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THE NEWS' BEST WISHES.

I wish that we were Santa Claus,
With power to send joy everywhere;
With the right to search each aching heart,
And plant the seeds of gladness there.

We'd rid the sad old world of care,
And bring good gifts to all mankind;
We'd strengthen those that weakly are,
And to the blind give sight.

We'd banish strife and fear and pain,
And make the mourner smile again;
If we could serve as Santa Claus
No stocking would be searched in vain.

A RICH STRIKE of gold has been made in Pike's Peak on the property belonging to Colorado Springs City.

THE young man who sends his girl flowers this year will find it costly. American Beauty roses are quoted at $10 to $24 per dozen.

A NEW TRIAL has been denied Joseph Wright, the colored man convicted of killing Wm. Newton in Big Woods in November, 1897. The governor will send the death warrant in a short while.

CATTLE are dying in various sections, Kent included, with a disease called by veterinarians "cornstalk disease." They advise farmers in feeding fodder to do it moderately until the cattle become accustomed to it.

JAMES P. GORTER, ESQ., was elected permanent president of the Baltimore city Democratic convention Thursday night. Mr. Gorter is well-known in Kent and will make a good executive.

MAYOR MALSTER has decided to make a fight for renomination for Mayor of Baltimore, but he'll never win. A prominent Republican from the city was here this week and says he'll be beaten by his own party. Wm T. Dizon is named as Malster's rival. The Democrats are moving cautiously.

OUR local train has been in hard luck this week. Fifteen hours in the Kent forest Thursday, reaching town at 5.30 A. M., and then off the track at Chestertown, leaving here several hours late yesterday. The faithful employes will not soon forget Christmas, 1898, nor the passengers who were on the train.

PRESIDENT WM. MCKINLEY marched through Georgia with a Confederate badge pinned on his coat! He has no doubt a better knowledge of the South. It would be a blessed good thing if more of our Northern friends had a better knowledge of that section.

OUR friend Larry, of the Enterprise, has begun early to make the Democratic ticket. He will have his hands full if he finds officers to man his own craft. We would state in this connection, however, that we have no aspirations to the high position mentioned, but whoever is named, he will be sure to win.

WM. SHEFFER, ESQ., of Baltimore, was in town this week to inspect the plant of the Chestertown Water Company. Mr. Sheffer was boiler inspector under Harrison for eight years, served as engineer for the Chester River Co. for seventeen years and is an expert machinist. He has given his official report to the "Waterworks Commission." He found the plant in excellent condition.

A SURPRISE PARTY was given at the home of Mrs. Wm. T. Miller, near Rock Hall, on last Wednesday. Owing to the condition of the roads, many were detained at home. Games of various kinds were indulged in and all present spent a pleasant evening. Among those present we noticed Misses Mary and Lillian Jewell, Ida Newcomb, Annie Gillespie, Julia Davis; Messrs. Nelson Stevens, Nelson Crouch, Percy Hatcherson, Purnell and John Newcomb, Walter Bramble, Harry Jewell, Maxwell Jewell, Webster McIntyre, John Hyland and others. Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock. The party ended at 2 o'clock and all went to their homes pleased.

THE Democratic leaders in Congress have, it is stated by Mr. Clark Howell, a member of the national committee, decided to ratify the treaty of peace with Spain, and to make the fight against expansion with a resolution declaring it to be the policy of the United States to give the Filipinos a free and independent government of their own. The republican majority will be sure to defeat the resolution. Even if the resolution should be adopted, "there would not be," as the New York World aptly says, "much sense or security in locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen."

THREE THOUSAND Chinese soldiers were killed by an explosion of a powder magazine in Shanghai and a square mile of houses destroyed on Sunday.

DUNNING IN JAIL!

Placed There for Contempt of Court—Mrs Botkin Ill—Damaging Testimony Weaving about Her.

A dispatch from San Francisco on Sunday says, "The past week has been a trying one for Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, on trial on the charge of the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del. Mrs. Botkin was so ill to-day that she required the services of a physician. The mental strain of the trial has weighed heavily upon her. Until Friday she affected an air of unconcern to disguise the mental suffering and distress she endured. On Friday she could no longer conceal her feelings, and was visibly agitated when Mrs. Ruoff, her once closest friend, gave her telling testimony.

When Mrs. Botkin returned to Branch county jail she almost collapsed. She rallied, however, and obtained rest during the night. Yesterday morning her condition was such that the service of a physician was demanded, and she has been quite ill since.

The case against Mrs. Botkin is now almost in, and has been presented link by link, each one being made complete before another was begun. John P. Dunning is the second on the prosecution's list of witnesses for tomorrow. He is expected to tell his relations with the woman whose love for him is the presumed motive of the Dover murders, and he will also pass upon the handwriting of anonymous letters, addresses on the fatal package and the note inclosed in the box of poisoned candy.

It is the present intention of the defense to put on about ten witnesses, chief of whom will be the defendant herself. Attempts will be made to nullify the testimony of Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Ruoff. The case of defense is expected to last two days, but may occupy nearly three. Arguments will occupy three days, and the conclusion will hardly get to the jury before Saturday.

The State has been steadily weaving its web of evidence about the prisoner.

First, the Delaware witnesses came on the stand. They described the receipt of the poisoned candy, the death struggles of the victims, and compared anonymous letters Mrs. Dunning had received with others in the handwriting of the prisoner. Frank Grey, clerk in the Owl drug store, testified that Mrs. Botkin, whom he had known by sight for more than a year, purchased powdered arsenic of him June 1 last, saying tshe wanted the chemical to bleach a straw hat. Miss Sylvia Heney, of the candy store of George Haas & Son, told of the customer on July 31, who purchased a fancy box and had it almost filled with chocolates, saying she wished to put in another present. Miss Heney believes Mrs. Botkin was the customer. Miss Kittie Dittmer also testified as to the sale, corroborating Miss Heney's testimony. She described a woman of Mrs. Botkin's appearance, and thought the prisoner was the customer of July 31.

It was then proved that the box and candy were from Haas' candy store. John D. Dunningham, of Station D, postoffice, remembered the package sent to Mrs. Dunning, his attention being attracted by the similarity of the names John D. Dunnigan and Mrs. John P. Dunning. Postal Inspector Irwin believed the blurred postmark was that of station D, at Ferry depot, where Dunnigan is employed. He showed that the package leaving here August 4, the day Mrs. Botkin left for Healdsburg, would have reached Dover August 9. Testimony was then given showing that a portion of a seal used by George W. Haas & Son was found in Mrs. Botkin's room.

The handkerchief inclosed in the box sent to Mrs. Dunning was identified as being from the stock of the City of Paris Dry Goods Store, and Mrs. Grace Harris, a saleslady, remembering having sold two handkerchiefs to a lady, who gave her address as the Victoria Hotel, where Mrs. Botkin roomed. She identified Mrs. Botkin as that customer. Mrs. Almira Ruoff, a nurse and intimate friend of Mrs. Botkin, told of the prisoner's intimacy with Dunning, and how she made inquiries as to mailing packages, and wanted to know if she would have to sign her name if she registered the package. The most important testimony of this witness was in relation to Mrs. Botkin making minute inquiries of a Dr. Stone, of Stockton, as to the effects of arsenic. Mrs. Ruoff, who corresponded with Mrs. Botkin for two years, identified part of the writing of the anonymous letters as that of Mrs. Botkin.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The prosecution in the Botkin poisoning case ended to-day. J. P. Dunning was released from jail and permitted to give the remainder of his testimony without naming the other woman with whom he had been intimate.

Dunning was cross-examined and admitted that Mrs. Botkin gave him money when he was "broke" and divided all she had with him. Letters were introduced showing that Dunning, while in Cuba, wrote regularly to Mrs. Botkin and addressed her as "Dear Ada."

Mrs. Botkin was on the stand Thursday and denies the murder trying to blame it on Mrs. Seeley.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—J. P. Dunning was brought into court again today in the Botkin case and asked if he would reveal the names of the women with whom he had consorted, but he refused and was remanded to the care of the sheriff.

He said that he could only testify on these points when it was shown that some woman other than Mrs. Botkin was connected with the murder of his wife and her sister. It is probable that he will stay in jail until the case ends.

Mrs. Seeley told of Mrs. Botkin's infatuation for Dunning.

The most important testimony of the day was that of Daniel T. Ames of New York, the handwriting expert, who swore that a careful study of Mrs. Botkin's writing he was convinced that she wrote the anonymous letters and the address on the candy box and the note inside the box.

CAPT. W. D. BURCHINAL says President McKinley is slow in recognizing the justice due Confederate soldiers. The captain fathered this suggestion years ago when in the Legislature. He says he would open all hospitals and Soldiers' Homes to the South as well as to the Union soldiers. This act would prove the fact that there was no North, nor South but that all were cemented in one Union forever.

WANAMAKER'S.

Philadelphia, Monday, December 19, 1898.

Store open evenings from Dec. 15th to Dec. 23d—and it is a veritable fairy land.

Women's Robes and Petticoats Handsome Eiderdown Robes; made with tight-fitting back; pointed collar; collar, cuffs and front bound with satin; frogs down front; ribbon at neck; girdle at waist. The pretty striped eiderdowns are used. Price, $4.

But here are pretty Robes of eiderdown in solid colors; collar bound with satin; ribbon at neck; girdle at waist. Price—

$2.50

Many other sorts up to $10 each.

KNIT PETTICOATS—

Warm and pretty garments, packed in fancy boxes for giving.

At 50c—Knit Petticoats of cotton, in solid colors, with deep contrasting border.

At 95c—Knit Petticoats of all wool yarns, in natural color, with all-wool border of contrasting color; edges crocheted to match border.

At $1.25—Knit Petticoats of all-wool yarns, in solid colors in many shades.

Other styles up to $2.50.

Blankets and Down Quilts These are days to test the blanket supply. Their wooly warmth is needed as the air grows crisper. Then there are housekeeping friends who'll appreciate a pair of blankets, or a down quilt far more than some less useful gift. This word of worthy, giveable sorts—

BLANKETS—

At $5 a pair—Large fluffy pure wool Blankets; size, 75x84 in.; weight, 6 lbs.

At $7 a pair—Pure wool California Blankets in pink or blue borders; size, 74x84 in.; weight, 6 lbs.

At $11 a pair—Extra large and sumptuous genuine Mission Mills Blankets; size, 84x90 in.; weight, 9 lbs.

DOWN QUILTS—

At $3.75 each—Down quilts, with coverings of best domestic figured sateen, filled with excellent down; size, 6x6 ft.

At $5 each—Covered with finest domestic figured sateen in a large variety of handsome colorings; size, 6x6 ft.

Mackintoshes for Men A satisfying, thoughtful holiday gift is a good Mackintosh. The increasing demand at this season has impelled us to unusual gathering—broader variety, vaster quantities and naturally to prices unknown a year or two ago when the selling was more limited.

These thorough waterproof garments are now made in quite dressy style—'most as handsome as the neatly tailored top coats; and there are several dozen varieties to choose from, in the most favored overcoat fabrics.

At $5—Double-breasted Box Coats of heavy cheviots in navy blue, black, drab and brown mixtures; all have velvet collars and strapped seams.

At $10—Mackintoshes of gray Scotch check and tan cheviots, with satin sleeve linings, that help them to slip on easily. Other styles in black and navy blue cheviot.

At $15—Handsome Box Coats in tan and olive mixtures and tobacco-brown cloths; satin sleeve linings.

And here are excellent Mackintoshes at $3 and $4, fully guaranteed; then at $6.50, $7.50, $12; to the handsomer Mackintoshes and Rain Coats ranging up to $30 in price.

Club Skates at Half Just when skating is prime, comes this unusual selling of the celebrated Peck & Snyder Club Skates for men. The lever model that made their name famous; that is easy to work, staunch and safe. Nickeled steel runners that hold their edge. We obtained fifteen hundred pairs, in two styles, at half price—

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$2 nickeled runners with blued tops, $1 a pair.

Sizes 9 to 10½ inches.

John Wanamaker.

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Apply to HOPE H. BARROLL,
Att'y for Whitely Johnson, Owner.

Dec. 10, 1898—3t.

Kenney Jury Disagrees!

The second trial of United States Senator Kenney upon charges of complicity in robbing the National Bank of Dover has again resulted in a dissagreement of jury. The jury was out 3 days and were discharged Monday afternoon. The story of the alleged crime and two trials is too recent and too familiar to be repeated now. This trial of Senator Kenney began two weeks ago. His defense largely consisted in the plea of ignorance of the condition of his accounts and the fact that Boggs was manipulating them as shown.

The jury, stood thus: For acquittal—John Calloway, Democrat, farmer, Laurel; George Reynolds, Democrat, farmer, Milford; W. G. Bryan, Democrat, optician, Wilmington; Francis R. Carswell, Democrat, architect, Wilmington; J. H. Price, Democrat, chief railroad clerk, Wilmington; David Reese, Democrat, farmer, Kenton; James Hossinger, Democrat, capitalist, Newark; Samuel E. Matthews, Republican, farmer Gumboro.

For conviction—Samuel H. Baynard, Republican, jeweler, Wilmington; R. T. Pilling, Republican, superintendent, of mill, Kiamensia; Andrew T. Thomas, Republican, editor, Milford; Forman Wm. J. Cannon, Republican, farmer, Seaford.

The last-named is mentioned as occasionally voting for acquittal, when the ballot stood 10 to 2. Messrs. Baynard and Thomas are probably the ones who voted with the eight. Three or four jurors at one time or another voted blanks. The total number of ballots was about twelve.

It is not known whether Senator Kenney will be re-tried or not, the matter resting with the U. S. Attorney General.

MARRIED.

At the bride's home, Dec. 21, 1898, by Rev. A. P. Prettyman, JOSEPH H. WEER, postmaster at Kennedyville, Md., and MAGGIE R. HAYES, of Galena, Md.

DIED.

At Still Pond Creek, on December 22, 1898, EDWIN VERNON, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Taylor, aged 7 months and 3 days. Funeral services from his parents' residence this (Saturday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Interment in Still Pond cemetery.

In Rock Hall, Saturday, December 17, 1898, SAMUEL MARINER, aged 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mariner. The funeral sermon was preached Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. P. Outten; interment in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Baltimore, on Monday.

At the home of her son-in-law in Philadelphia, Friday, Dec. 16, 1898, Mrs. ELIZABETH HAYES, relict of the late Thomas Hayes and mother of Lewis Hayes, of near Galena, aged 87. Funeral was held Monday interment at Doylestown, Pa.

In Baltimore, Sunday, Dec. 18, 1898, at his late residence No. 1107 N. Calhoon St., THOS. H. HEWETT, aged 70. Interment at Georgetown.

Near Kennedyville, Thursday, Dec. 15, 1898, Mrs. ANNIE M. NOBLETT, aged 64.

PUBLIC SALE!

OF PERSONALTY.

THE undersigned, having sold his farm and intending to discontinue farming, will offer for sale, on

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28th, 1898,

at 10 o'clock a. m. on the farm where he now resides, near Worton Station, all his farming Stock, Implements and Household Goods, consisting of

2 HORSES, 2 YOUNG COWS,

4 BROOD SOWS,

60 Chickens,

1 York Carriage and Harness, 1 Dearborn and Harness, 1 Sleigh and Bells, 1 Deering Reaper 1 Wheat Drill, 1 Randall and 1 Drag Harrow, 12-Horse Plow, 1 Grindstone, and other farming utensils; 1 No. 8 Cook Stove, also a lot of Canned Fruit and 150 Bushels of Corn on cob, all of which must be sold, as I shall have no use for same.

TERMS:—On all sums under Ten Dollars a credit of Eleven Months will be given on note with approved security and payable in bank.

ALFRED P. SOLLOWAY,
J. H. GREENWOOD, Auct. d17-ts.

Order Nisi.

The Chester Loan Association of Kent County
versus
William T. Matthews and Wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 22d day of December, 1898, by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the sale of the Real Estate of William T. Matthews and wife, made and reported by MARION DEK. SMITH, attorney under the power in a mortgage from said Wm. T. Matthews and wife to the Chester Loan Association of Kent county, dated July 28th, 1895, and recorded among the land records of Kent county, in Liber S. G. F., Nos. 3, 500, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 24th day of February next;—Provided a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 24th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,000.00.

JAMES T. DIXON, CLERK.

True copy—Test:
JAMES T. DIXON, CLERK.

Dec. 24, 1898—4t.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

MY STOCK IS FINE and my prices low for the quality of the Fowl. Dec. $1.00 each; Jan. 1st to 15th $1.25; 15th to 31st $1.50; Feb. $2.

ROBT W. LUSBY,
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Oranges, natural Florida's not budded fruit	50c. doz.
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Apples we have them, don't forget it.	No scarcity with us.
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We guarantee them only	20c. lb.
Pound Cake	20c. lb.
Jelly Cake	15 & 25c per lb.
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Reception and Wedding Cakes baked to order.	
Fancy Mixed Cakes from	10 to 40c. lb.

Lady Fingers and Kisses, Spice Cake. I could not mention all the varieties of cake we have as our time and space are limited.

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