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...,
...PRIETORS.

...ERTOWN, MD., DEC. 25, 1896.

**...uld'st thou know the joy of living?
...earn the art of freely giving."**

MONDAY was the shortest day of the year—9 hours, 21 minutes.

Two postoffices were robbed in Carroll county last Saturday night.

A PROFESSIONAL Christmas tree decorater is the latest thing in Wilmington. She is a lady.

LOOK at the figures following your name on the direction of your paper. You will see the date *to which you have paid.*

A CHILD of three years was killed in ...imore last Monday by a piece of ... lodging in its wind pipe causing ...g and suffocation.

...w public build... that town is ...e East... in ...

...so many new ...r NEWS in the ...ents to friends. ...e or valuable gift ...ttle money? Its through the whole ...

...rs seriously ill ...' whiskey, is ...m from those to ...

...RFORD COUNTY WHISKEY.

...mp Explains How It Landed a Man ... House of Correction.

...ump, of Cecil county, ...st callers at the city ...owndes on Wednes... ...re *Sun.* The Judge ...n to Secretary of ...don of George ...a sentence of ...f Correction, ...efore Justice ...ace, of disor...

...plication Judge ...retary, this man ...ur Harford county ...nately, it was the ...de in the afternoon ...drunk before night, not ...arly morning consumption. ...rank it before noon and i... ...the House of Correction ...m, who comes from ...d: "Judge, I an ...ve alway ...ooo...

Orphans' Court Vacancy.

The vacancy in the Orphans' Court bench caused by the death of Mr. Byron has been the subject for much speculation. It is a responsible and dignified office, but has nothing in the way of political patronage attached to it. Any one might feel honored in being called to such a position, though the salary is small, amounting to about $200 for each judge per annum. The Constitution of Maryland prescribes as follows:

In case of a vacancy in the office of Judge of the Orphans' Court, the Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation or rejection by the Senate, some suitable person to fill the same for the residue of the term.

Governor Lowndes will therefore appoint a judge to serve the balance of Mr. Byron's term, which will be until the election of 1899. This will make the court two Republicans and one Democrat in place of two Democrats and one Republican. But, as above stated, there is very little concern upon this point, as such high officials are expected to rise above partizan acts, and we believe will. All the people ask is that the selection shall be capable and upright.

But, who will it be? Rumor has it that some of the influential party leaders here are favorable to a First district man. If so, Messrs. Thomas A. Jacobs, John C. Turner and Clarence Price are considered the "eligibles," in the order named. If locality is disregarded then the following names are mentioned, with friends favoring each: W. Eliason, I. R. Leaverton, S. F. Smith, George C. Adkinson, Wm. H. Lambert, James W. Chapman, John C. Davis, John W. Corey, Geo. T. Williams, and others. We do not know that these gentlemen desirous of such an office—some of ...e are sure are not, and will prob... decline if tendered the honor—but ... in the list, while not seeking, ...d accept if named.

Disfranchising Colored Voters.

The following item is from the editorial columns of the Easton *Gazette*, one of the ablest Republican papers on the Eastern Shore:

"If ability to read is a proper test for admission to this country, it should also be a proper test for the exercise of suffrage. Disfranchisement of illiterates, with compulsory education, might well be engrafted on the law of every State."

This is a singular position for the Republicans of Maryland to take, considering the fact that so large a proportion of that party is made up of colored voters. The registered colored vote at the last election was 50,000; in Kent county was 1795. This vote went solidly for the Republican ticket. Where would ...t party be with the illiterate disfran...d, as Editor Tylor suggests? How ...l the Talbot Republicans ever elect ...nty ticket? Will the colored ...s endorse the *Gazette's* proposition?

An Ever Changing Aristocracy.

Some people worry themselves about what they call the "aristocracy," or the millionaires. The New York Journal devotes a whole page to illustrating how "New York's 400"—that is, the wealthy aristocrats—of today, are drawn from the commonest sort of stock, who arose by honest toil and self-denial. The plain people of yesterday are the aristocracy now. The aristocracy now—their descendents—will be the plainest and the lowest of the common herd a few years hence.

The Journal argues truthfully "if the beginnings of some of the New York families now great in society were humble, just so much more credit is due to those families for what they have done—for the way they have risen. It is a striking illustration of exactly what American democracy means—that democracy which creates out of itself an aristocracy ever changing because merit is its foundation."

The history goes on to show the Astor ancestor a peddlar; Vanderbilt's a clam-digger; Gould a rat-trap peddlar; Lorillard a snuff shopkeeper; Gebhard a butcher; Schiffelin an apothecary; Mills a peddlar, and so on through the list.

No tide of fortune or misfortune ever runs one way all the time. The industrious mechanics, shopkeepers and toiling business men of today are the ancestors of the wealthy nabobs of tomorrow, while the "aristocracy" and nabobs of today will be on the lowly rounds tomorrow. At least this is the showing of American history from 1806 to 1896.

DIED.

At Black's Station, Dec. 14th, 1896, THOMAS SPENCER, infant son of Spencer and Etta Sutton, aged 1 week.

Papa and Mama loved him,
But God loved him more,
So He took our little darling
To be with him evermore.—PARENTS.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of the Orphans' Court held Tuesday, the board, after passing the following resolutions in respect to the memory of the deceased member, adjourned:

Inasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His providence, to remove from our midst our esteemed associate and friend, J. M. J. BYRON, therefore,

Resolved, That in his death we feel this court hath been bereft of a wise counsellor, whose integrity, judgment and gentlemanly deportment was always on the side of justice to the widows and orphans and to all others having business before us.

Resolved. That in his death the county has lost a faithful official, the community a useful and upright citizen.

Resolved. That we hereby tender to his family our sincere sympathy and condolence in their severe bereavement.

Resolved. That these resolutions be recorded among the proceedings of this court, published in the county papers, and an official copy thereof sent to the family.

SAMUEL BURGESS,
FRANKLIN H. HARPER,
Judges of Orphans' Court.

Attest:—
JAMES T. DIXON, Register of Wills.

SERVICES in SILL POND M. E. CHURCH on Christmas Morning at 6 o'clock. Special offerings will be received.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHESTERTOWN.
REV. JOHN M. GILL, PASTOR.
Sunday, Dec. 27, Sermon appropriate to Christmas at 10.30; Christmas Carols by the Church and Sunday-school at 7½. Collection for the poor.

M. E. CHURCH, Chestertown, W. P. COMPTON, Pastor. Sunday, Dec. 27th, 1896, Morning service 10.30, sermon subject, "The End at Hand." Sabbath School 2.15; Epworth League Devotional Service 6.45. Evening service 7.30, sermon subject, "The Past Year."

UNION, Queen Anne's—Sabbath school 1.30. Preaching at 2.30. Sermon subject, "The Book Written."

Christmas entertainment of Chestertown Sunday School Tuesday Evening, Dec. 29th, at 7.30.

Pay Your Taxes NOW

AND SAVE INTEREST!

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 day—next Thursday. The Treasurer has your bill all ready for you, and can be found at the Treasurer's Office in the Court House.

Respectfully,
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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE
—OF—
PERSONALTY!

THE undersigned, administrator of William T. Miller, late of Kent county, deceased, will sell at Public Sale at his late residence, near Swan Creek, on

WEDNESDAY, January 6, 1896,

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

8 Head of Horses and Colts

all good work horses, some good drivers:

ONE MULE.

4 Brood Sows, 9 Shotes 23 Pigs,

FARMING IMPLEMENTS:

consisting of 1 McCormick Binder, 1 Empire Grain Drill, 1 Roller, 1 Wheat Rake, 1 Grain Fan, lot Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Forks, Shovels and Hoes, all in good order; 2 Good Farm Wagons and Harness, 1 York Carriage and Harness, 1 Family Carriage and Harness, 1 Dearborn and Pole, lot of Plow Gears, Bridles and Collars. Also,

Lot of Household and Kitchen FURNITURE,

About 226 Bushels Corn on Cob.

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash will be required; over that amount a credit of Eight months will be given on Note with approved security and payable in Kent County Savings Bank. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

JOHN C. DAVIS, ADM'R.
C. H. HURLOCK, Auc'r. d26-ts.

LARGE SALE
—OF—
Stock & Farm Implements

THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises where he now resides, in the Third Election District of Kent county, Md., recently rented by A. R. Parks, deceased, near Betterton,

MONDAY, 28th day of December, 1896

the following Valuable Personal Property:

11 Head Horses and Mares

good workers, all young, well broken to harness, and four of them are excellent drivers;

FIVE COLTS,

out of well-bred mares, and all promising;

7 Good Milch COWS,

NINE FAT HOGS,

1 York Carriage, and Harness, 2 Farm Wagons, 1 Buckeye Drill, nearly new; 1 Whiteley Self-Binder, 1 Peach Wagon, 1 Peach Rigging, 1 Corn Planter, 1 Grain Fan, 1 Hyland Corn Sheller, 1 Thomas Clover Seeder, 3 Two-horse Plows, 1 Three-horse Oliver Chilled Plow, 1 One-horse Plow, 4 Iron-frame Cultivators, 2 Sets Wagon Harness, Plow Harness, Forks, Shovels, 1 Horse Trough, 1 Grindstone, Collars and Bridles, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

Sale commences promptly at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of Ten Months will be given on Note of the purchaser with approved security.

PETER H. TAYLOR,
JOHN H. GREENWOOD, Auc'r. d19-ts.

PUBLIC SALE OF
Personal Property

THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming, will offer at Public Sale on the farm where I now reside, known as the WAL... ...Neck, second

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
A FINE FARM!

Near Locust Grove, Kent Co., Md.

BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County, as a Court of Equity, passed in a cause in said court, wherein James B. Merritt, Trustee, is complainant, and Samuel A. Merrit and Laura S. Merritt, his wife, are defendants, the undersigned duly appointed trustee by said decree, will offer at Public Sale in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, on

TUESDAY, January 12th, 1897

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 O'CLOCK M. AND 1 O'CLOCK P. M.,

Nine Undivided Tenth Parts

OF ALL THAT

Fine Tract of Land

situated on the public road leading from Kennedyville to Locust Grove, just above Shrewsbury Church Lane, and lying on both sides of said public road, containing

176 Acres and 11 Perches

OF LAND, more or less, belonging to Samuel A. Merritt, and formerly known as the Benjamin G. Merritt Farm.

This is land of the very best quality, is in a fine state of cultivation and yields as large crops of grain and grass as any lands in the county. About 116 acres of this tract lie on the north side of the public road, and about 60 acres on the south side of said road. The tract on the north side is IMPROVED BY A COMFORTABLE STORY AND A-HALF

FRAME DWELLING

IN A WELL SHADED LAWN.

There is a GOOD GRANARY, ample for the whole tract, and STABLE for six horses, besides a good Shed Stable for four more horses. Also a good Carriage House. There is a well of good water.

The tract on the south side of said road is IMPROVED BY A

Nearly New Dwelling

BUILT OF THE BEST MATERIAL, and in good condition, and containing Eight good rooms besides the Kitchen. There are FINE PORCHES both front and back, and a good well of water. There is also a small Stable and Carriage House and Poultry House.

It is about Two miles from this place to Black's Station, on the Kent County Railroad, and about 2½ miles to Steamboat Landing at Shallcross' Wharf, on Sassafras River.

At the same time and place M. DEK. SMITH, attorney, will sell the other undivided tenth part of the above tract, so that full title can be acquired to the whole tract. See his advertisement in this issue.

THE TERMS OF SALE as prescribed by the decree are as follows: One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, or in thirty days thereafter, at the option of the trustee; and the residue in two equal installments in one and two years from day of sale, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the purchasers' bond, with security to be approved by the trustee.

The purchaser will be entitled to the wheat crop now seeded, but will be required to pay in addition to the purchase money the actual cost of seed wheat and phosphate, which was furnished by Rev. James B. Merritt, Trustee, in order to insure the seeding of the crops, which amount will be stated at the sale.

If desired, these tracts will be offered separately and as a whole. Possession given on ratification of sale.

JAMES A. PEARCE, TRUSTEE.
J. H. GREENWOOD, Auc'r. dec19-ts.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
—SMALL AND—
VERY DESIRABLE FARM

ADJOINING LOCUST GROVE, IN KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND.

BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, as a court of equity, passed in a cause in said court wherein Henry C. Kennard and James A. Pearce, executors of Thomas C. Kennard, are complainants, and Samuel A. Merritt and Laura S. Merritt, his wife, are defendants, the undersigned, duly appointed Trustee by said decree, will offer at public sale in front of the Court House Door in Chestertown, on

TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1897,

Between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M., ALL THAT

Tract of Land

situated adjoining the village of Locust Grove, between the Home Farm of said Sam'l A. Merritt and the village of Locust Grove, known as the Matthew or Rouse Farm, and containing

58 Acres, 3 Roods and 21 Perches of Land, more or less.

Every foot of this land is arable and of the very best quality, and is in fine condition. There is an old and

SMALL DWELLING

on the Tract, but no Out-Buildings, this tract having been tilled in connection with the home farm of Samuel A. Merritt. There is a good well of water near the house.

THE TERMS OF SALE as prescribed by the decree are as follows: One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, or in thirty days thereafter, at the option of the trustee; and the residue in two equal installments in one and two years from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser, with security to be approved by the trustee.

Possession to be given on ratification of sale.

JAMES A. PEARCE, TRUSTEE.
J. A. GREENWOOD, Auct'r. dec19-ts.

Special Notice!

Something NEW for FARMERS and HORSEMEN!

A COLLAR without a Stitch-strong, neat and cheap. We also have the BEST and largest stock of Collars on the Shore! You will be surprised at our 75 cent Collars, and our $1 make can't be equalled.

We make a specialty of CHEAP HARNESS as low as $5.50, while we also make the FINEST RUBBER HARNESS USED. We make all kinds of Harness and Strap work.

Bits, Bridles, Boots, Pads, Brushes and Combs, Harness Oils, Whips, Blankets, Summer and Winter Robes and Lap Dusters, Fly Nets, Pump Leathers, the latest Dog Muzzle.

REPAIRING PROMPTLY DONE.

Thankful for the past 30 years' patronage, we ask a continuance of the same.

JOHN F. HOWARD,
Adjoining Postoffice. Court Street.

PUBLIC SALE OF
Valuable REAL ESTATE!

In Kent County, Maryland.

BY VIRTUE of the power contained in the mortgage from Samuel A. Merritt and Laura S. Merritt, his wife, to Joseph W. Price, dated the 29th day of September, 1887, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent County, the undersigned, the mortgagee, will offer at Public Sale at the Court House Door, in Chestertown, on

TUESDAY, January 12, 1897,

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 O'CLOCK M. AND 1 O'CLOCK P. M., ALL THAT

FARM or PARCEL of LAND

lying and being on the north side of the public road leading from Kennedyville to Locust Grove in said county, and situate at the corner formed by the aforesaid road and the public road leading into Shrewsbury Neck, and where the said Samuel A. Merritt now resides and now containing

164 ACRES

2 Roods and 2 Perches of Land,

more or less, and which was conveyed to the said Samuel A. Merritt by two separate deeds, one from John Matthews and wife and the other from George Vickers, trustee, saving and excepting the parcel of land conveyed to W. N. E. Wickes—all of which said deeds are duly recorded among the Land Records aforesaid.

THE IMPROVEMENTS consist of a LARGE AND COMFORTABLE

Two-Story Frame Dwelling House,

with BACK BUILDING, together with necessary OUT-BUILDINGS, all nearly new and in good repair.

Also, an Undivided One-Tenth Interest in all that

FARM or TRACT of LAND

adjoining the Home Farm before described, and lying on both sides of the aforesaid public road leading from Kennedyville to Locust Grove, at the corner formed by the said road and the public road to Shrewsbury Church, formerly the home of the said Samuel A. Merritt, containing

176 Acres and 11 Perches

of Land, more or less, which was conveyed to the said Samuel A. Merritt by two separate deeds, one from James B. Merritt, trustee, and the other from Caroline R. Merritt, saving and excepting two acres of land conveyed to Adaline K. and Caroline R. Merritt, all of said deeds are duly recorded among the Land Records of Kent county.

The IMPROVEMENTS on the last mentioned tract of land consist of a ONE-STORY

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE

and OUT-BUILDINGS, in ordinary repair.

These farms are of the finest tracts of land in Kent county, and are in the highest state of cultivation and productiveness. Located within one-half mile of the village of Locust Grove where are schools, stores, creamery and manufacturing shops; also within two miles of Black's Station on the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad, and two and a half miles from Shallcross' Wharf on Sassafras River, where a line of steamers ply to and from Baltimore City.

TERMS OF SALE:

The sum of $1,600 will be required in cash on the day of sale, the residue in two equal instalments and payable one and two years from the day of sale. The deferred payments to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with security to be approved by the undersigned. Title papers at cost of purchaser.

JOSEPH W. PRICE, MORTGAGEE.
MARION DEK. SMITH,
Att'y for Mortgagee.
JOHN H. GREENWOOD, Auc'r. d19-ts.

The other nine-tenths interest in the last mentioned and described farm will be offered at public sale at the same time and place by James A. Pearce, Trustee, by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County. So that purchasers will have an opportunity to purchase the whole farm.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE
—OF A—
Valuable Farm

Near Chestertown, in Kent Co., Md.

BY VIRTUE of the power contained in a mortgage executed by Elizabeth Walraven and Elias Walraven to Pere L. Wickes, bearing date of October 4th, 1890, and duly executed, acknowledged and recorded in Liber S. B., No. 14, folios 52, etc., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, and duly assigned by successive assignments to the undersigned, I will offer in front of the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Maryland,

On TUESDAY, 29th day of December, 1896

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11 O'CLOCK A. M. AND 12 O'CLOCK NOON,

ALL THAT FARM

situated on the west side of the public road leading from Chestertown to Hanesville, adjoining the lands of Harrison W. Vickers and others and containing

202 Acres,

3 ROODS and 10 PERCHES

OF LAND, more or less,

IMPROVED BY A COMFORTABLE

Frame DWELLING

BARN, STABLE and other OUTBUILDINGS all in good condition and repair.

The soil of this farm is of excellent characater, is easily improved and generously retains all improvements placed upon it. It is especially adapted to the growth of fruit, wheat, corn and trucking crops.

It is only three miles from Chestertown, convenient to steamboats, railroads station, churches, schools and post-office.

The present tenant, Wm. J. Tarbutto... take pleasure in showing the place to ...tending purchaser.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash, as pr... mortgage. Possession will be ... 1st, 1898. All title papers at t... purchaser.

HOPE H. BARROLL,
CHARLES H. HURLOCK, Auc'r.

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