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THE venerable mother of President McKinley is said to be dying.

THE Court of Appeals gave a banquet to Gov. Lowndes on Monday evening. Judge Pearce was among the guests.

THE American of yesterday states that "Eastern Shore candidates for U. S. Senator are dwindling." Judge Russum is the only one left in the field.

SENATOR DRYDEN, of Somerset, is confident of his election as President of the Senate. He is the only candidate from the Eastern Shore.

SENATOR WELLINGTON has sued the American for libel. The Evening News says the Senator's prominence is painful to himself. More so to the public.

MANY farmers in Kent have not yet threshed wheat. The weather during the last five weeks has been exceptionally wet. Very few farmers are done corn husking.

A CORRESPONDENT in another column criticises the management of Chester Cemetery. There is certainly abundant room for criticism. Who is to blame? We hope this hint will lead to some improvement.

THE Baltimore American states that "already calculations are ripe as to the Congressional nomination on the Eastern Shore next year," and names Dr. Robert M. Price of Queen Anne's as a prospective candidate. P. B. Hopper, Esq., has also been named from the same county. In due time there will no doubt be one or more candidates from every county in the district! The Republican nomination can be had for the asking.

THE Malster administration in Baltimore is sweeping all offices clear of Democrats. Not only so but some good Republicans are also required to "walk the plank" to make room for hungry new comers. We notice that Mr. Wm. Sheffer, who has been engineer on the iceboat Latrobe, at a salary of $1200 per annum, is displaced by Thos. Thornton. Mr. Sheffer is well known here as the popular and efficient engineer of the Steamer Ford for so many years. He is one of the best engineers in the State, and a straight Republican, but he don't suit the Malster crowd.

LOCAL OPTION CONVICTS — *Talbot beats the Record!*—A telegram from Easton, says: Sheriff McKnett and Deputy Sheriff Lockerman took to the House of Correction today from the Easton jail eight local option convicts. It is unusual to take convicts away until after the adjournment of court, when they are taken in a day, but the jail is now so overcrowded with prisoners that these had to be taken out to get room for others who are awaiting trial or serving out sentences. They have to be taken away this time on the installment plan. There will probably be another deportation next Wednesday.

HON. JOS. A. WICKES.

Hon. Joseph A. Wickes performed his last official act last Tuesday, when he swore in James T. Dixon as clerk of Circuit Court for Kent county. He retires to private life with the plaudits of the people of the whole circuit and Kent county especially takes pride in the record made by such a son. Hon. J. Frank Turner, of Easton, paid a just tribute to his Honor at a banquet given in Easton last week, which will appear in the NEWS next week.

Judge Wickes was first elected in the fall of 1867, for a term of fifteen years. He took the oath of office on the 30th of Nov. of that year. In 1882 he was again elected for a second term of fifteen years. He has, therefore, presided over the Circuit Court for Kent county for thirty years during which time he has decided many cases of public and private interest. During his service on the bench some appeals have been taken from his decisions, but in no case has he ever been reversed by the Court of Appeals, but his decisions have been uniformly sustained. In one case, that of Fleming vs. Coulbourn, which was a motion to strike out a judgement, because, as was alleged, the defendant had not been summoned, the Court of Appeals decided that the judgment should be stricken out, provided the defendant, on reasonable notice, would enter an appearance, so that the case might proceed to trial; otherwise it should stand. Judge Wickes in deciding the case had said that he would strike out the judgment on the same condition, but the defendant refused to accept it. That fact, however, was not stated in the record which was sent to the Court of Appeals. In that case the refusal was only nominal, the Court of Appeals having rendered the same decision which Judge Wickes had announced.

A STRANGE and fatal disease among cattle is reported in Talbot county.

DRESSED PORK is selling in Chestertown at $5 to $5.50 per hundred pounds.

Where is the Fault?

The community was startled last Sunday morning at the announcement that "another murder" was committed the night before among the colored people. This is three killings within the space of a year in our quiet, order-loving county! It should cause every good citizen to ponder the situation and strive to correct the conditions that lead to such crimes among the colored race.

There are several fruitful causes for disorder among this large class of our community, namely: Loose morals, bad whiskey, "crap"-gambling and concealed weapons.

Who are responsible for the loose morals? Do the colored ministers teach as they should in their churches? We know they have a difficult task to perform in the matter of inculcating right doctrines where there is so much to learn. But a great responsibility rests upon them. Do they measure up to it?

Bad whiskey. How about that? Probably many of our readers will say that all whiskey is bad—that there is none good. We will not now discuss that. But we are assured by those who profess to know, that some of the intoxicants—called "ambrosia," "pear cider" and other names—is the most damnable stuff possible to be put to human lips! It not only makes men drunk, but it turns them crazy. The colored people especially are imposed upon by illicit whiskey sellers with this poisonous stuff. Is it any wonder that they fight and kill each other when under its influence?

The grand juries and all our county officers together have done very little to stop this nefarious rot-gut, crime-producing, strychnine-whiskey selling, and so long as it continues we may expect riots and fightings and murders.

Concealed weapons. The law is ample to prevent the carrying of concealed weapons, among white and colored. We hear very little of it with the former, but with the young colored men it is said that many of them habitually carry knives, razors or pistols. Few of them know that this is a crime. The officers of the law should teach this lesson by summary arrests and if the magistrates are powerless to prevent it then let the grand jury deal with it.

Another cause of crime is "crap" gambling, and we have been told that frequently within the last year or two Melitota has been the locality for this and kindred offenses against the law. Is this true? Are the good citizens of Worton and the Melitota neighborhood content to rest under this terrible reflection? Where are the Worton constables and sheriff deputies? Have they all been blind to these acts of lawlessness, or are they ignorant of their duty?

PUBLIC SALE OF

PERSONALTY!

THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming will sell at Public Sale on the Thomas Hill Farm, known also as the Sanders Farm, in Cherry lane, near Chesterville,

On MONDAY, December 20, 1897,

commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Five Head of Horses,

1 COLT, 1 OLD MULE.

1 Bay Mare, JUDE, 8 years old, good worker and driver; Bay Mare BESS, 5 years old, good worker and driver; Sorrel Horse JOHN, 8 years old, good for farm use; Bay Mare TEEN, 13 years old, good worker; Bay Mare, ROSE, 7 years old, good worker and driver, in foal; 1 Sanbourn Colt, 7 months old, fine size; 1 Black Mule, 10 yrs. old. good worker;

Five Good Milch Cows

3 YOUNG HEIFERS, 1 BULL,

4 BROOD SOWS and 20 PIGS,

1 Deering Binder, in good order; 1 Woods Mower in good order. 1 Check Wire Corn Planter, nearly new; 1 Hyland Roller, in good order; 1 Randal Harrow, nearly new; 2 Farm Wagons, 1 Dearborn, 1 Dog Cart, 1 Hay Rake, 1 Sleigh and Bells, 1 Slop Cart, nearly new; 1 Horse Trough, 4 Milk Cans, 2 Twin Harrows, 2 Three-horse Plows, 1 Two-horse Oliver Chilled Plow, 1 One-horse Plow, 5 Cultivators, 6 Sets of Plow Gears, 2 Sets of Wagon Harness, Lot of Collars, Bridles. Forks, Shovels, Spades, Hoes and other things, too numerous to mention.

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash over that amount Ten Months Credit on Bankable Note, with security. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

MRS. JANE DAVIS,
B. F. DAVIS,
GEO. E. HARRISON.

JOHN H. GREENWOOD, Auc'r. d4-ts.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Worton, Rev. K. M. BULL, Pastor. Lecture by Mrs. Unruh on temperance at 10.30 A. M. Preaching and Service of Song at 7.15 P. M.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Kennedyville, Rev. K. M. BULL, Pastor. Sunday-school at 2 P. M. Preaching 3.15 P. M

CHRIST M. P. CHURCH, Chestertown. J. M. GILL, Pastor.
9.30 A. M., Experience Meeting.
10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. M. GILL.
2.30 P. M., Sunday School.
6.30 P. M., Junior's Meeting.
7.00 P. M., Y. P. S. C. E. Service.

M. E. CHURCH, Chestertown, REV. C. A. GRISE, PASTOR. Beginning with tomorrow, Dec. 5, Dr. Grise will preach a series of sermons every Sunday morning until Christmas, on the Nature and Character of Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate in Christmas. The series will begin with Christ's divinity, then His manhood, and last His birth. One will be most interested who hears the whole series.

Will everybody who did not return the benevolent collection envelopes last Sunday please make a strong effort to do so at once. Please read carefully the letter in the envelope. Let us get this matter out of the way.

Your brother, C. A. GRISE.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

The Public Offices Now in Democratic Hands—Clerk, Register and Sheriff Sworn In—The Contest for Clerk to Commissioners Settled.

In the NEWS last week we noticed the passing of some of the county offices from the Republican into Democaatic hands. On Tuesday the work was completed and the county affairs now are fully in the control of the newly elected officials, except the County Treasurer's office. James L. Beck, the new treasurer, enters upon his duties on the first of June next, upon the expiration of Capt. Burchinal's term of office.

James T. Dixon took the oath of office as clerk of the Circuit Court before Judge Wickes on Tuesday, his bond having been previously accepted by Judges Wickes and Stump. Harrison W. Vickers, Hope H. Barroll and Philip G. Wilmer are Mr. D.'s bondsmen. Deputy Frank H. Greenwood will be retained for the present.

Clarence S. Hurlock on the same day bonded as Register of Wills and entered upon his duties, the following being his bondsmen: Samuel Hurlock, Adam F. Huey, Richard D. Hynson and Wm. B. Usilton. Wm. H. Ford, of Millington, was appointed deputy and is now at his post.

Bedford Roe also took the oath of office as sheriff on Tuesday, having bonded in the U. S. Fidelity and Guarantee Co., of Baltimore, represented by Wm. W. Beck, Esq. Sheriff Roe formally appointed Chas. L. Gill his deputy and he now occupies the jail.

The new board of county commissioners took one more step in organization on Tuesday. They had previously selected Commissioner Todd as President, but the most difficult thing had been postponed—the election of a clerk to the board. Richard D. Hynson, Esq., it is fully understood, will succeed Mr. Westcott as counsel. The clerkship contest created more interest than any other. About twenty-five persons had been talked of but not more than half that number sent in applications. The four Democratic members of the board held a caucus in the morning and after a lengthy consideration of the merits of the many good men, decided to support T. Waters Russell, who was for years the efficient clerk under former boards. Mr. Russell's selection was not at the suggestion of party leaders, but it was the independent act of the board, the wisdom of which they believed would be justified in the securement of a man of such large experience and high personal character. Many regretted the board's inability to recognize the claims of other worthy applicants, but no one will attribute anything but the purest motives for the action taken.

Mr. Russell's salary was fixed at $60 per month which is $240 less than that of his predecessor. He is required to keep the office open every day.

LARGE PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

PERSONAL PROPERTY

THE undersigned will sell at Public Sale, without reserve, on the John Biggs farm where I live, near Millington, on

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15, 1897,

THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY:

21 Horses and Mules,

No. 1, Brown Mare, SADIE, 9 years old, good worker, a No. 1 driver, in foal and a colt by her side. No. 2, Bay Mare, MIDDLETOWN, 8 years old, good worker and driver, in foal and a coalt by her side. These two mares are standard bred. No 3, Grey Horse, NORMAN, 5 years old, good worker and driver. No. 4, Black Horse, MORNING, 4 years old, good worker and driver. This horse and No. 3 are own brothers, and make a fine team together, they are half Percherons. No. 5, Bay Horse, PRINCE, 8 years old, a good worker and driver. No. 6, Black Mare, BIRD, by Clements' Bashaw, 8 years old, a good worker and driver, in foal to Admiral Patchem. No. 7, Black Mare, KATE, 13 years old, a good worker. No. 8, Bay Colt, 7 months old, out of Sadie and by Admiral Patchem. No. 9. Bay Colt, 7 months old, out of MIDDLETOWN and by Admiral Patchem. No. 10, Bay Colt, 6 months old, by Admiral Patchem. Nos. 11 and 12, Pair Black Mules, 4 years old, good workers and quick. Nos. 13 and 14, Pair Brown Mules, 4 years old, good workers. Nos. 15 and 16, Pair of Dun Mules. 4 years old, good workers. These Mules are fine size and good workers. No. 17, Bay Odd Mule, 2 years old, fine size, mare. Nos. 18 and 19, Two year old Black Mules. No. 20, Pair Bay Mules, broken, quiet, 4 years old in spring.

12 Head Fine Young Heifers

Graded Holstein, ages from 1 to 1½ yrs.;

Lot of Hogs and Shotes

1 Three-spring Wagon, in good order; 1 Duplex Spring Dearborn, in good order, 1 Duplex Spring Dearborn, small, in good order, a good Creamery Dearborn; 1 Sulky, in good order; 1 York Carriage, 1 Hickford & Huffman Grain Drill, in good order; 1 Empire Grain Drill, in good order; 1 Set of Wagon Harness, in good order; a lot of Collars, nearly new; a lot of Iron Break Cultivators, 1 Sulky Cultivator, 1 Grain Fan. 1 Farmer's Friend Corn Planter and other Farm Implements.

1 No. 8 Cook Stove, in good order, and other Kitchen Furniture, a lot of Pork Barrels, several Stands Bees, 1 Wheelbarrow Seeder.

Sale to commence at 10.30 A. M.

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount Ten Months credit on Bankable Note with security.

GEORGE R. ENNIS.

J. FORD CAULK, Auc'r. n27-ts.

LARGE SALE OF

PERSONALTY!

THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming will sell at Public Sale on "Huntingfield' farm, near Rock Hall,

On WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22, 1897,

commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following PERSONAL PROPERTY:

8 Head of Horses,

1 COLT, 3 MULES.

18 Head of Cattle

ONE BULL,

12 Fattening Hogs, 15 Shotes,

TWO WAGONS,

Dearborn, Osborne Reaper, new; Drill, Randle or Disc Harrow, Plows and Cultivators, Harrows, Corn Sheller, McCormick Mower, nearly new; Cook Stove, nearly new and fixtures.

1 SHARPLESS SEPARATOR, nearly new.

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of Twelve Months on Note with approved security.

JAMES P. HATCHERSON.

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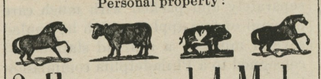
SALE OF PERSONALTY!

THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming will sell at Public Sale, on Mrs. Beck's farm, near Lynch's Station,

On WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15th, 1897

commencing at 10 o'clock A. M. the following Personal property:



3 Horses and 1 Mule,

1 Bay Mare, DOLLIE; 1 Black Mare, LADY with colt by her side; 1 Sorrel Mare in foal;

4 Cows and 4 Heifers

The Cows are all giving milk while the Holstein Heifers will be fresh next March;

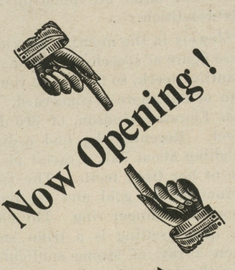
5 HOGS AND 5 PIGS.

1 Self Binder, Buckeye, in good order; 1 Champion Mower, in good order, 1 Carriage and Harness; 1 Wagon and Harness; 1 Three-spring Dearborn in good order; 2 Two-horse plows, 4 Sets Plow Gears, 2 Cultivators, 2 Milk Cans; 2 Two-horse Trees, 1 Three-horse Tree, 1 Hinge Harrow,

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of Ten Months will be given on Note payable at Second National Bank. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with.

JOHN PARSONS.

JOHN H. GREENWOOD, Auc'r. n27-ts.



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Surrounded With Mystery!

That Big Glass Front Building of THOMPSON'S has been the talk all over the county and no one has been able to explain how they can sell goods even cheaper than the traveling salesmen of this section. They must have access to the Klondyke regions for they are simply giving things away.

NOW JUST LOOK AT THIS!

Sirloin, Porterhouse and Roast Beef	10c
All Choice Cuts of Beef and Pork	10c
Sausage	10c
Can you believe it? PURE BUCKWHEAT	2c. lb.
1 Pound Pepper	10c
1 Dozen Lemons	8c
1 Dozen Bananas	8c
1 lb. Prunes	5c
Suar Cured Hams	9¾c
Picnic Hams	7¾c

2 Pounds Granulated Sugar for = 6 cents
From 8.00 to 8.30 P. M.

2 Pounds Coffee for = = 16 cents
From 8.30 to 9.00 P. M.

LOOK AT THIS!

Barrel of Patapsco Superlative	$5.70
Per Sack	38c
1 Barrel Orange Grove	$5.10
Per Sack	32c
1 Barrel of "Dandy Pure White"	$4.50
Per Sack	32c

Cinnamon and Mace, Fresh Supply.

Our Best Chocolate for cake	20c pound
Pure Cosmo Buttermilk Soap	8 cents
White Egg Soap	8 cents
3 Cakes Cosmo Buttermilk Soap and 1 Cake Olene Soap for	25c
Coal Hods	10c
Brooms	9c

Sage, Pepper and Saltpetre!

Linen Towels	10c
Quinine, 200 Grains	25c
Vaseline	5c
Extracts of Lemon and Vanilla	5 and 10c
Mincemeat, Our Own Make	10c
Cranberries	10c per quart

Tobacco and Cigars.

Hominy	4c per quart
Beans and Peas	5c per quart
Four Bushel Sack of Salt	$1.00
Rolled Oats	5 cents
Boston Baked Beans	5 cents
Tomatoes	7 cents per can

Raisins and Citron.

CALL AND SEE OUR STOCK OF

Mits, Gloves, Shirts, Pants and Underwear.

LADIES' CORSETS.

Clothes Pins	1c 5er dozen
Washing Soda	1c per pound
Candy Drops	8c per pound
Stick Candy	10c per pound
Fancy Cakes and Crackers from	10 to 25 cents

TINWARE—SPECIAL:

Coffee Pot	5 cents
Half Gallon Bucket	8 cents
Half Gallon Cup	6 cents
Large Dish Pan	15 cents

All orders receive prompt attention and delivered free.

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FOR SALE:—On and after December 15th, 2 work Horses, 1 Driving Horse, 2 Colts—one and two years old—2 Wagons, 2 Carriages and 1 Dayton.

We would like to inform the public that the junior member of the firm of R. THOMPSON & SON has withdrawn from the business, and it is now being conducted by R. THOMPSON.

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