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GRAND SUPPER and FESTIVAL!

The ladies of ST. PAUL'S P. E. Church will hold their annual FESTIVAL and SUPPER on the green next THURSDAY, Sept. 17, 1896. The supper will consist of fish, oysters, crabs, etc., in abundance. Everybody welcome. 1t.*

GRAND FESTIVAL and SUPPER!

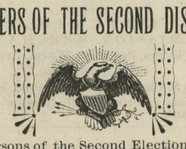
The Ladies of St. John's Catholic Church, Rock Hall, will give their annual FESTIVAL and SUPPER on FRIDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS, Sept. 25 and 26. Everything will be done to equal or surpass last year's effort. s12-3t

FESTIVAL! FESTIVAL!

AT LYNCH'S!

The Ladies of Lynch's Chapel will have a grand FESTIVAL on the Green on the evenings of September 10th, 11th and 12th. Our friends and the public are cordially invited. a31-2t.

TO VOTERS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT!



All persons of the Second Election District of Kent county, deeply interested in the success of the national Democracy and the election of Bryan and Sewall, are requested to meet at KENNEDYVILLE, on THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17, at 7.30 o'clock, for organization. All are invited to attend.

Bedford Roe, J. H. Clendaniel,
D. J. Nowland, W. A. Kennedy,
Dr. J. K. H. Jacobs, H. C. Gray,
Garrett Foxwell, T. Shafer,
William Cleaver, William Medders.

Auditor's Notice!

No. 1179 Equity.

J. Walter Carpenter, Mortgagee,
versus
Henry Spear and Mollie L. H. Spear, Mortgagors.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County.

THE lien creditors of HENRY SPEAR are hereby notified to file their claims, duly authenticated, with the auditor, within two months from the date of this notice, after which an account will be stated.

By order of Court,
EBEN F. PERKINS,
Sept. 12, 1896—4t. AUDITOR.

Empire Drills

—AND—

REPAIRS for SAME for SALE!

Repairs are sold only for the CASH.

WM. HEPBRON, AGENT,
s12-3t.* Lynch's, Md.

TO THE PUBLIC:

I have purchased of Mr. A. J. Cahal his stock of General Merchandise, and have removed to the Store-room heretofore occupied by him. In connection with General Merchandising I will continue to sell Ready-made Garments, Millinery, Etc., and ask the patronage of the public.

MRS. S. A. HURLOCK.

Having sold my interest in the store heretofore kept by myself to Mrs S. A. Hurlock, I take this opportunity to thank the public for their hearty co-operation and patronage and trust that my successor will receive the same, and even to a wider extent.

s5-3t. A. J. CAHAL.

MISS BAKER'S

KINDERGARTEN and SCHOOL

will reopen September 14th, 1896.

FOR SALE:

A FIRST CLASS PROVISION AND BUTCHER STORE

in Wilmington, Del., doing a good business, is offered for sale at a great bargain. Reason for selling going into another business. Apply at 400 S. E. Corner 4th & Poplar st., Wilmington, Del. W. H. JONES.
Aug. 29-3t.*

INSOLVENCY NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of S. Amos Reed.

The creditors of S. AMOS REED are hereby notified that he has filed his petition in insolvency and said creditors are required to meet in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at Chestertown, Kent County Maryland, on SATURDAY, September 12th, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., to prove and file their claims against his estate and to choose a permanent trustee for the estate of said insolvent.

WILLIAM W. BECK,
Sept. 5, 1896. Preliminary Trustee.

The MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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MARYLAND'S SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY!

Four Courses of Instruction — Agricultural, Mechanical, Scientific, Classical.

Each Department supplied with the most modern and approved apparatus. Practical work emphazied in all departments. Graduates qualified at once to enter upon their life's work. Boarding department supplied with all modern improvements: Bath Room, Closets, Steam Heat and Gas; Books, Room, Heat, Light, Washing, Bashing, Medical Attendance. $144 for scholastic year. ☞ A 130 page catalogue, giving full particulars, sent on application. Daily sanitary inspection by Physician to the College. Attention is called to the short course of ten weeks in Agriculture. Particulars sent on application. Term commences Sept. 16th. Early application necessary for admittance.

R. W. SYLVESTER,
a15-6t. PRESIDENT M. A. C

WAGNER GREEN HOUSE.

WEST PRATT ST., BALTIMORE, MD.

J. & B. L. WAGNER, PROPRIETORS.

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SPECIAL!

Mr. B. S. SUTTON, at Black's Station is selling GLASS JARS at 43c. for pints, 50c. for quarts, and 64c. for half-gallons. Give him a call. s12-3t.

FOR SALE, CHEAP:

I have two SPEAR HEATERS that I will SELL VERY CHEAP, having no further use for same. They have not been in service over four months and are in perfect condition. Apply to J. H. BAKER,
s12-3t.* POMONA.

FOR SALE:

TWENTY THOROUGHBRED POLAND CHINA MALE SHOTES. Price from $5 to $10. Also TWO HOLSTEIN BULLS, 8 months old. All the above stock entitled to register.

F. P. COCHRAN,
se12-3m. Galena, Md.

FOR SALE:

A FINE YOUNG HORSE,

five years of age; bay color; 17 hands high; fine style and good driver and work horse—will work in any harness. Sold for no fault. For terms apply to PERRY C. RASIN,
a29-3t.* Worton Station.

BARGAINS IN CATTLE!

Desiring to decrease my stock before the assessors perform their duty, I will sell at a bargain some fine JERSEY CATTLE and SHROPSHIREDOWN SHEEP. This stock is in fine condition and will be sold cheap.

Apply to JAMES H. BAKER,
s12-3t.* POMONA.

ESTRAY HORSE:

A SMALL BAY HORSE,

spavined in both hind legs, a little white on left hind foot, no hair on hips, strayed from a field on Mr. James Brown's farm in Queen Anne's county on Aug. 19. A liberal reward will be paid for his recovery.

JOHN HAMILTON,
s5-3t. Chestertown, Md.

TO RENT:

A GOOD STORE-ROOM and TWO DWELLINGS, at Lynch's Station, for the ensuing year. The store is a good stand for business and the Dwellings have gardens attached, and all are in nice condition.

Apply to MRS. JULIA A. HOSSINGER,
s12-3t.* Lynch's, Md.

FOR SALE, CHEAP!

HOUSE AND LOT

in Still Pond. Also, LOCUST TIMBER. Also, BUILDING LOTS near Rosedale Cannery.

Apply to WM. WATTS,
a29-3t. Still Pond, Md.

TO RENT for 1897:

TWO DWELLING HOUSES

in Chestertown, one on High street, and one on Mill street. Apply to

a29-tf. AMOS B. KELLEY.

FOR RENT!

A Neat Well-Finished Dwelling House in one of the most desirable locations of the town for the year 1897, $15 per month.

a13-6t. THOMAS W. ELIASON.

$20,000 to Loan!

On Good Real Estate!

On Good Collateral Security!

On All Well-Endorsed Paper!

THE KENT COUNTY SAVINGS BANK of Chestertown, will loan money in SUMS to SUIT the BORROWER on Good Real Estate in Kent County.

INTEREST PAYABLE SEMI-ANNUALLY.

This bank offers Special Inducements to persons wishing to borrow money on mortgage. The BORROWER CAN REDUCE HIS MORTGAGE EVERY SIX MONTHS by paying whatever amount he may wish or desire. All commissions and other unnecessary cost and charges will also be saved.

County Paper discounted at the Lowest Rate. And remember, we pay Interest on Deposits. We do a General Banking Business.

For other information apply to or address

J. K. ALDRIDGE Pres't.
WM. F. RUSSELL, Cashier.

Kent County Savings Bank, Chestertown, Md.
Aug. 29—tf.

FARM FOR SALE:

A DESIRABLE FARM,

containing Two Hundred and Fifteen Acres (215) within 2½ miles of Chestertown. The soil is of good quality and produces good crops, the fencing is in good condition and the buildings have been lately put in first-class condition. This farm can be bought on easy terms. Apply to

JAMES T. DIXON,
a22-tf. Chestertown, Md.

A STARTLING DISCOVERY!

Oysters on Swan Point Bar Found Weak and Dying!

The NEWS Man Visits the Oyster District and Interviews the Tongers—A Bad Condition of Affairs—A Gloomy Outlook for the Winter—Will They Survive?

Death is an unwelcome guest at all times and especially when it robs us of those near and dear to us. A catastrophe nearly as appalling as human death now confronts a large class of the citizens of Kent county—the oystermen. This calamity is in the form of death to a livelihood, death to a means of sustaining life and to the beautiful town and business of Rock Hall. Already we can hear the reader querying as to the cause of all this trouble and we will state the same as learned at Rock Hall this week.

The majority of tongers in Rock Hall and vicinity oyster almost exclusively in good weather on Swan Point bar. Here is found the best oysters outside the river and in greater quantities than elsewhere. Last week, when the scores of boats began work on the bar, something was found to be wrong with the oysters, first by one boat and then another, and another, until they all agreed that the oysters on the bar were all dead or were very poor and sick. Work was suspended and the bar is still unmolested.

Capt. Frank Stevens, of the police boat, Anna B. Smith, states that he was on the bar about one month ago and tried the oysters there. He found them in very great abundance and in a very healthy condition. Therefore the present condition of affairs has but recently taken place.

Capt. Joseph Williams on Tuesday last planted a quantity of oysters in order to test the healthfulness of the bivalves. On Friday he took up several bushels and found about one bushel out of eight were dead. Those that were caught in shallow water were all right; in deep water the oysters were found week and sickly.

Capt. David Ayres also planted a number of bushels but found about one-half dead upon taking them out.

Capt. Jas. B. Wilson thinks that about one-half of the crop on the bar either dead or in a sick condition. He considers the situation a very grave one indeed for the oystermen and all dependent on them.

Capt. Harrison also thinks the outlook very gloomy as far as oystering on Swan Point is concerned. He says "remains to be seen whether or not the oysters there will survive the state through which they are now passing.

Capt. Charles Davis says he caught 23 oysters on the bar last week in one haul and of the number there were 12 bad ones and 11 good ones. He found that where the oysters were thickest there they were poorest. Many are caught with the meat gone, while others have their mouths open too weak to close them, the meat barely escaping the crab's mouth. Others are in poor condition and but very few are what they should be. He is of the opinion that the oysters now on the bar will furnish the tongers sufficient work provided they survive and grow. "It seems to me," said Capt. Davis, "that they lack food and are weak because of this fact. They are like a person who does not get enough to eat. I hope and trust they will get right. This big rain, I think, will help them."

Capt. Jos. Downey, who hears the opinion of hundreds of these men, says it is the general opinion that more than one-half of the oysters on Swan Point bar are dead! He thinks, however, that if what are there survive, all will be well.

Capt. Henry Urie says the oysters on the whole bar would not shuck 50 gallons of good oysters! Henry generally knows what he is talking about, too.

Swan Point has been bare of tongers this week with the exception of a few men oystering on the "inside." The buyers have refused to give paying prices for them, thirty cents being the limit. For this reason Chester river has been invaded by this big army of toilers, but it is estimated that within two or three weeks the beds will become exhausted there. Then will come the climax. Two good men in Chester river catch from five to ten bushels while these same men on the bar catch from 20 to 25 bushels. Quite a difference, sure. The number of men oystering this year is greater than ever before. From twenty to forty new boats have been added to the fleet. These boats represent a large outlay, the hull alone costing from $65 to $135.

About 1889, when the Johnstown flood occured, Swan Point bar was in a worse condition than it is today. It was impossible to oyster there for two years, the beds having recovered their usual condition within that time. Oystermen then blamed the freshet with the oysters' death. This time the oystermen are puzzled in finding a reason for the calamity. Some attribute it to the very hot and dry weather, others to lack of food, etc.

While there is life there is hope and we are all hoping for the best.

A Discovery.—Mr. Clayton Duling, living with Mr. Wm. Ford, near Millington, found on Tuesday the knife which was used in the terrible murder of Dr. J. Heighe Hill by a crowd of colored men several years ago. This knife figured very prominently in the noted trial, and the branch in which Mose Brown said the knife was thrown, was diligently dragged by detectives in vain. This knife was discovered by Mr. Duling in the same branch.

College to Open. — Washington College will open Wednesday. A large number of young ladies have promised to enter the school and special arrangements have been made for their reception until the new hall is completed. The East building is being fitted up, rooms papered and painted, new furniture placed in rooms, etc.

To Sell Out. — Mr. Harry L. Chew, who has been merchandising in Chestertown for the past five years, is compelled to retire on account of bad health and take a position where he can be in the open air. He advertises in this issue to sell out at a low price. Mr. Chew has built up a first-class business and he offers to dispose of the whole to a responsible person.

A Gay Night!

Bicycle Lantern Parade to be Held in Chestertown on Wednesday, Sept. 23 — Handsome Prizes.

Arrangements are being perfected for the greatest parade of the kind ever seen in Chestertown. It will be a bicycle lantern parade under the auspices of the Chestertown Bicycle Club. The date is Wednesday, September 23, 1896. A special committee consisting of Messrs. Harry Rickey, Wm. E. Moody, A. L. Sparks, Edw. Lambert, Chas. S. Smith and F. G. Usilton, have been appointed to arrange for the affair and they are busy.

It has been decided by the committee to allow all wheelmen in the county and in Queen Anne's to participate and compete for the prizes. Housekeepers are specially requested to place lamps in the windows and owners of teams are cautioned against hitching same along High street. Roman fires will be burned along the line of procession. A reviewing stand will be erected opposite the court house where judges will decide the winners and where speakers will present same. The judges and others will be named next week. Prizes will be offered for the following:

Best decorated window, residence.
Best decorated store window.
Most tasteful illumination and decoration.
Best decorated wheel.
Best decorated tandem, any two wheels together may be included in this.
Best impersonation.
Three most comical wheels and riders.
Three best decorated men's wheels.
" " " boy's "
" " " lady's "
Best costumed gentleman.
" " lady
Handsomest lady
" gentleman
For the rider coming longest distance
" " youngest rider.
" " oldest "
" " cutest "
" " most graceful "

Other prizes may be added in the discretion of the judges.

Robbery.—The office of E. S. Valliant & Son, of Church Hill, was entered by burglars on Friday night. The combination on the large safe was smashed and the safe otherwise injured. But either from fright or not having tools sufficient to effect an entrance, the safe was not opened by the invaders. Constables were busy on Saturday trying to get some clue as to the thief, as in their hurry they left their tools behind them, consisting of a large sledge hammer, brace and bits and a new chisel. The tools were found to come from the shop at Starkey's Corner. So far the thief has made good his escape.

Colored Lawyer. — A tramp lawyer made his appearance in Chestertown last week and has attended every trial that has taken place before the magistrates here ever since. He first visited the jail and offered his services to the colored prisoners, but received little encouragement there and now offers to defend any person brought before the magistrate. He has become quite an annoyance to the officers here, borrowing law books and trying to expound the law to them, etc. He claims to be from Philadelphia and makes his home at Rebecca Ringgold's, the "professional witness."

AN AWFUL DEED!

FATHER KILLED by HIS SON!

John Mullikin, Living near Ruthsburg, Goes Home Drunk—Attacks His Family—Mother Tells Her Son to Shoot—No Arrests—Near the Scene of the Rash Murder.

John Mullikin, a well-known farmer near Ruthsburg, Queen Anne's county, was killed by his son, Percy, Thursday night about 8 o'clock. An accurate account was obtained by the NEWS reporter who visited the scene of the crime yesterday.

Mr. Mullikin, aged 40, had on several occasions returned to his home intoxicated, and his wife had been beaten more than once. On Thursday evening about 7.30 o'clock he came home and threatened to kill his wife, son and daughter. He held a knife in his hand with which he gashed his wife's hand, but before any serious results followed the knife was wrenched from him. The mother and two children then ran upstairs and bolted the doors. This infuriated the husband, so going to the wood-pile, he secured an axe and broke down all barriers. A shot gun was found upstairs by Percy, aged 17, and it was determined to defend themselves with it. As the father approached with the raised axe, the son turning to his mother said "shall I shoot, mother?" She said yes, and in a moment the life of John Mullikin was extinct, for the whole load took effect in the heart! The neighbors were notified and the body was prepared for burial. No arrests had been made up to this writing nor any inquest held. Public sentiment seems to be with the family.

Percy, the son, is an upright young man, highly intelligent, and says it was only to protect his mother and sister that he shot.

Mr. George Mullikin, father of the dead man, lives a short distance away and when seen by the NEWS man, remarked, "I know John drank but I think the murder might have been avoided. I shall not attend the funeral or have anything more to do with the family."

Mrs. Mullikin is a daughter of George Dever, Esq., late clerk of the circuit court, and a fine lady. The family is well connected in Queen Anne's.

This murder is the fifth in the neighborhood during the last four years, four of which were caused almost directly by drink. The Rash murder, for which Tom Brown awaits trial, occurred only two miles away.

Capt. John Sparks' Body Found.—As Mr. James Watkins was on his way from East Neck Island to Rock Hall last Sunday to deliver a yawl boat to Capt. Huffman, he found the body of Capt. Clum Sparks, who was drown off his vessel last week in Chester river off Kent Island wharf, mentioned in the NEWS last week. Mr. W. towed the body ashore to Mr. Bennett Willson's and notified the Coroner and the relatives. The remains were towed ashore face downward, and as it was turned over the dead man's pocket-book was seen lying on the sand. In it was found $150 to $200. The money was handed over to the brother of the deceased, who arrived during the day, and took charge of the body and conveyed it to his late home.

Good Prices. — The personal sales this week have been well attended and good prices have been realized. Mr. Wm. J. Hudson's sale was remarkably well attended, considering his location—Eastern Neck Island. Horses brought from $30 to $65; cows from $25 to $34.

Silver Club.—H. W. Vickers and H. W. Catlin, Esqs., addressed the Chestertown Silver Club last Tuesday evening, both making stirring speeches which were enthusiastically received. Another meeting will be held next Tuesday night. Come and hear the issues discussed in a fair manner.

Hebrew New Year.—Last Tuesday was the Jewish new year, 5657 counting from the creation of the world according to the Jewish calendar. The new year began Monday at sunset and continued until the same time on Tuesday. All good Jews closed their stores and places of business and went into retirement for worship. The new year is known as Rosh Hashanah.

Improvements.—Mr. T. W. Eliason, Jr., has donated a piece of land to the town in order to straighten Spring avenue. A brick wall will be erected along the west side.

Mr. T. S. Bordley is lowering the floor of his store-room and making other decided improvements.

Popular Couple Wedded.

Christ M. P. Church, Chestertown, was the scene of a pretty fall wedding at high noon Wednesday, the interested parties being Prof. J. S. W. JONES, who occupies the chair of mathematics at Washington College, and Miss MAY L. MATTHEWS, a resident of near Chestertown, who has the honor of being the first lady graduate of Washington College. The pretty edifice was heightened in beauty by a tasty display of large palms, ferns, potted plants and cut flowers, while nature lent its best charms to the day.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her brother, Mr. Clayton Matthews, and was given in marriage by her father, who performed the ceremony in his characteristic and impressive manner, while sweet music filled the edifice.

The bride was neatly and handsomely gowned in mode cloth with brown velvet and satin and lace trimmings, hat and gloves to harmonize, and carried a fountain spray of La France roses. Little Miss Matthews was tastily dressed in white mulle and lace and carried a basket of beautiful La France roses. After the ceremony the bridal couple were driven to Price's Station where the train was boarded for points North. Upon their return here they will occupy rooms at the college. Upon the completion of Normal Hall Mr. and Mrs. Jones will take charge of the same. The presents were extremely beautiful and numerous.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

Rev. R. W. Mowbray, of Smyrna, was in town Wednesday night to hear Hon. John G. Woolley's lecture. He is doing good work at Smyrna.

Rev. W. R. Graham, D. D., of Westminster, was in town this week. He has not missed a service this summer and has had fair congregations every Sunday.

Rev. W. P. Compton occupied his pulpit Sunday, after an absence of three weeks. At night he preached to a large congregation, choosing these words as his text, "Is the young man safe?" It was specially applicable to young men and one of the most earnest and practical discourses yet delivered by the fluent talker. Safe, not as regards to his bank account, but, as regards his soul, was the burden of his sermon.

Rev. J. M. Gill will occupy his pulpit tomorrow, Sunday, at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. He returns very much invigorated in body and has increased very much in weight.

Father Brady, of New Castle, and a former rector of Chestertown, is among the three persons named to take the place of Bishop Curtis. This place is one to which any priest might aspire and to be named even as worthy the place is quite an honor. The names will be sent to Rome at once.

The ladies of the Mite Society of Golt's M. E. Church held their monthly reunion last Friday evening at the residence of Mr. Silas Thompson. As their place of meeting was several miles away quite a number joined in a straw ride, thus combining pleasure with duty. Some of the ladies who took part in this jolly mode of traveling were: Mrs. M. V. Davis, Mrs. Georgia Beltz, Mrs. Maude Johnston, Mrs. Sarah Hayes and Mrs. Ella Dellup. The young ladies of the party were Misses Annie Clayton, Bessie Orrell, Ella Beltz and Avon Golt.

The following are the appointments of Bishop Adams for Kent county during the month of October, 1896: October 6th, Shrewsbury, 10 A. M.; Galena, 7.30 P. M.; 7th, Massey's and Millington A. M. and P. M. 9th, Chestertown, 7.30 P. M. 11th, St. Paul's, 10.30 A. M.; I. U. 3.30 P. M.

A special exercise was held at the Chestertown M. E. Sunday-school last Sunday, Mr. M. A. Toulson, in charge, it being the opening session of the new fall term. There was a good attendance.

The congregation of Kennedyville M. P. Church will worship in the Presbyterian Church while the repairs to their house of worship are being completed. Regular services will be held on Sunday but not during the week.

Excursionists.—An excursion of colored folks arrived in Chestertown Sunday numbering about 250. A part retired to Klinefelter's woods and listened to an address while many others lounged about town too intoxicated to do anything.

Another excursion, numbering 1400, arrived Tuesday from Annapolis on the Louise.

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