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This Christmas number of the NEWS contains TWELVE PAGES—seventy-two columns—nearly every line of which is home news and live advertising. If any newspaper office in the State can beat it in size or quality we'd like to see the sample.

NEAT business-calendars, printed on substantial Bristol board, and just the size for convenient use, may be had free of charge at the KENT NEWS office by any of our patrons. Get one before they are all gone.

AUTONOMY for Cuba is a failure.

REMEMBER THE POOR and your Christmas joys will be all the greater.

THE Christmas number of the Cecil Whig is one of the handsomest we have seen.

A FIRST DISTRICT MAN thinks "the Legislature ought to knock the game warden law in the head."

THE Baltimore News favors the "good roads" movement and the creation of an office for a State Engineer at a salary of $5,000 per annum.

THE Sun says that Hon. John V. L. Findlay's boom for the Senatorship "is growing rapidly." He would have one vote possibly if Mr. W. Cabell Bruce was not an Ex.

THE tragic death of John J. Cooper last week in Wilmington settles the fate of "Acetylene." This is the new light exhibited ten days ago in Chestertown. Our town wants electricity.

BOSTON has gone Democratic. Hon. Josiah Quincy was elected last Wednesday by a plurality of 4,079 votes. The vote was Quincy, dem., 40,070; Curtis, rep., 35,991; Riley, ind. dem., 2,921; Goldstein, socialist, 827. There was a very full vote.

How our esteemed friends of the Denton Union can draw any such inference as is indicated in its comments on our item about Hawaii is more than we can understand. That item is in itself a full answer. Read it again, Bros. Emerson and Ramsdell.

JOHN E. WILSON, ESQ., will be appointed by the Governor as school commissioner to succeed Dr. Denny, Queen Anne's. The board will be Republican at the expiration of Dr. Holten's term in June, and the present efficient examiner will be superseded. Mr. W. E. Thompson, of Centreville, a gentleman of ability and character, is mentioned for Examiner.

THE Baltimore mugwumps and the Republicans generally are making a great to do about recent doings of the Baltimore county commissioner board. The crime seems to be in the Democratic member of the board joining hands with one of the Republican members to make the local appointments, thus leaving the other Republican member "out in the cold." Mr. Knox is perfectly justifiable in this provided the appointees are of the right sort. This we know nothing about. But we do know that those very same critics would have enjoyed the discomfiture of the Democrats if it had been "the other ox that was gored!"

THE State Teachers' Association will ask the General Assembly for legislation looking to the establishment of county libraries. The proposition is to allow the counties to vote on the question, and to secure from the State a donation to serve as the nucleus of the library fund. The scheme is an excellent one, and will have considerable support at Annapolis. Much good has been done by the establishment of school libraries throughout the State for the benefit of the children. The county library is intended to be used as a circulating library by the people of the county in which it is located.

THE city papers are giving notoriety to Rev. Dr. Farrar, one of New York's big preachers, for relinquishing his $6,000 field there and going to a country section to serve a church for nothing and support himself. The Dr.'s new charge is poor, and besides they believe in a "free gospel"; they have a particular prejudice to paid preachers. All we have to say about this is, the Dr. is wasting his sympathy. A people too mean to pay for the Gospel will never be saved by it. The very essence of religion is in giving. Loud prayers nor sweet songs are not so much an evidence of genuine conversion to grace as the liberal hand and generous heart. Meanness is no part of religion; it is one of the purest attributes of the devil's kingdom.

A New Fish Law.

There is great diversity of opinion relative to the character of the new fish law proposed. Some persons advocate the insertion in the Game Warden Act of a provision similar to the oyster cull law—that is, the prompt return to their native element of all fish under certain prescribed dimensions. Others bitterly oppose any such law.

The "Boss" Program!

The balance of the Republican "boss" program, now that Senator Randall has won the Senate presidency, is said to be as follows:

For Speaker of the House — T. M. Gould, of Montgomery county. Mr. Gould is a man of genuine character and ability. He is certainly preferable to the city choice—Mr. Benj. F. Turner—if reports be true.

For U. S. Senator—Governor Lowndes.

For Governor, to be elected by the Legislature—Lowndes resigning immediately for that purpose — Harry M. Clabaugh.

George R. Gaither, Jr., to succeed Clabaugh in the office of Attorney General of Maryland.

Ex-Chief-Judge George M. Russum for U. S. District Attorney.

For Congress, first District—Col. H. Clay Mullikin.

RANDALL BEATS WESTCOTT!

Abraham Lincoln Dryden's "Dog in the Manger" Policy Successful—The House Organization and Senatorial Outlook.

The republican State Senators, at their caucus at the Carrollton Hotel last Tuesday, decided upon the following organization of the State Senate:

President—JOHN WIRT RANDALL, of Anne Arundel county.
Secretary—MARTIN M. HIGGINS, of Talbot county.

A number of other selections were made for subordinate officers. The contest for President of the Senate narrowed down to Senators Westcott, of Kent, and Randall, of Anne Arundel. The latter received 11 votes, one more than necessary to a choice. Westcott received 5 votes. The caucus was harmonious and the motion to make the nomination unanimous was made by Mr. Westcott.

In the organization of the Senate Governor Lowndes and his friends have scored a victory against what now is known among politicians as the Malster-Gary-Shaw faction of the Republican party. The Lowndes people wanted Senator Dryden as first choice, but when the Eastern Shore vote was divided by Senator Westcott and the Malster following the Lowndes people turned to Senator Randall as a less objectionable man than the Somerset county Senator, he being unidentified with any faction, but opposed, it is said, to Dr. Washington G. Tuck, who is looked upon as the Malster leader in Anne Arundel county. He is regarded, however, as a McComas man

Senator Dryden is accused by the Malster leaders of having engineered the movement, which from the vote cast for Senator Randall would indicate a combination of the Lowndes-Wellington-McComas men against the Gary-Malster men, even the three city Senators—Strobridge, Dobler and Putzel — who were thought to be staunch Malster men, have gone into the camp of the enemy.

The anti-Malster leaders expect to be similarly successful in the organization of the House. It was freely asserted that the county members would combine against the majority choice of the city delegation—Mr. B. L. Turner—and that, because of the division in the city delegation, it would be easy to select and elect a county man as Speaker. This county man, it is said, will be friendly to the anti-Malster combination.

UNEARTHED A POT OF MONEY!

Farmer Dukes Digs Up Over $4,500 on His Farm in Sussex, Del.

Maxwell Dukes, a Sussex county, Del., farmer, lives near Millville. His farm is considered one of the best in the neighborhood. He commenced to clear a stubby piece of ground the other day and that led to the discovery of the hidden treasure, for while removing the stubs with a pick, he suddenly struck an obstruction beneath the earth. It proved to be a stone, and as Dukes used his pick in an effort to dislodge it he was surprised to see that it resembled a slab. His curiosity became aroused, and after an hour's puffing and tugging the flat piece of rock was removed.

The sight that met Duke's eyes then was more than he had ever thought of. An iron pot was imbedded in the earth below where the stone had previously been, and it was full of coins, somewhat stained by their burial. The precious pot with its contents was unearthed, and Dukes took his find to the farm house. There an examination was made and to the farmer's joy he found that the coins were of silver and of various denominations. He cleaned them, and on counting them he found he had secured a trifle more than $4,500!

The news of the discovery soon spread in the vicinity, and other farmers are digging their fields to find treauure. It is thought the money was buried during the war.

THE services at Emmanuel P. E. Church, this Christmas morning, will be early Communion at 7½ A. M., and service, sermon and Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Seats free. All invited.

ZION M. E. CHURCH.
REV. J. E. WHITE, Pastor.
Preaching Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Mr. GEORGE B. TWILLEY, theme "The Great Gift." Everyody invited.

The Electric Light Prospect.

Liberality of the Chester River Steamboat Company in Offering Sites.

Mr. Miles A. Hoffman, accompanied by his friend Mr. W. P. Rowland, of Philadelphia, came down last Thursday to take further steps in the movement for the introduction of electric light in Chestertown.

Since the last visit of Messrs. Hoffman, Wright and Tracy, the projectors of the enterprise, decided steps have been taken to forward it. The Chester River Co. have acted with the most open-hearted liberality upon hearing that a lot on the river front was desired for the location of the plant. President Geo. Warfield, through Purser Allan Harris, of the Steamer Ford, offered the Electric Light Company the use of either of two very desirable lots—one the large cannery and box factory at the foot of High St., and the other a part of the Ringgold or Pearce lot, adjoining the Thompson-Burchinal wharf. The only consideration asked by the Chester River Co. will be electric light service for the wharves. This is certainly a generous disposition of the Steamboat Co. toward our citizens which we feel sure will be duly appreciated.

Mr. Hoffman and his friend visited the sites suggested and were kindly shown around by Mr. Joel R. Clements. Mr. Hoffman expressed himself as decidedly favorable to the box factory building, and will at once enter into negotiations with the Chester River Company for its use.

Our Town Commissioners have passed the necessary ordinances and promise further and full sympathy, and all proper corporate aid to the enterprise.

A Miracle.

According to the New York World there ought to be now less than 100,000 soldiers and widows of soldiers who were wives at the end of the war. But what is the claim pension roll? It is a startling miracle that there are actually on the pension lists 975,000 pensioners! Nearly ten times the number reasonably expectant in this year of grace 1897. The appropriation of the government to this end now is *one hundred and forty-one million dollars!* This is a tax of $2 per capita upon every man, woman and child in the United States, nearly half the total expense of the government!

Mr. Gorman's Retirement.

In the Senate on Monday Senator Gorman, chairman of the Democratic Steering Committee, presented an order making some changes in the Democratic representation on the standing committees of the Senate, which was adopted without debate. The most important change is the retirement of Senator Gorman from the Committee on Commerce, the committee having jurisdiction over appropriations for river and harbor improvements. As soon as the change was announced the business interests of Baltimore began to complain. Maryland is now without representation on this committee, and the Baltimore harbor is not likely to receive the attention that it formerly did. As the loss of Mr. Gorman's service to Maryland and the entire country begins to dawn upon the people great is the regret that affairs have taken such a turn, and the time is not far distant when those Democrats who aided in bringing about his retirement from the Senate will receive sharp and severe criticism for their work.—*Westminster Advocate.*

Number 3,305.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

—OF—

The Chestertown National Bank

at Chestertown, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business, Dec. 15, 1897.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts		$211,601 26
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		446 13
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		15,000 00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures		5,500 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve Agents)		3,685 58
Due from approved reserve agents		36,725 20
Notes of other National Banks		3,100 00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents		186 94
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, NAMELY:		
Specie	$15,581 00	
Legal-tender notes	300 00	15,881 00
TOTAL		$292,126 11

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	60,000 00
Surplus fund	12,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	14,021 17
Due to other National Banks	6,850 65
Individual deposits subject to check	198,821 87
Certified Checks	347 46
Liabilities other than those slated	84 96
TOTAL	$292,126 11

State of Maryland, County of Kent, ss:

I, HARRY RICKEY, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRY RICKEY, CASHIER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 1897.

CHARLES M. LUCAS, N. P.

Correct, Attest:—
THOMAS W. ELIASON,
RICHARD D. HYNSON,
MARION DEK. SMITH,
DIRECTORS.

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Oyster Interest.—Capt. Frank Tyler and Mr. Mark Shriver, of the Oyster Packers and Canners' Exchange, were before the sewerage committee of the Baltimore Council Tuesday afternoon. They opposed the proposition to empty sewage into the bay, on the ground that it would damage the reputation of Baltimore oysters, even if it did not poison the oysters and fish in the bay. Capt. T. said that Baltimore's output of oysters was over 5,000,000 bushels annually, and that an industry of such importance was of such worth to the city that it ought not to be tampered with.

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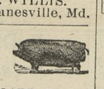

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Road Examiners' Notice.

UNDER and by virtue of a commission issued by the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of Kent County, and to them directed, the undersigned will meet at PARSON'S MILL on WEDNESDAY, January 26, 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M., and proceed to examine and determine whether the public convenience requires the New Public Road in Third District, lately petitioned for, should be opened and a Public Landing should be established, namely: To commence on the public road from Parson's Mill to Still Pond Creek at a point where Mrs. Janvier's Lane strikes said road; thence with said lane by the most direct, available route through the lands of Mrs. Florence J. Robinson, Mrs. M. G. Janvier, Mrs. Dr. Murray and Mrs. Penelope Pennell to the outer gate of the Geekie farm, now owned by R. H. Pleasants; thence from said gate, passing to the left of the dwelling and garden on the Geekie farm, and then to a point on the shore of said farm on Still Pond Creek, and to locate and establish a Public Landing at said point; or if deemed more for the public convenience, then to run from a point on the first proposed route on the farm of Mrs. Penelope, the most available route, to a point on said farm on Still Pond Creek, known as Long Point, and to locate and establish a Public Landing at said Point.

The County Surveyor and all person interested will meet said Examiners at the place and time above mentioned without further notice. Should the day be unfit we will meet on next fit day.

HENRY PARR,
PHILIP G. WILMER,
THOMAS J. VICKERS,
d25-tm. EXAMINERS.

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

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TWO COWS,

Heifer, 1 yr. old; Bull, 18 mos. old,

ONE SOW and EIGHT PIGS;

1 Family Carriage, 1 Dearborn, 1 Carriage Pole and Yoke, 1 Wagon and Harness, 1 Deering Reaper in complete order; 1 Deering Mower complete order, 1 Horse Rake, nearly new; 1 Roller, 1 Randall Harrow, 1 Drag Harrow, 2 Three-horse Plows, 1 Peach Tree Plow, 2 Two-furrow Plows, 4 Iron Brake Cultivators, Plows, Harness, Collars, Bridles, Hoes, Shovels, Spades, Corn Knives, Hedge Knives, 1 Corn Sheller, Grub Hoes, Bramble Scythes, and numerous other articles.

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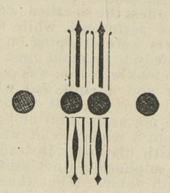

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