard lines upon his life.

It may be expected that the present slump in land values, not only in Kent county, but everywhere throughout the state, will be but temporary. A settlement of the currency question and something like peace to the national credit would probably bring this era of cheapness to an end, and, with reviving industry and trade, the price of real estate would naturally improve.

Let it be hoped that the anticipated betterment will come soon, alike for the benefit of the wage-earner and the farmer.—*Baltimore Herald.*

The Chestertown Laundry!

On MAPLE AVENUE, BELOW CROSS ST.

IS THE PLACE to have your work done without any injury to the finest of goods, (as we use no acids whatever.) We guarantee to turn out as good work as is done in the city, at the shortest possible notice. Thankful for the liberal patronage we have had, we hope, by trying to please all, to increase our trade.

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WILLIAM GREEN.

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PHILADELPHIA, Monday, August 10, 1896.



SIMPLE AND CLEAR INFORMATION ABOUT

Wanamaker's Seventh Annual Trade Sale of Furniture

DISAPPOINTMENT

When our announcement of the Trade Sale of Furniture was made just one year since we assumed that we would never again be able to make statement regarding Furniture of equal interest to buyers.

But unexpected conditions exist, and the facts of the Seventh Annual August Trade Sale are far more interesting than those of any previous sale.

We announce more, better and cheaper Furniture than we did last year or in any former year.

FURNITURE

The stuff itself is better than ever before—it always was good, very superior, high class. But certain of the front rank makers were indisposed to place their goods in our Trade Sale, glad as they were to supply you through us at other times.

That is now changed. Very swell concerns not heretofore represented have abundant stocks in the collection, admitted upon our terms, not theirs.

The excluded manufacturers are numerous. Only such as produce worthy and reliable goods are among the chosen.

CAPITAL

You are invited to a stock of Furniture that represents at current retail values at least *Four Hundred Thousand Dollars.* Do not forget that this Furniture business is entirely retail. The great investment is made exclusively and especially for retail buyers. And the Trade Sale is not an aggregation of stock for next winter's business. It is a great collection for present sales—now. For people who are wise enough to anticipate autumn needs when they can get a great selection from which to choose and at the same time save money lavishly. You can lavish money by prodigality or by prudence, on your own bank account or on the world. This is a chance to lavish savings upon your own bank account.

PECULIARITY

Our Furniture Trade Sales are unique. In almost every important business plan we enjoy the flattery of imitation. Not so with the Furniture Trade Sales. The idea was original here. It was exceedingly bold. It undertook to reverse the precedents of trade—to transform dull and lifeless August into brightness and activity. In just that lay all its possibilities of success. This Trade Sale has no imitators because it demands so much preparation, so much cash, so much faith in the intelligence of the buying public. None other has yet appeared with cash, courage and continuity enough to compete with us in the expression of our August Furniture ideas.

PRICES

There is a round *One Hundred Thousand Dollars'* worth of Trade Sale Furniture that was bought at exactly half regular wholesale prices. It shall be retailed at exactly half. This applies to some of the finest Furniture, which is shown for the first time in this Trade Sale.

Prices on all the balance in usual retail grade would average fifty per cent. higher.

Careful examination of the pieces of Furniture and a study of values will make our price statements perfectly clear.

LOGICAL

The existing conditions of this sale are perfectly reasonable. The statements might seem absurd to the casual reader. The following are among the reasons why *we* and not the sellers command the prices:

First. Large manufacturers are not infallible—they make mistakes, get too many goods. By placing all surplus with us they concentrate their losses at a single point, do not demoralize their general trade and make a profit on all other sales. They lose heavily on sales to us to make generously from everybody else.

Second. It pays to run at a loss during a dull time, that machinery may be employed and an organization of hands kept intact. This cause is prolific in our Furniture Bargains.

Third. Some Furniture companies are heavily bonded. When short of cash to meet interest it is better to financier on merchandise than to borrow money. Thus come many of our cheap lots.

Fourth. To be represented in our stock gives national prestige to Furniture manufacturers. To maintain continuity of business throughout the year some of the best manufacturers are glad to sacrifice on Furniture for the Trade Sale.

JOHN WANAMAKER.

A Remarkable Insurance Policy.

Policy No. 645. issued to the late Denis J. McCauley for $5,207 was recently cancelled by the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent County.

Mr. McCauley paid into the company in premiums and assessments	$373 74
The company paid to him in dividends	$304 67
And upon cancellation of policy to his executor	223 18
Making total returns to Mr. McCauley and his estate	$527 85

This shows that the property covered by this insurance had been issued for a number of years, and there had been returned to him and his estate $154.11 more than he had paid to the company.

There were cancelled at the same time by the executor of Mr. McCauley's estate several other policies, and the total amount returned to the executor of the estate was $724 33. No comment is needed. 3*

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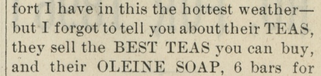
Undertaker's Establishment

AT MILLINGTON.

BY VIRTUE of a power contained in a Chattel Mortgage dated the 5th day of June, 1894, executed by Thomas M. Britton & wife to Schrack & Sherwood, and duly assigned by Schrack & Sherwood to the undersigned as will appear by reference to said mortgage and the assignment thereof duly recorded in Chattle Record Liber S. B., No. 3, folios 409, &c., one of the Chattel Record Books for Kent County, Maryland, the undersigned, assignee of said mortgage will offer at Public Sale, in the town of Millington, in Kent county, Maryland, in front of the Hotel of Samuel M. Mallalieu, on

MONDAY, 17th day of August, 1896,

between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock A. M., all the following Valuable Personal Property, namely:



Two Black Horses

"PAT" and "MAC."

3 Hearses, 1 Carriage, 1 Wagon

1 ICE BOX, 2 SETS OF HARNESS,

Stock of Coffins and Trimmings

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash, or if a good note with security be offered the terms may be extended on bankable note with interest from date of sale.

HOPE H. BARROLL, Assignee.
THOS. M. BRITTON, Auc'r. a1-ts.

Hello, there John, I have just been down to

WESTCOTT & DODD'S

Well, what of it?

Why, they sold me this PAIR of PANTS for 75c, regular price $1; $1.25 SHOES for $1, and the Best 25c. SHIRT I have ever seen. Their TOBACCOS are the best, reduced from 50c. to 25c. per pound; R. J. R. is their old reliable brand, and they keep the BEST SMOKING TOBACCO I ever smoked, and I can prove it by Ned Lusby and I. Clark Taylor.

Well, well, Jane, where did you buy this beautiful Dimity?

Why, to be sure, I bought it of

WESTCOTT & DODD.

They have reduced all their BEST GRADE DIMITIES and PERCALES to 7½ and 8c. per yard, and their new ARMORSIDE CORSET is the only comfort I have in this the hottest weather—but I forgot to tell you about their TEAS, they sell the BEST TEAS you can buy, and their OLEINE SOAP, 6 bars for 25cts. My washwoman would have nothing else, it is the best grade. IVORY SOAP, DUCK SOAP, and all others.

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Howard Turner

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prior to arrival of Fall Goods, profit no object, CASH for Fall use is what we want. As you come to the boat drop in and see these special lines:

5c.	Best Amer. Granulated Sugar.	5c.
13½c.	Cracked Grain Coffee, per lb.	13½c.
18c.	Good Roasted Coffee.	18c.
12½c.	Nice Farm Syrup, per gal.	12½c.
3c.	Standard 5c. Soap for	3c.
24c.	10 Tumblers, 40c. doz. for	24c.
23c.	Hand Lamp complete	23c.
42c.	The Best Overalls ever offered	42c.

Call and look through our stock.

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Leave your orders and we will guarantee our prices as low as jars can be sold in Kent county this season.

5c.	Buys Best Apron Ginghams	5c.
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Your choice of 50c., 45c., 40c., 35c. Straw for 25 cents.		
$1.15	Women's $1.50 Oxfords	$1.15
98c.	Women's $1.25 Oxfords	98c.
25c.	Men's Working Shirts	25c.
42c.	Best Overall ever offered for	42c.

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